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MY FAMILY Steve Keed, Queanbeyan NSW



From left: Kori Keed, Steve Keed, Jacob Keed and Catherine Wright.

IHIS is me with my two sons Kori, 16, and Jacob, 15, and my girlfriend Catherine. We all live together in Queanbeyan, near Canberra.

I'm Wiradjuri, originally from Gilgandra in NSW but descended from Dubbo and Peak Hill. Catherine is Jagera from around Deebin Creek/ Purga, which is near lpswich, in Queensland.

I'm a carpenter and a retiring footballer. I've played for years with the Aboriginal side, the Boomanulla Raiders, from Boomanulla Oval in Canberra.

I'm strong in my Aboriginal heritage and I try to make my boys aware of their heritage whenever I can. I want them to

be proud of where they come from and who they are, not negative like some people. I want them to believe and have pride in themselves, to grow up as normal as they can.

As a family, we play rugby league and just generally hang around together. I think being friends with your kids, spending a bit of time with them and teaching them right from wrong is

Jacob just got picked for the Under-16 New South Wales Indigenous squad against Queensland, the State of Origin that'll be held in May. People say he's taking after his dad, but I reckon

he's going to be better. Catherine says: I work at the

Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in Canberra, in the Indigenous law and justice policy area.

We're all moving into a new house soon because we've just bought a place in Queanbeyan. I can see us sticking around this area for quite a while so I try to get to Brisbane to see

the rest of my family whenever I can.
I'm also studying for an arts degree at the Australian National University (ANU).

I came to Canberra for work opportunities. When I get my degree, I'll probably work in the arts, in strength-based work, and try to be a role model for my younger brothers

OUR CHILDREN



Talented young local artists painting wall murals at the new pool at Maningrida in the Top End. The Maningrida Council expects the pool to be officially opened for public use during the next few weeks. In the meantime, the pool is being used to train local lifeguards. Photo courtesy of the Maningrida Council

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Funding a 'sick joke'



peak Aboriginal health body has slammed the Federal Government for

spending less than 25 per cent of recommended funding on Aboriginal primary health care (PHC) services.

The National Aboriginal
Community Controlled Health
Organisation (NACCHO) says
the Government's indifference to the problem is condemning the nation's sickest people to a short lifetime of chronic illness and

NACCHO chief Dea Delaney Thiele told the National Rural Health Conference in Albury on Thursday that the Government continued to ignore reports that itself commissioned which recommended \$1244 per capita funding. The latest figures showed only \$306 is spent per capita on Aboriginal health services each year.

Ms Delaney Thiele said NACCHO fully agreed with the aim of Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma that Aboriginal Australians should achieve an equality of health

Our people condemned to a short life span **NACCHO**

status and life expectancy within

25 years.
"This aim is quite achievable and should be a national priority, but it can't be while the Federal Government continues to rip off Aboriginal people by under-spending and under-resourcing vital PHC programs and initiatives," she

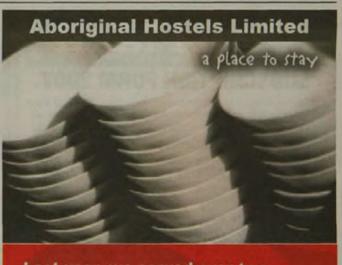
For example, NACCHO is always working hard to increase the uptake of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for Aboriginal people as the under-spend for this national program alone is \$67 million.

There are 140 Aboriginal PHC services around the country delivering real results every day, but they need to be funded at appropriate levels to tackle chronic illness and premature death and to give Aboriginal people real hope for the future."

Yet Ms Delaney Thiele said the Federal Government had directed only 15 per cent of new funding for national Aboriginal programs to PHC services (as announced in May 2006) and none of this had been allocated to Aboriginal-specific services. She said tens of millions of

dollars had been spent writing reports and policies in recent years, but the recommendations had never been implemented.

She said many reports also highlighted that Abonginal Community Controlled Health Services were the most effective vehicle to assist with improved health outcomes. "They just need to be adequately and appropriately resourced to do their job," she said. "But while these services are being ripped off by the Government and its agencies, little progress will occur and our people will just keep on dying.



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Guruma Elder Eva Connors: actually protect our sites.



Guruma leader Tania Stevens paid tribute to her father, Elder Jugura Stevens, who passed away before the claim was ratified.



Federal Court Justice Annabell Bennett reading the on-country judgment for the East Guruma native title claim.

Title ruling for Pilbara group

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Story and photos by KEN BOASE



The Eastern Guruma people of the Pilbara region around Tom Price in Western Australia have achieved a consent

determination of native title, the first such ruling in Australia over rich mineral country.

The East Guruma native title claim includes about 6000 square kilometres of land and takes in several pastoral stations and the township of Tom Price, which will be negotiated under a different settlement

Tom Price, about 1500km north-east of Perth, is a gazetted township, and under current law native title would be extinguished. But all parties to the claim including the East Pilbara Shire Council, agreed to treat the township separately to expedite

the remainder of the claim area. The consent determination was ratified on 1 March by the Federal

East Guruma country is rich in iron ore and other minerals. Major mining companies in the region include Robe River Iron and Rio Tinto, which entered into a land-use agreement with the Guruma people in 1994 through its subsidiary Hamersley Iron, now known as Pilbara Iron.

The company assisted the Guruma in their native title negotiations and also agreed to fund the Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC), the administrative arm of any claimant

At a special open-air sitting of the Federal Court at King Lake, about 5km west of Tom Price, Justice Annabell Bennett read the formal judgment.

Settlement of native title claims by agreement is to be welcomed and encouraged,"



WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper



Justice Annabell Bennett of the Federal Court

Justice Bennett said.

It means that the parties can decide for themselves how best to institute an arrangement that satisfies their respective rights and interests in a way that, as appropriate, recognises the rights and interests of other parties.

"I congratulate the parties on demonstrating the wisdom and practical good sense in coming to

this agreement.
"The National Native Title Tribunal is to be commended for its role in resolving the disputes between the parties

"The order that the court will now make determines under the laws of Australia that native title exists according to the traditional laws and customs of the Eastern Guruma people and that the title is

held by those people.
"The order does not grant native title, it recognises what

has long been held." WA Deputy Premier and the Minister responsible for Native
Title Eric Ripper raised the
controversial issue of the funding
of PBCs, often difficult because
responsibility rests with the claimants who many times do not have such funds even after a successful claim.

"I want to say to you that I'm committed to working with the Federal Government to get a co-operative arrangement, which

sees proper support and proper funding for PBCs," he said. The celebrations for the Eastern Guruma people were mixed with sadness because one of the claimants, Elder Jugura Stevens, passed away on New Year's Day this year. Many people expressed their sadness that he did not witness his community's special day. His daughter Tania read a statement to the court soon after the consent determination

"My father was a strong and proud man who walked upon his country with dignity and grace," Ms Stevens said.
"He had a special connection

with the land and the passion for teaching his culture knowledge was quite amazing.

"I feel very proud to be a part of the ceremony and especially to have the opportunity to speak on behalf of my father." Guruma Elder Eva Connors

Guruma Elder Eva Connors said the consent determination would make a difference in how the Guruma people conducted themselves on their own country. "It gives us the right to actually protect our sites. We've got something now to back up to say that we want those sites protected," she said.
"And now we've got the right to

"And now we've got the right to say that. Before, I don't think anybody would have actually taken any notice of us, but hopefully they'll have a different opinion about it now.

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Big dreams for new TV service



NITV Chief Executive Officer Pat Turner with NITV'S Director of Television Paul Remati.



service unveiled recently in Sydney aims to address the 'invisibility' of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people on

Torres Strait Islander people on Australian TV screens. National Indigenous Television (NITV) won't be officially launched or on the air until mid-year but the team which will lead the groundbreaking service has been

Australia's former top Indigenous bureaucrat, Arremte woman Pat Turner, and TV industry veteran Paul Remati will be the service's Chief Executive Officer and Director of TV, respectively, under the direction of a board headed by

The Federal Government has allocated NITV \$48.5 million over four years and a brief to provide content for, about and by Indigenous Australians, with a view to promoting understanding and reflecting the rich diversity of

Indigenous identity and cultures. By the middle of the year, the Alice Springs-based service expects to be generating enough content through commissions and acquisitions to put to air at least several hours of quality programming a day, and will then

Rather than being a broadcaster, NITV will act as an aggregator or facilitator of programming. Under a memorandum of understanding with central Australian broadcaster Imparja, this content will be broadcast on Imparja's second free-to-air satellite channel (Channel 31). A news service, sports, children's, drama and language-based programs are all

planned eventually.
A former Deputy CEO of
Centrelink and CEO of the
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and now based in her home town of Alice Springs, Ms Turner concedes that she has been on a steep learning curve since steeping into the top position temporarily late last year. Now formally in the job, she has big plans to grow the initial reach of



the service beyond 220,000 mostly Indigenous Northern Territorians to potentially millions of Australians -Indigenous and non-Indigenous -

through pay television.

She said Indigenous Australians had advocated for a distinct Indigenous TV service for more than 25 years and the time for such a service had arrived.

"Indigenous Australia does not have a high profile on Australian television," Ms Turner said.

For Indigenous Australians, and particularly our children, we simply do not see Indigenous faces on screen. And the stories we do see are framed by news values -

conflict and negativity.

"Most Australians now, I believe want to know more. And tourists feel starved of access of good information, they want to get a feel for our culture, they want to know

NITV estimates that Indigenous-produced content broadcast across all media would currently be less than two hours a week (or just 1.2 per cent). "That's very bad, it's not even

equal our proportional of the population and we're the fastest growing sector in the Australian

population," Ms Turner said. She said the past 20 years had



Imparja will broadcast NITV's programming on its second free-to-air satellite channel (Channel 31).

produced skilled Indigenous directors, producers, schedulers and commissioning editors, and many Indigenous communities were already producing content that NITV could use.

She said NITV was considering the catalogues of ABC, SBS and the Australian Film Commission (AFC) and was already exploring Internet and pay TV options to gain 'traction' with the widest possible

We're fully mindful that there are many Australians who can't afford pay TV," Ms Turner said.

"However, the number of people that do have pay TV in Australia exceeds five million and in terms of potential audience through pay TV that's too good an opportunity for us to miss, not to be able to finally educate Australians, where we're doing the education by making programs about us, our lives, about our dreams and about our aspirations

While NITV is already in discussions with Foxtel, Ms Turner said it would not progress to pay 'until we have our programming slick enough for the broadest

viewing audience possible'.
"We are not just going to be an exemplary Indigenous media organisation, we are going to grow into an exemplary media organisation full stop," she said.

"We are going to hold our own in the media industry. We want a unique service, we don't want to just imitate everything else.

Ms Turner said while \$48.5 million over four years might sound like a lot of money, 'it's chicken-feed when it comes to the television

"For example, productions like drama are extraordinarily expensive but we'll have the whole of Indigenous Australians applying their creative minds to that," she said. "Our people are so used to doing things on the smell of an oily rag so I'm sure we'll have some wonderful ideas coming

Mr Remati said he was optimistic about NITV meeting the mid-year deadline for start-up

programming.
There are some real challenges ahead of us, particularly in terms of timeline available to us, but we're not going to let that get in the way, he said. "Our task is relatively straightforward, our task, in technical terms, is to provide a service on air this year and that is what we intend to do.

"We take this as a serious undertaking that is as considerable in Australian broadcasting history as the inception of any of the other public broadcasters, SBS included.

The multilingual nature of the broadcasting service, the multi-platform nature of the future, in addition to all of the other underlying processes, the commissioning, the acquisitions etc. is going to present us with a whole

raft of separate challenges." Mr Remati said NITV would consider program sharing and exchange with other Indigenous TV services around the globe.

"This is a service for everybody and it is part of our mission to enter into program sharing and exchange of programs with others Indigenous broadcasters internationally as

NITV will start with 11 staff based at its Alice Springs headquarters, several more including Mr Remati, in Sydney, and commissioning editors in strategic locations around the country.

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Major Indigenous Land Use Agreement signed

Githabul people celebrate

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



The Githabul people of far northern New South Wales have written themselves into Australian history books by entering into the biggest

native title Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) negotiated on the eastern seaboard.

The agreement, signed at a ceremony at Woodenbong showground on 28 February, covers a 112,000ha section of land including national parks and State forest in the Kyogle

Woodenbong and Tenterfield area.
The moving event was attended by hundreds of members of the Githabul nation, three Government Ministers and a host of other VIPs, all welcomed to country by Aunty Charlotte Page.

Githabul senior custodian Doug William said that the ILUA was a significant step forward for the Githabul nation.

"This ILUA is a culmination of a strong effort and very courageous effort by all those involved," he said, lamenting the passing of his own Elders who had started the land

handback journey but since passed away.
"Our old people left a legacy and a wealth
of knowledge and gave us the determination to come to this final agreement.

"The feeling is so overwhelming, and we feel very honoured in our own country that we have this consent determination.

Mr Williams believes there will be job and education benefits for the local community

"I believe it has many reasons for our children to be more focused in terms of education, and give them the incentive to stay on in school," he said

Aunty Charlotte said that despite history, the Githabul were looking forward to a positive future.

We have been wronged but we do not wish to make our young people bitter with the tales of the past, that would be wrong. she said. "We want to use what we have

signed today to make positive outcomes for

the Githabul people."

The Koori Mail spoke to many people at the event and all expressed similar

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher told the Koori Mail that it was a very emotional day for all, especially the Githabul Elders.

"They have waited 219 years after dispossession to reclaim their land. They are the rightful owners and it is with pride and dignity that they take possession of their

lands again," she said.
"It is these gestures and these land handbacks that speak justice to the conscience of our nation and it does make restitution.

Connection

"We can't change our history but we can repent it. The future of Aboriginal people and their connection with the land is guaranteed through these sorts of historic agreements, and also a commitment to ensure they have open equitable access to our society.

"If Aboriginal people need a bit of a helping hand through dedicated services, then so be it, we'll do that too.

'I'm thrilled to be a part of this occasion. I feel better about being Australian today then I did yesterday. This is an historic occasion. I'm honoured and humbled to be a part of it.

Ms Meagher said in her speech to the group: "You gain this land, not as a gift or a benefit, but the entitlement of a proud people recovering by right what was and what will

always be yours." Environment Minister Bob Debus said the ILUA recognised the Githabul people as the primary Aboriginal people to consult about cultural heritage and to protect sites that are culturally significant to those people.

"I am proud to say that your rights as Aboriginal people of this land – your land – will be protected forever, and a small part of historic injustice is now corrected," he said.

Celebration pictures - Pages 30-31



Finger out, Beattie told



Senator Andrew Bartlett has slammed Queensland Premier Peter Beattle for failing to advance native title on the Queensland

side of the Githabul native title claim. "It is ludicrous that the Queensland Government is stubbornly refusing to even negotiate with the Githabul people while the NSW Government has completed the process and recognised their valid claims," Senator Bartlett said after the agreement signing on 28 February.
"Recognition of native title presents

great opportunities to the entire community, as well as Indigenous

people.
"South-east Queensland would benefit from having Indigenous

peoples' continuing connections with the area legally recognised.

"The recognition of the Githabul claim in NSW can only bring good, and the same opportunity awaits Queensland if the State Government would just pull its finger out."

Senior Githabul custodian Doug Williams said he was optimistic about securing native title in Queensland.

"We had our traditional boundaries before white man put the State borders in," he said.

Premier Beattie's office failed to return calls from the Koori Mail.

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Smoking ceremony part of celebration

By NANCIA GUIVARRA in Sydney



The 1932 opening of the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge involved no ceremonial Aboriginal representation. However, celebrations to mark the 75th ary of that day will be a different story.

The Aboriginal community will play key roles in the Our Bridge celebrations this Sunday 18 March* which will acknowledge the traditional Gadigal, Wallumedegal and Gamaragal owners of the land on which the

NSW Governor Marie Bashir will open the public walk across the bridge at 8am and there will be performances by Australian Idol runner-up Jessica Mauboy and the Darlington Primary School students.

Registered walkers will walk from north to south, across the Bridge, in half-hour timeslots from 10am. At 7.11pm, as the last walkers cross over the span, a spectacular smoking ceremony choreographed by Bangarra Dance Theatre Artistic Director Stephen Page will mark the transition from

day to night.

A total of 90 44-gallon drums, grouped in sets of three and tended by Aboriginal community members, will be lit to envelop the bridge. Walkers passing through the smoke will be cleansed to a soundscape composed by David Page and Matthew Doyle.

The Aboriginal flag will be raised while Aboriginal training vessel the *Tribal Warrior* cleanses the waters below with a floating smoking ceremony.

Sunday's historic event will also feature a welcome to country by Aunty Silvia Scott and speeches by AFL celebrity Adam Goodes and Harbour Bridge youth art winner Zane Walford, 12, of Penrith (featured on the front

page of the Koori Mail late last year)

Stephen Page said the inclusion of Aboriginal people in the 75th anniversary of the Harbour Bridge 'gives us public acknowledgement of our rightful place as it did in the Reconciliation Walk in 2000'.

"The bridge brought two halves of a city together 75 years ago and it brought together

different peoples and cultures in 2000 with the Reconciliation Walk." Mr Page said.

"The smoking ceremony for the *Our Bridge* celebrations is a cleansing and healing act which reflects the united spirit of everyone who participated in that wonderful day and rekindles that flame of togetherness.

"As storytellers and caretakers of the land,

its very appropriate that the Aboriginal people play a part in honouring this icon which has played a significant role in bringing us all together and which straddles the land of the two Aboriginal communities of the harbour

By bringing our communities together again, the bridge cleansing ceremony will contribute to bringing the social conscience and focus back to acknowledge Indigenous

people in this country."

More than 165,000 people have already registered to participate in the Our Bridge walk. With timeslots for walkers filling fast, organisers are urging people to register at www.ourbridge.com.au to avoid

Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will gather in North Sydney's Bradfield Park near the north pylon at 5.30pm, joining the walk from 6.30pm.

Additional train services have been scheduled to help move people to the walk's starting point.

*The actual 75th anniversary of the Sydney Harbour Bridge is Monday, 19 March 2007.



White didg group committed to learning from them A white American



didgeridoo group accused of cultural theft and Aboriginal cultures has issued a public apology.

Dragonfly Rhythms sparked outrage and threats after it was revealed its members had painted themselves black to perform public didgeridoo workshops in the United States, appropriated Aboriginal traditional designs and alluded to non-existent links with Aboriginal

didgeridoo players.
Community reaction to the group's activities was exposed in the 28 February edition of the Koori Mail.

Headed by 'didgeridoo musician and educator Lindsey Dank, the group runs a commercial didgeridoo enterprise entailing performance, lessons, sales and philosophy. In a letter posted on

the group's website (www.dragonflyrhythms.com) and headed 'To all who may be concerned', Dank said he had received many messages on the

"I cannot possibly explain how devastated I am that I have unintentionally offended people of a

apologises

culture that I hold in such high regard," Dank wrote. "I do admit that now, after looking at the website from other points of view, I have been ignorant and certainly presumptuous.

Please let me express how

removal of a photograph of what looks like a non-Aboriginal man painted up as if for ceremony. The photo offended Yolngu Elders from Arnhem Land who accused the group of appropriation of their private traditional designs.

'These guys just don't give a damn about our feelings on their trying to

steal our culture. I told them that we are the world's oldest culture,

they should feel proud we are still here, not try to dishonour us in such

a low manner. They show a total lack of respect for our culture. I let

them have it with both barrels' - Wollongong woman Liz Locke

way with an Indigenous Australian

tribe or clan. "In fact, during our shows and workshops we always state exactly who we are: A bunch of Caucasian guys living in America, one of whom was born in South Africa and

We would like to encourage any positive suggestions or feedback that any of you may have for our

message to future audiences.
The only comment we care to make about the negative messages and threats we have received is that we pay no regard to any that are not productive or life-promoting, and they cannot deter us from our

higher purpose." Wollongong woman Liz Locke, who complained about the group's activities via its website, was unmoved by the apology.

"These guys just don't give a damn about our feelings on their

trying to steal our culture," Ms Locke told the Koon Mail.

"I told them that we are the world's oldest culture, they should feel proud we are still here, not try to dishonour us in such a low manner. They show a total lack of respect for our culture

"I let them have it with both barrels. I even sent an email to the US White House, but all I got was an automatic response.

"I asked my US online friends to write letters of disgust to their local papers. I also sent emails to some US papers but got no replies from their editors

deeply I wish I had had a dialogue with more Aboriginals before the launching of my website because I assure you that while I was naive, I had much better intentions than

what has resulted." The apology appears on the website's message board. Recent changes to the website include

Although the Koori Mail has seen a video which appears to show Mr Dank and his two colleagues painted black and wearing lap laps during a public performance in the US state of Florida, Mr Dank denied that the group's members had ever claimed to be Aboriginal or affiliated in any

has relatives living in Australia," he

"We are deeply committed to being more respectful and aware of the Aboriginal culture when we play the didgeridoo and educate this society about it.

"Since we cannot erase the mistakes of the past, we are

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ohnstone new N



South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Chief

Executive Officer William (Smiley) Johnstone has been appointed administrator of the organisation, following the sudden death of Murray

Mr Chapman, who had held the administrator's job since November 2003, died three weeks ago in Canberra.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher approved Mr Johnstone's appointment, which current CEO Geoff Scott said NSWALC

Johnstone's 'deep knowledge of NSWALC's operations and to ensure minimal disruption to our operations at this crucial

Mr Scott said Mr Chapman and Mr Johnstone had formed a close and highly effective working relationship over the

past three years which had, and would continue, to deliver enormous gains for Aboriginal people throughout NSW.

Mr Johnstone will hold the position until the State **Electoral Commissioner** declares the outcome of the NSWALC election to be held on 19 May. LALC membership

rolls closed on 6 March. Mr Johnstone said it was a privilege to succeed Mr Chapman, who had left a tremendous legacy for the incoming council, NSWALC staff and the land council

 See an obituary for Murray Chapman on page 25.

Report backs plans for abolition of CHIP



An independent report commissioned by the Federal Government has formally recommended a major overhaul of Indigenous housing in Australia.

The release of the report last Thursday came a fortnight after Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said the Government would consider shifting about \$100 million in urban Indigenous housing funding to rural and remote communities.

The report, prepared by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, recommends abolition of the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP) and adoption of a new strategic approach to Indigenous housing.

Since its introduction in the 1960s, CHIP has funded housing construction and purchase, water, power, sewerage and transport access for Aborigines across the

Along with the Federal Government's Aboriginal Rental Housing Program (ARHP), CHIP currently channels more than \$380 million a year though a mix of state government departments, state housing authorities, private contractors and Indigenous community housing organisations (ICHOs).

Mr Brough said the report showed that CHIP, which his Federal Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) inherited from the now defunct Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Commission (ATSIC) in mid-2004, had

clearly failed Indigenous people.

The Minister said CHIP was now seen as excessively bureaucratic and vulnerable to mismanagement and nepotism.

He said it clearly needed urgent reform.

"While billions of dollars have been invested in Indigenous housing, there is too little to show for it," the Minister said.

"We've been chasing our tail and not seeing any significant progress in overcoming the Indigenous housing problem home ownership on Indigenous community and freehold land.

It says 616 ICHOs currently own about 21,000 houses across Australia and inadequate rent collection leaves little or no money for maintenance on homes

It questions the viability of ICHOs, saying that more than 80 per cent of them managed 50 houses or less, the average rent collected is \$40 a week, and about one in four houses requires major repair or

and could access housing through

mainstream programs drew a mixed response from Indigenous leaders.

The day before, Cape York lawyer and Government adviser Noel Pearson told a forum that Aboriginal expectations in his home community of Hopevale that governments would provide, maintain and replace community housing were contributing to poor housing outcomes. "It is a form of passive welfare which

promotes dependency and needs to be replaced by a functioning private property market," he

Redfern-based Aboriginal Housing Company chief Mick Mundine said government neglect had helped to create the Indigenous housing crisis and the Government's plans would make matters worse creating overcrowded ghettos in the

Ongoing racism encountered by Aboriginal people attempting to access the private rental market in

urban areas has been exacerbated by the current shortage of private rental properties and soaring rent prices.

Among other things, the report recommends better utilisation of mainstream consumer protection regulation to ensure that proper landlord and tenant arrangements are enforced to the benefit of

The Minister is seeking community feedback on the report, online at the website www.facsia.gov.au. - with AAP



'While billions of dollars have been invested in Indigenous housing, there is too little to show for it. We've been chasing our tail and not seeing any significant progress in overcoming the Indigenous housing problem in remote Australia particularly'. - Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough

in remote Australia particularly.

The report says the current system 'is vulnerable to incidents of financial and operational mismanagement, nepotism and favouritism'

Significant funds are wasted through administrative costs, overheads, bureaucratic red tape, poor governance and expensive, poorly designed houses unsuited to the needs of their occupants," it says

The report makes a total of 35 recommendations and supports contentious

Mr Brough said the review suggested ways of converting 'an ATSIC basket case' into new opportunities of decent housing home ownership and employment for locals in housing construction and maintenance.

He said the Government would consider the report and other views in exploring future directions in Indigenous housing.

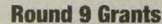
Mr Brough suggested at the end of February that urban Aboriginal people did not need specialised Indigenous housing



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- Developing skills and knowledge related to on-ground work
- · Raising awareness of local natural resource management issues

For more information on all the eligible activities and for application forms visit www.nht.gov.au/envirofund or telephone 1800 065 823

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 27 April 2007





• LEFT: Eagles Coach Jaohn Worsfold and defender David Wirrpanda (front row) with the Ngaanyatjarra Dancers displaying their West Coast caps. ABOVE: Ngaanyatjarra Elder Fred
Grant performing the Warlawurru dance
for Eagles players and officials at
Subiaco Oval in Perth.

 BELOW: Elder Fred Grant dances for the Western Desert performers and Eagles players and supporters.



Visit by Western Desert dancers should help the ...

adles soar

Story and photos by Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



Ngaanyatjarra dancers from the region of Western Australia paid a special tribute to

the West Coast Eagles AFL club in Perth recently by performing a special traditional eagle dance for players and officials

The dancers were in Perth to perform 'Turiku' (traditional song and dance) for the Perth International Arts Festival, but insisted on meeting the Eagles and club officials at their home ground at Subiaco Oval and erforming the Warlawurru (Eagle) dance to empower their favourite club.

Organiser Tim Pearn said Turku had been performed for countless generations and the Warlawurru was an example of the many dances relating to

Ngaanyatjarra country.

"This project for the festival



was really about audience development because not many people in the wider community get to hear or see these songs and dances and realise that we have this fabulous culture in our

own country," Mr Pearn said.
"The Turlku being performed in Perth is really like a small mix of songs and highlights of very strong stories that are authorised for public viewing and listening. The dance group sang the

Warlawurru song while senior Elder Fred Grant performed the

Elder Belle Davidson Karika said it was an honour to meet the players and perform for them because almost everyone in Western Desert communities was a West Coast fan.

"We came here for a special performance for these Eagles because we love them," she

and shout. In our community we love to shout at them and call how happy we are, but when we see people losing, we get sad and turn them off and go to sleep, even the kids.

Aunty Karika said it was important for the Ngaanyatjarra community that the Eagles players witnessed the dance so that it would empower them for the season ahead.

"It was a special Eagle and people don't use those sort of things (often) because it was a really special one.

"It's only for the Eagles to show them and make them happy that we've got an Eagles song, and that's why it's a very important song for them.

"When they're playing football we know that the eagle is a bird and it's a special bird. And when they play and after they finish playing and win they sing and we know that the eagle is a very important thing.

Eagles defender David Wirrpanda said he was honoured had come to Subiaco Oval, and it was important for the players to get a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture and also the depth of their fan base.

"To be able to share their culture from the Western Desert it gives a lot of people here a perspective on their cultural ways and also the support that we have all the way out there in the Western Desert," Mr Wirrpanda said.

"From a cultural point of view, it's pretty good for the players to have a good understanding of

"I've been able to go out to those communities and see those families and people out

"Over my 10 or 12-year period here now, I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of the families so it's doesn't surprise me that we've got support not only in the north-west and Western Desert, but the Northern Territory and far north Queensland as well

Wongatha people granted extension on appeal decision



Council (GLSC) has welcomed a Federal Court decision to grant Wongatha native title claimants extra time to decide whether they will appeal the court's

February judgment against their native title

In response to a request from the GLSC behalf of the claimants, Justice Lindgren confirmed last Monday that time for appeal

against the earlier judgment would be extended from the standard 21 days to 60

Justice Lindgren also ordered an interim extension until yesterday for a decision on whether the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) would remove from the Register of Native Title Claims the Wongatha and Wutha claims. Both claims were affected by

the judgment of 5 February. The order was in response to an application by the GLSC for an injunction preventing the NNTT from delisting the

With their claims still on the register, the Wongatha and Wutha people have retained their right to negotiate with regard to proposed developments on their land for the time being.

GLSC Executive Director Brian Wyatt said failure to extend the right to negotiate would deny the Wongatha people the only means they had for drawing any significant benefit from their traditional land

mining and exploration activities could proceed without having to check with traditional owners," he said.

Mr Wyatt said that while the judgment on 5 February dismissed the Wongatha and other native title claims on technical grounds, it did not find that there was no native title over the area claimed

Applications by the State and Commonwealth governments that no native title exists were rejected.



Proposals sought for 2006-2008 Funding for Yindyama La Vinaa Aboriginal Family Violence Program for women in the Dubbo area

Proposals are sought to administer a program for women who are victims of Aboriginal family violence. Proposals are invited from eligible incorporated, non-profit, community based organisations that provide services to women in the Dubbo area.

A maximum funding allocation of \$16,000 for each of the financial years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 is available for the development and administration of the female victim's. component which is the subject of this proposal.

Additional information and information packages are available from Narelle Jeffrey, Area Manager, Department of Corrective Services, Community Offender Services, Probation and Parole Service, Dubbo District Office

ail: narelle.jeffrey@dcs.nsw.gov.au telephone: (02) 6882 9744

Applications close on 5pm Friday 13 April 2007.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

TENDER DADHC 07.3

Leaving Care Program - Building Good Transitions for Young People with a Disability who are Leaving Care

Young People with a Disability who are Leaving Care. The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is seeking applications from not for profit organisations to support young people with a disability to successfully transition from the parental responsibility of the Minister for Community Services to five as independently as possible, through the provision of case management and afternate family placement or drop-in support services (including: daily living support; personal care, behaviour support, social skills and community inclusion; counselling; and after care services for up to 35 hours per week).

Successful service providers will be placed on a regional register(s) of eligible Loaving Care Program support providers. Eligible young people requiring alternate family placement of drop-in support will be referred to these support providers. In provide a light process of referred to these support providers. through a joint process of referral managed by DoCS and DADHC.

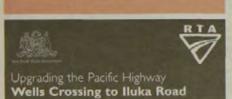
This tender for alternate family placement and drop-in support providers will form part of a range of accommodation a support services available under the Leaving care Program.

Further information including a copy of the Tender Package is available from the Department's website at available from the D www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/tenders

Information sessions for this tender will be held in Sydney and regional areas. Information about the sessions will be provided on the Department's website www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au.

Inquiries relating to this tender should be made to the Contact Officer, DADHC between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on weekdays, by phone 1800 880 027, email contract management@dadbc.nsw.gov.au or by fax 02 8270 2490.

Tenders close 5.00pm on Thursday 5 April 2007.



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)



· LEFT: Descendance with Cree Nation Elder Vern Harper.

• RIGHT: Descendance in the minus 20 degree weather of Toronto.

> Photos on this page courtesy of Jose Calarco



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Toronto

Hot dancers



From the tropics of Palm Island, Australia, to the snow and minus 20 degrees temperatures of Toronto, Canada, the

Descendance Aboriginal and Islander dance company felt the change in the weather when they attended their first G'Day Toronto promotion event for Tourism Australia recently

Descendance is no stranger to international promotions of Australia. having already completed similar assignments in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Moscow and New Zealand.

On this particular trip, Descendance joined fellow Aussies Keith Urban, Silverchair, The Living End, Bindi and Terri Irwin, and the Black Oliva

The G'Day event was held in a specially erected Biosphere in central Toronto, complete with its own Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge design covered in snow. Descendance director Jose

Calarco said the event was a runaway success with performances selling

"Australia Week certainly brightened up chilly Toronto and gave the locals a good overview of our country," he said.

"This was one of our most enjoyable tours yet, and the snow and cold did little to dampen our

There were many highlights and

inspirational moments throughout the tour one of them was our history-making performance with dancers from Arnhem Land, when we combined the two styles in a spectacular cross-cultural Indigenous celebration at the Sounds of Silence dinner where our very own Black Olive

prepared the tucker. Mr Calarco said Descendance was honoured after they were attended a private ceremony from First Nations Elder Vern Harper, of the Cree Nation. in Toronto.

"He gave us his blessings in a traditional ceremony and we were enlightened by his great wisdom," he

Other magic moments from the tour included a performance at the

Hershey Centre Hockey Arena during a charity event for breast cancer.

"The entire auditorium was filled with pushbikes, where participants were asked to pedal for 24 hours to raise money, and the workshops we conducted in Toronto drew healthy attendances and were lots of fun," Mr Calarco said.

"The tour finished with a bizarre offer for Descendance to appear in an episode of the new top-rating US comedy television show, My Name is Earl. Timing and work permits prevented us from being able to honour it on this occasion, but the producers have earmarked us for a future episode."

Descendance is in Hawaii until 20 March.





Clockwise, from above:

• Fusion: Descendance and Arnhem Land join forces.

Arnhem Land performer and Jose Calarco at the gala dinner.

 Descendance with Terri and Bindi Irwin. Black Olive and Descendance singer

Nicole Willis



Seafood council fights title ruling



The Northern Territory Seafood Council has joined forces with the NT Government to fight a court

decision granting Aboriginal people exclusive native title to a stretch of Australia's

The landmark Federal Court ruling in Darwin two weeks ago could affect up to 80 per cent of the Northern Territory coast. The NT Government

immediately announced it would appeal to the High Court over a ruling that will have huge implications for commercial fishing.

Three judges unanimously granted traditional owners exclusive native title rights to the intertidal zone in the Blue Mud Bay region in north-east

Arnhem Land, about 200km south of Yirrkala.

It means local Aboriginal people can decide who enters waters near the coast line to fish, with the decision affecting commercial licences for barramundi, mud crabs and trepang operators.

Seafood Council chairman

"We are working with the Northern Territory Government and the Northern Land Council (NLC) to seek to have the effects of the decision stayed while the Territory seeks to appeal the

handed down two weeks ago. NLC chairman Norman Fry declared it a 'landmark day for

Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory'. "After over 30 years of struggle, the exclusive rights of traditional owners have finally been recognised

'Aboriginal land has been granted as freehold to the low water mark of the coastline since the 1970s," Mr Fry said. "This means that there

must now be a comprehensive settlement with the commercial fishing industry regarding fishing in the intertidal zone and tidal

Mr Fry also moved to appease concerned members of the fishing industry, saying that if the decision was upheld in the High Court the NLC would grant a 12month amnesty to allow

commercial fishing to continue.

The traditional owners' aim is to become a stakeholder in the fishing industry and ensure that it prospers - not to close it down," he said. - AAP

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"The potential impacts of the decision upon certain ectors of the commercial fishing industry are complex. and we are currently assessing those impacts upon individual members and the industry as a whole," said NT decision to the High Court of Australia.

The Seafood Council will be joining the Territory Government in seeking to appeal the decision to the High Court of Australia.

When the decision was

regarding commercial fishing in the intertidal zone and tidal rivers above the low water mark," he said.

Mr Fry said the decision could affect native title claims that cover 80 per cent of the

Young leaders to Ten inspiring young Aboriginal people - headed by the Koori Mail's own have a say Naomi Moran - have been selected as the inaugural



Aboriginal Youth Advisory Group to advise the New South Wales Government.

The advisory group was launched at Government House, Sydney, by Youth and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher and welcomed by the NSW Governor, Professor Marie Bashir.

This is an important new initiative that will give young Aboriginal people across NSW the opportunity to have a say and speak out on the issues affecting them," Ms Meagher said.

"Not only will members have an opportunity to develop their leadership and public speaking skills, they will also be able to advise the Government on the important issues affecting Aboriginal youth today.

Two-year appointment

Ms Meagher said Aboriginal Youth Advisers would be appointed for two-year terms and meet quarterly to discuss issues of concern to young people, including the seven priorities identified by Aboriginal communities across NSW: Health, housing, education, culture and heritage

justice, economic development and

The NSW Aboriginal Youth Advisory Group is a unique opportunity for young Aboriginal people to act as role models for other young people throughout NSW and have a say in Government," the Minister

"It is not always easy for a young person to have a say and Aboriginal youth in particular face many challenges – that is why the lemma Government has chosen to listen through the advisory group

"We have already made some real progress in supporting Aboriginal communities through Two Ways Together,

communities through I wo ways logether the lemma Government's ten-year commitment to improve the well-being of Aboriginal people and communities. "By establishing the advisory group, young Aboriginal men and women with leadership potential can talk about what matters to them and work with government to make a difference to the lives of their

Members of the Group are aged 18 to 25 years, identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, reside in New South Wales and have shown they are keen to speak

their mind to government representatives.

Miss Moran, executive assistant with the Koori Mail in Lismore, said Indigenous youth now had the opportunity to deal directly with the Government on issues and

directly with the Government on issues and concerns faced by youth.

"The Advisory Group will enable each group member to develop communication and leadership skills and, more importantly, enable us to serve as role models for our young brothers and sisters," she said.

*Communication in any relationship is vital. We look forward to working with the Minister to provide positive changes in various areas, from education, employment, juvenile justice and family violence.

 LEFT: Members of the NSW Aboriginal Youth Advisory

Group with Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher and NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir. From left, Chairwoman

Naomi Moran (Lismore), Marcus Trindall (Tamworth), Ms Meagher, Glen Crump (Moree), Jake Byrne (Blacktown), Amanda Green (Wagga Wagga), Neil Trindall (Yagoona), Professor Bashir, and Melissa Ellis

from the picture are advisory group members Charlee-Sue Frail, Adam Hansen and Amy Gordon

(Moruya). Missing

3KND signs SRA



Radio Station 3KND in Melbourne has entered into an \$180,000 Federal Government

Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) aimed at developing a state-of-the-art Indigenous broadcasting facility.

Station representatives and Federal Community Services Minister Senator Nigel Scullion signed the SRA at the new South East Indigenous Media Association (SEIMA) broadcasting facility in Melbourne.

The agreement is a first for Australia and the Indigenous Broadcasting Program through the Department of Communications Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA)," Senator Scullion said.

"Indigenous people in Victoria will have access to high-quality best-practice broadcasting

As the agreement develops, it will also give direct opportunities to high-achieving Indigenous teenagers to train and qualify in the Certificate Il in Indigenous Broadcasting, and to model their drive and achievements with their peers.

"It is an agreement between Indigenous community partners represented by SEIMA and the Government.

"It shares responsibility for improving outcomes in what is important. Preserving and developing Indigenous culture supporting and developing kids and

building expertise." Senator Scullion said that in addition to \$180,000 provided by the Federal Government, other partners would contribute expertise in accredited training and enhanced community access



There's no doubt that Walter Parkes has a real 'cando' attitude. The

Wiradjuri (western NSW) man who now calls Alice Springs home is the driving force behind an aluminium can recycling program for the NT centre's town camps

While the program is still in its early stages, Mr Parkes has already collected thousands of cans ideal for recycling.

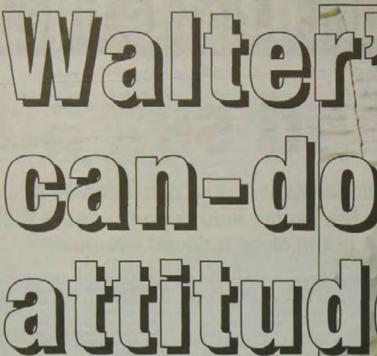
Well-known through his role as security man at the town's Gap View Hotel, Mr Parkes says he can get people involved his campaign at all Alice Springs' town

There's a market for recycling the cans, and anyone can see there's thousands of them littering Alice," he told the Koori Mail.

"They're nothing but an eyesore at the moment, but I can see real potential for a business that employs local Aboriginal

people. "As far as I can see, it will be a win-win - for our people and for the local environment.

Over the past couple of months Mr Parkes has collected more than 40 industrial-size bags full of crushed cans. There's a



ready market through a local recycler

"That's just the tip of the iceberg here," he said.

"Right now I'm doing this basically on my own, but I know the residents in the town camps are keen to help

out.
"What we really need now
is support from local and Territory government to get the program up and running.

"We've just started talks along that line and I'm hopeful it will lead to bigger and better things."

The Alice Springs Town Council and Alice Springs Tangentyere Council say they are considering the

 RIGHT: Walter Parkes with just some of the cans he has collected at Alice Springs in recent weeks.



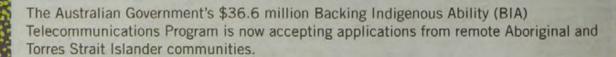


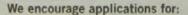
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Education 'answer' to

preventing the child sex abuse rampant in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities, the heads

> Government child sex abuse inquiry

co-chair Pat Anderson:

Education is absolutely fundamental to prevention. We must

increase awareness

of the severity of these crimes and the long-lasting consequences for

victims and their families.

of a government inquiry investigating the crisis say.
The high-profile inquiry was set up by the NT Government last June amid reports of widespread and often unreported child sex

abuse in some remote areas of central Australia

Among the allegations, children as young as five are said to have contracted sexually transmitted diseases while young girls were being prostituted for petrol by sniffers in Mutitjulu, near Uluru

Inquiry co-chair Pat Anderson said she was confident investigations by the inquiry board would provide a basis for real solutions to the situations affecting children in Aboriginal

communities.
"The key theme emerging from our work is the importance of prevention," she

This means addressing community issues leading to sexual assaults such as substance abuse, violence, unemployment, and housing. "Education is absolutely fundamental to

prevention. We must increase awareness of the severity of these crimes and the long-lasting

O'Donoghue gives support to Alliance



Former ATSIC Chairperson and Stolen Generations member Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue has

Lowitja O'Donoghue has accepted an invitation to become a patron of the new Stolen Generations Alliance.

Alliance Chairperson Debra Hocking announced the news on Friday.

The Alliance, made up of State and Territory representatives including former members of the National Sorry Day Committee, describes itself as 'Australians for Healing, Truth and Justice'. This is also the theme for Alliance commemorations of the tenth anniversary of the Bringing Them the tenth anniversary of the Bringing Them Home report this year. "The aim of the Alliance is to advance

healing and justice for all who suffer as a result of the removal policies," Ms Hocking

"It offers all Australians the chance to contribute to this, and it will enlist all the

expertise we can find – medical, legal and all else – in pursuing this goal."

The Alliance is working with the Kimberley Stolen Generations in making the native hibiscus flower known across the nation as a symbol of Stolen Generations strength and

Kimberley Stolen Generations Chairman Mark Bin Bakar said the looming tenth anniversary of the release of the Bringing Them Home Report on 26 May, Sorry Day, offered a tremendous chance to help Australia move forward and heal itself.

"We need to own our history, positive and negative," he said. "Then we can stand true as a mature nation."

child sex abuse

had collected a vast amount of valuable information and was now on track to deliver its findings to Chief Minister Clare Martin by the end of April.

There's no doubt sexual abuse is a serious problem within many Aboriginal communities across the Northern Territory," he said.

"Our challenge as a board of inquiry has been to listen, learn and gain an understanding of what measures are going to make a difference in better protecting Aboriginal children and supporting their

The inquiry recently met in Alice Springs to discuss the results of a series of

regional forums organised across the Territory to discuss the findings of the board's community consultation process with representatives of Indigenous communities and organisations.

The board has visited 40 communities, held 160 meetings and received 70 written submissions from individuals and organisations.

Ms Anderson said the reporting of abuse also needed to be encouraged.

"Violence is a big factor in cases of sexual abuse," she said.

"Children are more likely to be sexually abused in violent communities, so what can we do to reduce this violence?"

inquiry had heard 'disturbing and tragic stories', prompting one case to be passed on to police, although charges were never

"We are hearing distressing and tragic stories almost every day. But that's the nature of this particular beast ... it's no

Mr Wild said that having spent months talking to people in Aboriginal communities, he saw no easy solutions to 'this complex and multi-faceted problem'

"Our response must consist of many different elements that together address the source of problems facing Aboriginal people," he said. - AAP



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NNTT bias to miners research



of mining agreements by the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT)

is favouring mining companie and seriously disadvantaging Indigenous people, a new study

The research relates to mining agreements chiselled out under the Native Title Act (NTA)

Griffith University Business School researchers Professor Claran O'Faircheallaigh and Tony Corbett say that in 17 cases arbitrated by the NNTT under the Act, not one single mine was rejected. In ten of the cases, no conditions were imposed on mining companies and only minimal conditions in the others.

They say the situation is pressuring Aboriginal traditional owners to cut deals that deliver few benefits rather than going to

Under the NTA, when a company wants a mining lease on Indigenous land, the Indigenous group has six months to negotiate with the company. If agreement cannot be reached either party may refer the matter to arbitration by the Tribunal. "In all 17 cases taken to the Tribunal in the last decade, the

Tribunal has granted the mining leases and been unwilling to impose conditions that might prove onerous for the miner, Professor O'Faircheallaigh said.

'Also, the Tribunal is not ermitted to consider awarding Indigenous groups money towards the value of minerals taken from their land, which creates pressure on Indigenous groups to reach agreement outside of arbitration.

"The companies know if they cannot get the agreement they want in negotiations, they can go to the Tribunal and get their mining leases issued.

"Many Indigenous parties are signing agreements that offer them few benefits because the alternative is arbitration and a determination by the Tribunal which offers them no benefits.

Professor O'Faircheallaigh says the research showed the Tribunal demanded more stringent standards of proof from Indigenous groups than from companies

Native title should provide Indigenous people with the opportunity to benefit from Australia's resources boom, to reduce their dependence on welfare and increase their presence in the 'real economy' Professor O'Faircheallaigh said.

"However, because of specific provisions of the NTA and the way the Tribunal is administering them, that opportunity is often



GRAEME NEATE



CIARAN O'FAIRCHEALLAIGH

Professor O'Faircheallaigh argues that the playing field between miners and native title groups could be levelled by allocating the arbitration function to an independent judicial body rather than a government-appointed Tribunal, and by allowing arbitrated decisions to include compensation related to the value of minerals taken from

Not surprising

NNTT President Graham Neate told Triple J Radio that it wasn't surprising that the Tribunal ordinarily said that mining could proceed because, in almost all arbitrated cases, the parties were arguing about conditions of mining, not whether

mining should go ahead per se Mr Neate said the NTA proceeded on the basis that people could negotiate what they liked out in the market place

But if they come to the Tribunal, there are certain constraints on what we can do.'

"Now, no doubt that influences the state of mind of parties in negotiations. They would know that if negotiations break down, there are certain limits to what the Tribunal can

He said the flexibility offered by Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) provided an incentive for mining companies to negotiate agreements rather than having to ask the Tribunal to make a decision

"Particularly for major projects, and one reason why people do that rather than coming to the Tribunal to arbitrate every time they want a new mining interest is that it is in the mining company's interests to develop good community relations with the local Aboriginal people," he said.

Mr Neate said the NTA gave Aboriginal people a seat at the negotiating table where previously they had none, and arbitration was required in relatively few cases. "Where (Aboriginal people)

have registered native title claims under the Act, they are entitled to

megotiate an agreement with mining companies," he said. "They also potentially provide a source of employment and contractual services to assist in the overall project.

What they are able to negotiate is very much a matter of contractual negotiations between those groups and the mining companies.

"Certainly the mining companies will be looking at their commercial interests but also at their public perception in the community and I'm sure that has a bearing on the sorts of things they put on the table for

negotiation." The research received the

backing of at least one Aboriginal native title lawyer. Senior Solicitor at Native Title Services Ltd in Victoria Paul Simmons told the Koori Mail that his experience with arbitration by the NNTT aligned with the Griffith University research. "The level of detail required

for Indigenous groups to demonstrate that a mining activity will affect their native title rights and interests is disproportionate to the level of detail required by even a small-scale miner during the arbitration process," Mr Simmons

"Indigenous interests are placed as secondary to the interests of mining activities, even when those activities have dubious economic benefits to the miner and the wider community

"One wonders under what circumstance the NNTT would put the interests of an Indigenous group ahead of a mining

company's."
The research follows on from an earlier Griffith University study that found many agreements negotiated with mining companies create few benefits for Indigenous communities

Successful WA program gives Alice Springs youth a ...

Helping



Aboriginal youth in Alice Springs are set to benefit from a program that has helped hundreds of other young men across Western Australia. The Clontarl Foundation

recently opened in the Red Centre, offering a football-based program designed to give young males important life

Started with just 13 boys at the Clontarf Football Academy in Perth during 2000, the foundation now has 11 academies across WA and has helped 600 boys and young men continue school and find employment

Alice Springs-based regional foundation director Brad Puls is confident the new program – a partnership between Clontarf, the NT Department of Employment. Education and Training, and the Federal Department of Education, Science and Training, will be a success.

"Our goal is to get young Indigenous men ready to make good life decisions," he told the Koori Mail.

"To do that we use the boys' love of Australian rules football to help them on

To stay in our program, which involves a

range of football-based activities, including training, games and special visits, the boys must stay at school through to Year 12.

We are not teachers - we are there simply to help the boys through school and

then into employment.
"It's been working really well in Western
Australia and the signs here are very

"In 2005, 22 boys on the program finished their Year 12 in WA. Of them, 19 are now in good full-time employment

That's a great success."

The foundation has employed AFL stars
Michael James (ex Carlton) and Rupert Betheras (ex Coillingwood) to work with the young people in Alice Springs. Right now the foundation is

concentrating on youth in the Alice Springs area, but Mr Puls says there are plans to spread further afield.

Alice Springs is our first venture outside WA, but even now we are looking at further expansion into Darwin, the Tiwi Islands and into South Australia," he said.

The Alice Springs program will be launched officially on 23 March with a special Clontart Academy v Alice Springs invitation Australian rules football game.



Remains offer welcomed

Story by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



Tasmanian Aborigines last week cautiously welcomed an offer from the British Natural History

Museum to mediate in the continuing dispute over Aboriginal

Last month the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) launched a High Court case in London in a bid to stop the museum doing invasive scientific testing on the remains of 17 Tasmanian Aborigines, that were robbed from graves in the 1800s. At the time the Koori Mail went to print, the case had been adjourned pending

The reason it is so important to continue is if the decision went our way it would mean no museum in Europe would be able to interfere with the remains of Aboriginal people or other Indigenous people across the world without their permission," explained TAC legal director Michael Mansell

Two Aboriginal delegates, Greg Brown and Caroline Spotswood, were last week chosen to participate in the mediation if it went ahead. However, Mr Mansell said there would be no mediation unless the Australian Government provided financial assistance to get the delegates to London. Negotiations about the funding were continuing.

He confirmed that the Federal Government had contributed \$20,000 for 'security of costs' which is only a small proportion of the accumulating costs of the case. He said these costs had



already run up to \$250,000 and he predicted that would double.

He added: "If we win, the other

side will have to pay."
In contrast, closer to home. moves by the Museum Victoria to give the remains of Aboriginal dead back to their descendants have been welcomed.

The museum has expressed sorrow and regret for past collecting practices. It said the return of the Tasmanian remains was part of an ongoing program which had seen more than 1000 sets of human remains repatriated from the Museum Victoria to Aboriginal communities across Australia since 1985.

Sharnie Everett and Andry Sculthorpe returned home to Tasmania last fortnight with, literally, a van full of human remains and casts.

Very little is known about some of the remains other than they are Tasmanian Aborigines. Museum Victoria estimates there could be

up to 17 different people among

them. There are casts and moulds are Trukanini and most likely William Lanney, once declared by white society to be 'the last female and male Tasmanian Aborigines', and

casts of another five skulls. Like William Lanney, the story of the theft of Trukanini's remains

is particularly sad. In her lifetime she witnessed the vicious arrival of white man, the murder of most of her family and husband-to-be, the death of the majority of her community from white man's diseases and murder, the theft of her homelands and was exiled to a concentration camp on Flinders Island for some

In the final years of her life. Trukanini feared the mutilation of her body by scientists after her death. She died in 1876. Two years after this the Royal Society of Tasmania exhumed her body and later her skeleton was put on public display for four decades

After years of lobbying, her body was returned to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and in 1976 her ashes were scattered over the water of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. One hundred years after her death, she was finally allowed to rest near the place of her birth.

However, her body was of such high interest to scientists that many moulds and casts were made, and the Tasmanian Aboriginal community does not

know how many still exist.

One of the tasks of the pair who travelled to Victoria to collect the remains was to disassemble a

cast of Trukanini's skeleton. "It was just heart-wrenching, it was exactly what she (Trukanini) didn't want. Travelling home was part of the journey to lay her to rest. It was really, really emotional," Sharnie Everett said

"I know that this (repatriation of remains) will not finish with my generation. I feel sad, it (the grave robberies) should never have happened.

A traditional ceremony for the recently returned remains, and other remains, will be held later



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has announced details for pre-poll and postal voting in the News South Wales State Election to be held next

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from 8am to 6pm. Electors who can't get to a polling place on election day and those who will be out of the State have options available to ensure they can vote.

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Pre-poll Voting

Electors unable to vote on election day, Saturday 24 March, can attend any one of 146 pre-poll voting centres to cast a pre-poll vote. Pre-poll voting centres opened across the State on Monday 12 March. Pre-poll voting centres are generally

open 8am to 6pm weekdays until Friday 23 March, the day before the election.

Extended hours of operation are in place from this Saturday, 17 March from 9am to 5pm until 8pm on Thursday, 21 March.

Electors can vote while out of the State

at a number of interstate and overseas

Sydney Airport

Interstate voting closes at COB on Friday, 23 March 2007. Overseas voting closes at COB on Thursday, 22 March 2007

For locations, dates and hours of operation of pre-poll voting centres and interstate and overseas pre-poll voting locations, visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

Postal Voting

Postal voting is available to electors unable to vote in person on election day. Postal vote applications are available at any Australia Post office, Returning Officer's

calling 1300 135 736.

Applications for postal voting must be received by 6pm on Wednesday 21 March.

Electors are encouraged to apply as soon as possible in order to avoid any

delays in postal delivery. For more information, including locations, dates and hours of operation of pre-poll voting centres and election day polling places, or to apply for a postal vote, visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736. For hearing and speech impaired enquiries, call the Electoral Commission's phone typewriter service (TTY) on (02) 9153 0205

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raised in the Parliament Gardens of East Melbourne later

Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholis and Lady Gladys Nicholls (nee Bux), Nicholls family descendant and Wiran Aboriginal Corporation chairman Gary

Murray said it may be the first time such a major public sculpture had been erected to nonour a couple, and for Aboriginal people.
"The Nicholls family

anticipate the statue will be unveiled by 9 December this year, the 101st birthday of Pastor Nicholls," Mr Murray

"The project will be promoted through a major Australian exhibition of photographs, memorabilia, film and audio of the life and times of Doug and

Gladys Nicholls."

Mr Murray says the Nicholls. tarnity is looking for people to contribute their photos, film or memorabilia of Pastor Sir Douglas and Lady Nicholls for

the exhibition.
"From football and athletic clubs, to Rotary and Lions

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South Australian Government, to the ordinary folk on the street, we would like to ensure that the exhibition reflects the Nicholls common touch and relationship to people of all walks of life," he

"The family is also looking for major sponsors to fund the costs of accessing materials from museums, institutions, the media and other institutions.

"Grandfather Nicholls would often say that we can play the black notes and get a tune, we can play the white notes and get a tune, but to get harmony we have to play both notes.

"Similarly, we have to have harmony between history, today and tomorrow. Only then will we appreciate who we are, where we come from and where we are going.

Pastor Nicholls and Lady Nicholls were born and buried at Cummeroogunga, in Yorta Yorta country in New South Wales, and both travelled widely around Australia promoting the rights of Indigenous people and

Pastor Nicholls was connected to the Yorta Yorta, Baraparapa, Dja Dja Wurrung, Wotjobaluk and Jupagalk

nations, and Lady Nicholls was connected to the Baraparapa and Dja Dja Wurrung nations

Pastor Nicholls was heavily involved in the Indigenous rights movement and the Aborigines Advancement League. He fought for the right to vote, was active in the Referendum issue. and went on to be knighted by the Queen and appointed Governor of South Australia.

Women's rights

Lady Nicholls was actively involved in the women's rights movement and the welfare of young girls arriving in Melbourne from the bush

She worked with the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the National Council for Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Women. The Lady Gladys Nicholls Hostel was also established to

honour her community services at Northcote.

"We are proud of their continuing contributions as reflected in the many descendants, events, groups,

and programs that keep their spiritual and physical memory alive today." Mr Murray said. The new exhibition will be launched in Melbourne, then will be toured throughout Victoria and around Australia

A permanent facility to house the collection after the tours and to develop other community projects is being developed through the establishment of a proposed Pastor Sir Douglas and Lady Gladys Nicholls



This photo of Pastor Sir Douglas and

Lady Nicholls was taken in 1971 at the old

Áborigines Advancement League in Northcote.

Sir Douglas after he was annointed by Torres Strait Islander people as Bapa Mamus, the head man of all

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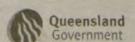
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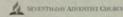
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This Lady is the pride of Cape Barren

Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



When truwana lady docked in Hobart for the recent National Wooden Boat Festival, it

marked not just the end of her maiden voyage, but the continuation of a proud Aboriginal

'Truwana' is the original word for Cape Barren, a small island off the north-east of Tasmania which

was returned to the Aboriginal community in 2005. The 28-foot 'double-ender' was built by the Aboriginal community of Cape Barren Island from celery top, huon pine and teak

What started me on it was the women have their shell necklaces and their basket weaving, we wanted something for the men to do," explained Kerry Mansell, who was the lead builder and sailed on the maiden voyage with Jim Everett and Mort Summers.

In fact it gave him and other Cape Barren Islanders something to do over a four-year The community

really pulled together, it keeps a tradition alive, Mr Mansell said. "A lot of them, old uncles of mine, built boats. One of my grandfathers

Back then the supply boat only came over twice a year, so they'd build a boat and go into Launceston (mainland Tasmania) and around the (mutton) birding islands.

When she was launched

during NAIDOC Week last year and given a test run in familiar waters around the island, it was found that truwana lady needed a few alterations and she was taken out of the water for a

The boat is based on the design of whaleboats built on the island more than a century ago.

Kerry Mansell, Mort Summers and Jim Everett aboard truwan

lady before their 190 nautical mile trip back

to Cape Barren Island.

"Whatever washed up was used to build. They couldn't read a ruler, but a piece of timber and an old handsaw and off they'd go," said Mort Summers speaking of his forefathers

Mr Summers also worked on building truwana lady. He said it had been almost a century since

the last boat was built on Cape Barren Island.

The crew were happy with their revived boat building skills.

"Apart from the size, I wouldn't change a thing," said Mr Mansell.

Dwarfed by the huge sailing ships that had come to Hobart for the Wooden Boat Festival, truwana lady got little attention from festival-goers until the local television news ran a short story of her.

"The next day, we sat there virtually all day talking to people," said Mr Mansell.
"People were amazed

that we came all the way down from Cape Barren Island, a windy part of the world with treacherous seas, with the open boat." Boat building is

something that many Cape Barren Islanders have in their blood. Like most people who live on a small island, water of life. Before white invasion Tasmanian Aborigines would build bark canoes for water transport. After invasion.

the seas around the Furneaux Islands, of which Cape Barren is part, became the scene of more than a few shipwrecks.

By the time this edition of the Koori Mail comes out, truwana lady will be back home providing some recreation for the boys and transport to the mutton bird

"It's got the old-style shape and the new-style rigging and sails. There's no plans as such," said Mr Mansell, who went over an old boat built on Cape Barren Island, and now docked in Launceston, with a tape measure and got a 'sense' of how truwana lady would be from looking at some old photographs

Protect wour bhone



March is national Scam Awareness Month. Now is the time to be on the look out for scams. Don't be fooled. If

the deal sounds too good to be true, then it probably is!

Common scams sprouting up these days are those that target your phone. It is common for scammers to call unsuspecting people on their home phone line, offering free gifts such as televisions, mobile phones and even holidays

With the boom of mobile phone ownership, a new market has opened up to scammers. The Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) notes in its client work that many Indigenous people in urban and remote areas own a mobile phone. It's becoming the most popular commodity in the

So it's important to recognise the new ways scammers are targeting mobile phone users.

Be suspicious of unexpected calls or text messages. Before

replying to calls or text messages, remember to always check the number.

If you return a call to a '190' number, you will generally be charged at a higher rate than a local call. If you receive a text message from a '19' number, you will be charged a higher rate than

a standard text message. ICAN has seen text charges to these numbers of up to \$5 each. Be wary of replying these types of calls and texts; sometimes you will be charged for both incoming and outgoing calls to these numbers.

Common 'voice scams' include phone slamming, an all-too-common practice ICAN sees targeting its clients, especially from remote communities. Phone slamming involves a mobile phone company cold calling people and signing them up to mobile phone plans usually without their knowledge or

This month, ICAN dealt with a case of a girl living in a remote community in far north Queensland, who was called by a

The Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) is a free service to Indigenous Australians. Here, ICAN offers Koori Mail readers some tips on ways to avoid consumer scams involving mobile phones.

Pictured, right, is Colin Costello Jnr, from Yarrabah, far north Queensland on his mobile phone

mobile phone company. She had unknowingly been drawn into a contract for a two-year mobile phone plan totalling \$1176

While there are legitimate companies out there, some are operating as scams.

Beware of SMS scams as well. These scams usually involve the following: Offers of free or low-cost ring tones where the phone owner accepts the content without being made aware that they have subscribed to an ongoing service charged at high caller rates.

Others include unexpected prize scams. where phone owners are notified they have one a prize but they must ring a high caller rate number to claim their 'prize'.

If you receive a call or an SMS text with an offer that sounds too good to be true, trust your instincts. Hang up or delete the

If you think you have been scammed, or know of a scam going on in your area, you can call the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on 1300 302 502

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You can also call ICAN with 1300 369 878 (for the cost of a

local call from anywhere in Australia). Alternately, go to the ICAN website at www.ican.org.au

Scam Awareness Month', an initiative of the Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce Check out the ScamWatch website at www.scamwatch. gov.au

Queensland NAIDOC Week Community Funding Program

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of NAIDOC Looking Forward, Looking Blak - 8 to 15 July 2007

Community organisations and groups are invited to apply for funding to celebrate NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week from 8 to 15 July 2007

Funds are available for events and projects which encourage community participation in NAIDOC Week activities, raise awareness and understanding in the general community of the significance of the week to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and enhance the process of reconciliation within the Queensland community.

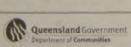
Applications close 5 pm Wednesday 28 March 2007

For further information and funding guidelines contact the NAIDOC officer at your nearest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships office in the Department of Communities.

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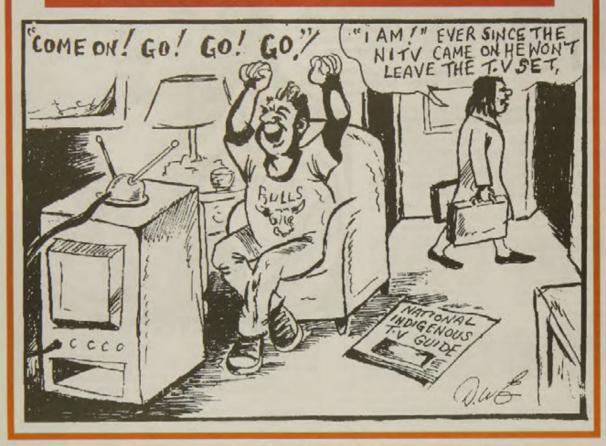
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I told you I'm the best man. I just want to say to all my fans, I love you. To all my critics, you can call me 'two-time'. I knocked his ass out man.

- Anthony 'The Man' Mundine after knocking out Sam Soliman to regain his WBA super middleweight world title at the Sydney Entertainment Centre last week.

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Unfinished business is not a fair fight

magine: Under the cover of night, a gang of thieves steals some things most dear and important to the unsuspecting people of a far way land. Understandably, the victims of this injustice are traumatised and grief-stricken. They vow never to stop looking for their precious belongings. Many years later, the thieves are unmasked and it turns out that they still have the stolen items. The victims weep with relief; at last a distressing wrong can be righted. The thieves agree to hand the booty over but not just yet. You see, they're just fascinated with it and want to play with it a while longer. "You won't mind if we poke and prod, drill and scrape it a

little, will you?" they ask This may sound incredible, even a little silly, but – storytelling license aside - this is pretty much what has happened to the Aboriginal people of Tasmania. The items that were stolen are the remains of 17 of their ancestors, dug up from graves in the 1800s and spirited over to England in the name of science.

Right now, Tasmanian Aboriginal eople are locked in a battle with the Natural History Museum of London to prevent invasive scientific testing of the remains before they're returned.

As if the original theft was not violation enough, the people of Tasmania must now find the means to get themselves to the other side of the world to sit across from lawyers for the other side and argue why the proposed tests are an indignity that no-one should have to bear.

Contrast the Natural History Museum's approach to that of the



Museum of Victoria which has apologised for its own past collecting practices and last month handed 17 sets of ancestral remains back to the Tasmanian people, bringing to more than 1000 the number of such remains that it has repatriated to communities throughout Australia.

Thankfully, after years of discussion, most Australian museums have agreed to abide by a set of ethical guidelines and return to Aboriginal communities what is rightfully theirs. But it is a different story beyond our shores

Hopefully, Prime Minister John Howard will pick up the phone to his British counterpart Tony Blair and have a quiet but forthright word. Hopefully, the Natural History Museum will see that what is mere DNA to it is much more to Aboriginal people.

If you sense the injustice of this matter, don't remain silent. Voice your concerns, for in collecting institutions around the world there are the remains of many more Aboriginal people and this current fight will be need to be repeated many times before a most disturbing chapter in our history can

We must not rest until our old people can too, in their rightful place and in peace.

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A Yarn With...



SEAN **CHOOLBURRA** Comedian

Originally from Townsville, now living in Sydney

Chonky Apples

Favourite other food?

Cup of tea with a slice of ginger.

Old funk and old-skool hip-hop.

Favourite sport/leisure? I like league and boxing and my favourite leisure is taking my kids to

Favourite holiday destination? Mission Beach and Tweed Heads

What are you reading? The Sydney Directory, because I've been getting lost lately.

What are you watching? Law and Order.

What is your greatest highlight in

Meeting my kids' mother at the Marquee Nightclub in Annandale,

What do you like in life? Optimistic people.

What don't you like?

Who would you most like to meet? Eddie Murphy, Charlie Hill and the man who repossessed my car.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire? Uncle Jack, my kids and Rick James.

Who or what inspires you? Definitely the kids inspire me - and

What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?

Make all my people go to comedy clubs to become stand-up comics.

Colour prejudice



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 www.stephenhagan.net and

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ev Jesse Jackson, American civil rights leader, once said: "Today's students can put dope in their veins or hope in their brains. If they can conceive it and believe it, they can achieve it. They must know it is not their aptitude but their attitude that will determine their altitude."

On any given day, white collar workers and anyone else that uses the computer and email on a regular basis filter out a myriad of spam and unrelated work emails to try to access and action the bread and butter correspondence that pay the bills.

In recent years, I've found my name on a number of Indigenous and social justice network email lists through which daily posting of media alerts or advertisements are placed in my inbox from known and unknown authors who believe their items are compelling reading.

On most occasions, I give the inconsequential postings a quick flick – but occasionally an important breaking news item or media clip captures my attention and I take a breather from work to view it in its

One such email media clip http://www.komoradio.com/home/video/5001 856.html# - did the rounds recently, and has certainly had chins wagging in many office work stations.

It is the unbelievable story by Kiri Davis, a 17-year-old African-American film-maker based in New York City, whose eight-minute documentary A Girl Like Me (2005) touches on the delicate topic of race - or more specifically colour prejudice

When just 16 and a student at the Urban Academy, Kiri became interested in Brown v Board of Education, especially Dr Kenneth Clark's ground-breaking study of colour

preferences among young black children She tried to repeat Clark's study and asked children to choose between two dolls:



I sat transfixed to my computer screen and immediately hit the replay button for a second look to fathom what I had just witnessed. I must admit I was shocked to see such candid comments from little black boys and girls who gave unambiguous responses to challenging questions.

one white-skinned and the other blackskinned. Fifteen of the 21 children preferred the white doll when asked to chose 'the nice

The resulting documentary includes, in addition to selections from Kiri's repeat study, interviews with friends who talk about the importance of colour, hair quality and facial features for young black woman today in the United States.

Kin Davis' mother, an education consultant, wanted to raise her daughter to be proud of her race and colour. At a young age, however, she learned that many prefer lighter skin colour.

Kiri posed a number of questions to the New York children representing her study group, aged around four to five years: Which doll do you prefer; which doll do you like best; which doll do you like to play with; can you show me the nice doll; why is that the nice doll; which doll looks bad; and which doll looks like you.

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White only

When asked what she remembered when she was young, Kiri recalled her desire to 'be a princess', but knew that was not possible because she was led to believe 'white girls could be a princess'

On another question of what message she wanted to give from the documentary, Kiri commented: "I hope that there will not be a good or bad doll identified (in a similar experiment) by the next generation of black children who participate.

The reason I was astounded by this short

documentary was the fact that there are literally tens of thousands of positive black role models in the public eye in music, sport, politics, movies and professional careers throughout the United States for all black children or all interests groups and social backgrounds to identify with

Today, of course, there are black faces who transcend race and are held up as role models for all peoples Condoleeza Rice and Barack Obama (politics), Halle Berry and Will Smith (movies), Beyonce Knowles and Snoop Dog (music), Oprah Winfrey and

Tyra Banks (media), and Tiger Woods and Serena Williams (sports).

However, for those negative self-image thoughts to occur, there must be external psychological influences, not apparent to viewers of the documentary, which have left a lasting impression on the fragile minds of children in this experiment. One can only presume that those 15 children who said the white doll was the good doll must have negative personal experiences to draw upon when answering the questions. Experiences such as witnessing domestic violence, drug related or anti-social behaviour from black perpetrators could be contributing factors to their state of mind.

Perhaps a succession of racist white teachers or fellow white students over time have made disparaging remarks that belittled their race. For some, as young as the study group mentioned, regular racial abuse could have the affect of tearing down pride and self-esteem that have built up over the years from positive parental nurturing.

But then again, maybe I've read it wrong and the children have in fact been conned by effective marketing strategies of big corporations who make maximum use of television and billboards that only show attractive, fit, healthy white people endorsing popular products

Could it happen in Australia?

I believe it could - as it almost became a significant issue in my immediate family before I became pro-active with my wife Rhonda and restored the status quo of cultural pride.

We had an unsavoury experience when our son returned home after several weeks in grade one at a private school. He was the only Indigenous student at the school at the time and after a testing day, he came home

and demanded from us not to use traditional language words to identify basic food items over

He then said he didn't like the Aboriginal paintings deliberately placed throughout the house, nor did he want to learn how to blow the didgeridoo at home or throw the boomerang in the park with me at weekends

To say Rhonda and I were shocked is an understatement -you could have knocked us over with a feather.

The following day, I went to the school and sought a meeting for Rhonda and myself with the principal. He listened calmly to our concerns and said he would make

inquiries and get back to us. To his credit, he called us to his office two days later to report that he had located two Year Four students who were bullying our son and using racial slurs against him. He also said he had met with their parents and warned them that if the boys were caught abusing our son again, they would need to find them another school to go to.

Our son never experienced such malice again at that school and I'm giad to report he hasn't reported any comparable abuse at the private secondary school he now attends.

At the first interview with the high school principal several years ago, I posed the question of what he would do if my son was bullied or racially vilified – to which he responded he would give one warning to the offender(s) and their parents and if repeated, they would be summarily

expelled.

Needless to say, I was impressed and with the support of Rhonda enrolled him the same day

Proud parent

On a more upbeat note - two years ago my daughter was sharing with me a couple of her school projects she had just completed in Year Five. One project that caught my attention was the exercise that required her to draw a picture of her closest friends and to write down the two things that she thought they liked most about themselves, e.g. being good at skipping reading, playing tennis etc. The other part of the exercise was to do a self-evaluation of the things that she liked doing and what she liked most about herself.

In respect to the second part of the exercise, and the item that appealed to me the most, was a sketch my daughter drew of herself and the words she inserted beside the sketch. She drew a dark image of herself with long brown hair and with a tennis racket in her hand and wrote in her best hand writing that she was 'proud to be an Aborigine first and loved playing tennis

To say my chest puffed out would be an understatement as I never really expected my young daughter to be so unswerving with such emphatic words of pride when all her classmates, from my subtle inquiries with other parents, didn't make any reference to their race, colour or religion. They all shared snippets of information about the sport, stamp collection, dolls, toys or favourite singers and authors

As the Right Reverend Jesse Jackson once said, "Today's students can put dope in their veins or hope in their brains. If they can conceive it and believe it, they can achieve it. They must know it is not their aptitude but their attitude that will determine



Whoops ... wrong number can lead to trouble

cousin of mine was telling me a story about this new man she had started seeing. I think at that time, they had met a week before

She told me how he was a nice guy, he had one child, didn't have a job, but he did have a mobile phone. Of course!

Anyway, one afternoon as he was leaving her place, he offered to give her his phone number. She took the number and decided she would send an SMS later that night.

So she did send him an SMS thanking him for coming over and all that girly stuff.

The SMS that came back was a bit weird – it

was stuff like 'Yeah it was fun' 'what did we do

Very weird SMSs from someone who gave you their phone number.

What had happened was the nice guy accidentally gave my cousin the phone number of his baby's mum, and not his. The whole time my cousin thought she was SMSing that guy,

she was in fact telling his ex all about her new relationship him!

It doesn't matter how well you break up with someone, you don't want to hear about their new relationship – especially from the new person

And if you like a bit of gossip, why would you stop someone from telling you all the details via the phone when they think it's someone else anyway?

This was an awkward situation for the new couple. The baby's mum now knows of the relationship, and she even knows how my cousin feels about it.

For two people who do not wish this to be known at such an early stage, you can imagine the pressure they are now feeling.

But that's what relationships are like, eh. Little

mistakes can lead to big problems - and not just for your relationship.

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

Wise words from our Bo

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



Department of Human Services Indigenous Ambassador and Australian Women's Touch Football champion Bo De La Cruz says that getting

jobs is vital to the future of Indigenous people.

She was the special guest at an International Women's Day Employment Expo at the Townsville Cultural Centre on 8 March, which showcased the capabilities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in the workplace.

There are heaps of jobs out there and we must get our mob into many of those," the touch footy star said.

"We also need a lot more women in the workforce. Jobs improve the self-esteem of our young and old." The Koori Mail was at the expo

and spoke to many guests, including Bernice Zaro, from of the Zaro Gallery in Home Hill, 100km south of

Bo posed for pictures with many students, including groups from Columba Catholic College (Charters Towers) and Shalom Christian College (Townsville)

Included amongst the Columba

pupils were Ashleigh O'Keefe, Anna Marshall, Zoe Solomon, Nikita Cronin, Kira Spencer, Nikita Harris, Dawnie Bligh, Shonelle O'Keefe and Karissa Anno.

They were all enthusiastic about checking out potential job opportunities

Also enjoying telling participants about careers were Employment Apprenticeship and Traineeships Services of Townsville representatives Kylie Budd, Kirsty Fischer and Louisa Tamwoy.

This is a great place for Indigenous people to see what is

available," Ms Tamwoy said. Queensland Hairdressing Academy instructor Sally Laird was the centre of attention as she received a style from student Shaughn Pegoraro at the expo.

Employers, training organisations and government agencies such as Centrelink, Education Queensland and others had stalls there

"My family is from north Queensland so I know there are many opportunities for women here, especially for parents who may be considering returning to the workforce now that their children are at school," said Ms De La Cruz.

"Having a job, even part-time, means more security for your family, higher self-esteem and a chance to



At the expo were Jody King, right, and Jenny Wyles from Education Queensland.

meet new people, make new friends

and expand your horizons.
"That first step towards a new life isn't always easy, but there's a wealth of support available through Centrelink and many other Government and community based service providers.

Ms De La Cruz's visit to Townsville was also a timely reminder for parents of Indigenous students to contact Centrelink if they wished to

receive Abstudy

"Education is absolutely essential for our mob to get ahead and Abstudy payments are there to help meet some of the costs. It's important that claim forms are completed and sent to Centrelink as soon as possible," she said.

Other highlights of the day included cultural food and displays, a fashion parade cultural performances and the launch of an Indigenous Working Women's Calendar.

There were many more speeches about job opportunities and the Torres Strait Islander entertainers Deadly Aunties were so popular they performed for longer than scheduled.



Ms De La Cruz with students from Shalom College,



Deadly Aunties performed at the expo.



Ms De La Cruz at the expo with final year students from Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers.



Robert Harper of Brisbane wants the Prime Minister to support Aboriginal proper and dignified burial ceremonies

 LEFT: Seeking Aboriginal ancestral remains from London's Natural History Museum. Outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London are, from left, Francis Firebrace (Vic), Clyde Mansell (Tas), and Bob Weatherall (Old). Photo by Kenin Brown

Aboriginal suicide



This particular subject that I write about is very personal, because in 1984, I tried to end my life.

One of the most common things that people say when a member of their family, community or group of friends commits

suicide is: "I didn't see that coming."
It is because we are untrained. We don't see the signs.

We are more inclined to provide some form of ridicule to a person who self-harms, or is on the road to self-destruction.

"They are only looking for attention" or

"They are just being stupid," we say. We don't offer ourselves or have the patience to listen to them, to show them the path to professional help, or lead them and stay with them when they are receiving that

Furthermore, we have no idea of the referral agencies, where they are or their contact number.

The reports that I have recently read provides some factors for or rationale why Aboriginal people suicide, from what they describe as chronic suicide - that being excessive use of alcohol and or drugs

There's an old saying: 'People drinking themselves to death.

Neglect suicide is where victims ignore

factors such as diabetes, and continue to abuse their bodies by forgetting to take their medication, eat healthy foods and exercise.

The issues of suicide are wide-ranging if we are to look at it in terms of paraphrasing suicide into categories.

What we want to focus on is people within our communities who self-harm by slashing themselves, attempting to commit suicide by any means, using whatever form necessary to end their lives.

Professor Colin Tatz wrote in Aboriginal Suicide is Different that suicide was an alien concept in Aboriginal life. However, there are many more suicides happening in freedom then in custody and that the leap in Aboriginal rates of suicide and attempted

suicide is staggering.

Some time back, I wrote about the issue of Aboriginal child abuse within our communities, based on an article in the Sydney Morning Herald, and it is depressing to say that my research into Aboriginal youth suicide reflects that child abuse is one of the factors that has led to young people, male and females, self-mutilating and ultimately ending their life because we as family are not protecting them. We don't see the signs and we tend not to believe them when they tell us that 'so and so' has molested them

In 1993/94 at an Aboriginal Deaths in Custody meeting about held at Harold Park Paceway, Lyall Munro Jnr stated that it was about time that Aboriginal people stopped sweeping child abuse within our communities under the carpet.

Some 13 or 14 years later, according to the Sydney Morning Herald article, child abuse is not only rampant, but is still being swept under the carpet.

Confront it, do something positive, speak with community health, protect your

Again, I urge readers and especially men's groups to openly discuss this epidemic that is destroying our young

Develop and implement positive programs with the assistance of professional people from health services to stop the abuse.

Encourage your uncles, aunts and others within your community to attend these programs so that they become aware of the grief, sadness and position that our children have been placed in by perpetrators, before we attend another funeral in our community.

WAYNE COOK Central Coast, NSW

A little bit Aborigina

How do we become Aboriginal? Location matters. We cannot ignore our surrounds, or the people who have lived here

The connection of Indigenous people to the land is a gift that they can share with all others, but one which has been seriously undervalued.

The mainstream of society in Australia has, for the past 200 years, tried very hard to distinguish itself from the Aboriginal people.

This has taken on many forms.
Then, as time went on, various attempts were made to bridge that gap of understanding, and of culture.

When I went to school, the emphasis seemed to be upon mere intellectual understanding. The idea was that attending the odd movie and writing reports on Aboriginal culture and traditions (taught by a

book) would help to bring about harmony. In more recent years, there have been many programs that try to bring children first-hand experiences of local Aboriginal cultures, both contemporary and traditional.

A few years ago, I came to understand that

in order for there to be a real understanding between the mainstream and the disenfranchised Aboriginal population, the mainstream would have to 'become a little bit

But then I realised that we already are Language was the key. I realised that there were absolutely thousands of Aboriginal words in active use in Australia, both in the language proper and in place names, and also that the Australian accent would not be what it is today without the influence of Aboriginal tongues.

In other words, what I realised was that I spoke an Australian English language that

was partly formed out of Aboriginal languages. This is not to say other tongues weren't also important, such as Irish, Scottish or Gockney, but whereas we are ready to accept that our English might be a bit Irish, we might find it confronting to try to accept that

our English is partly Aboriginal.
It shouldn't be. Over millennia it has always been the case that a conquering people take on some of the attributes of the local subjugated people. Over time they become

indistinguishable. Shall I claim that I am a Norman, like the

Deburghs of 1000 years ago?
There are no Normans any more. In Australia, we might start to say that there are no English here any more, only part English, part Aboriginal, part other, and thus Australian, people.

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We must be recognise

I wholeheartedly support the concept expressed by Debra Hocking (Koori Mail, 17 January) of a new organisation aimed at justice and healing for

the Stolen Generations.

I believe this is needed if the tenth anniversary of the

Bringing Them Home Report is to be commemorated

adequately, and the unfinished business of implementing that report is to be focused for national attention.

This is a significant part of our struggle for a society that

has zero tolerance to racism and discrimination.

Justice and healing are needed throughout Aboriginal Australia.

The Aboriginal nations will continue to feel like welfare recipients until our national

Constitution, and the constitutions of State and local governments, recognise the Aboriginal people as the First Nations of Australia.

> **BRIAN BUTLER** Adelaide, SA

Our Country

YOUR POETRY

Our country, in the beginning Very barren and dry I have to wonder How the birds came to fly.

The black man He thinks he does know But who were these beings l ask, Eaglehawk and Crow.

My God as I know him Gave life to us all Trees, plants and the animals At will, at his call

We all dream of the world How it began, where will it go But truth's but a word How the hell do you know?

Spirits of culture, ancestral Guthi-guthi, the one from the sky Had a knowledge and vision From way up high.

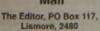
He called on the Sement That could make waters flow Weowie was trapped But how did he know?

The Serpent once freed Became one of the great tools To make all the rivers Waterholes and pools

I will always wonder As to whose dreams are right Belief in each others culture Is a good start - to the fight.

> KERRIANNE ANDERSON Inverell, NSW







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Where are they? Cry for

We're tying to get in contact with a group of Victorian Indigenous adults who travelled to Tasmania in December 1968 (as teenagers aged 13-17 years), led by Chicka Dixon (from La Perouse in NSW). They toured the island by bus.

They would now be 52-56 years old. Their surnames include King, Mullet, Austin, Johnson, Muir, Tournier, Kennedy and Deacon.

We are having a get-together or reunion in Bairnsdale on Easter Friday and Saturday (and maybe Sunday)

Chicka will be joining us from Sydney for the weekend. What a blast! He is so looking forward to it.

Get out your group photograph and help find all these people, please, and be there

Jim Colville and his wife Marg, and

Jan Merton will also be there. We are also looking for lan Hiller and Anne

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

> LINDA TWITE (formerly LINDA Box 224 Bairnsdale VIC Phone (03) 5152 1231

From

March

Ride safely and avoid harsher penalties



and worse.

Over the last two years there has been a sharp increase in the number of motorcyclists and pillion passengers who have been killed or injured on Queensland roads.

The tragedy is that many deaths and injuries could have been avoided if people had simply obeyed the road rules and stayed focused on the road. Dangerous actions like not sitting properly on the bike, or taking your hands off the handle bars, have serious consequences and are now matched with

From 1 March 2007, Queensland motorcyclists and pillions who break the law will face increased penalties for their risky actions. Drivers also face increased penalties for breaking the law. The new penalties aim to mak Queensland's streets, roads and highways safer for everyone. Dangerous riding and driving has already cost too many lives

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

Offence*	Penalty
Failure to sit astride and facing forward	\$100
Failure to keep at least one hand on handlebars	\$100
Failure to keep both feet on footrests	\$100
Riding a motorbike with more than one pullion passenger	\$100
Riding a motorbike with more passengers than it is designed to carry	\$100





equal rights

Correctional Centre. I'm writing in regards to my brothers and sisters throughout Australia and in the prison system and the struggle for equal rights that I believe our

people are still struggling for.
I still hear the cries of my people inside me and it tears me up. Our people still carry the pain of our ancestors and I believe our people need more support to heal these scars that have been there for 200 years and all this genocide that happens within our black families and all the black deaths in custody,

They have caused our black mothers enough pain in their hearts. We should try to get our funding back so we can attend our family funerals and that's what is so important to all us Indigenous people of Australia.

I hope that one day we will have a really good leader and a very good speaker in Parliament to take the right steps into the

> MICHAEL DOOLAN Lithgow Correctional Centre, NSW

Shackles and Chains

Long ago in my dreaming I used to be so freely roaming my tribal land. Here I am, a black man put into shackles and chains. My people know my tribal name. Ever since the white man came, it hasn't been the same. 200 years without democracy and the pain still lingers on. Each night I go to sleep with the sounds of the clap sticks in my head and the droning of

the didgeridoo takes

me back to my tribal dance. I see the spirits dancing when I do the corroboree Suddenly, all the birds join in, the kookaburra laughs so loud to let everyone know that he is there. Here comes the willy wagtail dancing and carrying on. He has come to give us a message. a spirit from the past has joined into the dance.

MICHAEL

Little bit Aboriginal

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It isn't a matter of blood, but of culture, of which language is a major aspect.

Everyone who has lived in Australia for any significant time, and particularly anyone who was born here, is, culturally part Aboriginal. The current tendency is to avoid, be ignorant of, or

The way we speak in Australia is a little bit Aboriginal. So is the way we relate, the way we dance and sing and paint, the way we joke, the way we deal with distress and loss, the way we move over the land, the way we think.

The current challenge in Australia is for the maintream Australia is for the

mainstream Aussie to embrace their own part-Aboriginality, which is present in the way they are, in their culture and their very soul life. Once we begin to understand this, it has

ramifications for the way we teach, learn and live

SEAN BURKE Parkerville, W.

Tribute paid to Yamatji Elder

AMILY and friends gathered in Perth on 23 February to pay tribute to Wadjari Yamatji Elder Monty Walgar, who passed away on 4 February, aged 62. The service was held at the St Columbus Catholic Church in suburban

Bayswater and conducted by Nyoongar Elder Brother Ben Taylor and Father Brian Teinan, who came out of retirement to officiate at the service out of respect for

His eulogy gave a brief account of a life of action, adventure and activism in

standing up for Indigenous rights.
"Monty Peter Walgar was born at Biro
Station in August 1944 and spent his early years with his parents and family moving around the different stations in the Mid-west before settling in Mullewa so the children could attend school.

"The children were placed in Tardun Mission (when Uncle Monty was aged 10), a farm and boarding school for Aboriginal children around the Mullewa District run by the Pallotine Brothers Catholic

Leaving school at 15, Uncle Monty worked as a seasonal labourer on various stations and as a linesman on the railways in the Yalgoo Shire before moving to Camarvon where he worked on banana

"As time went on, he got fearful of living dangerously on the edge and after some mishaps, including being struck by a car and constantly battling the bottle, he decided to move to Perth.

"It was in Perth that he met Ben Taylor,

a Nyoongar leader who would become his best mate over many years and it was during this period that he gave up the grog





The late Monty Walgar with wife Artemia and family and playing his guitar.

and got involved with the Catholic Church.

"With Brother Ben, Father Teinan and other church members, Uncle Monty travelled to Alice Springs during Pope John Paul's visit to Australia, and he travelled to other parts of Australia meeting many people and gaining a deep understanding of the Abonginal cause. In 1997 he married his Filipino sweetheart

"As a fighter, in terms of standing up for the rights of Aboriginal people, he had the courage and strength to march and stand up for positive change towards reconciliation, performing speeches and entertaining with his guitar at schools, in

aged-care homes and in the wider

community."

Along with Ben Taylor, Monty had a regular routine of visiting the sick in hospitals and the two men were comrades in arms during the violent fight for land rights at the Old Swan Brewery site in the mid 1990s

The eulogy concluded: "He was a fun person to be around, always had a good sense of humour a loveable character and will be missed by his wife and family and his many, many friends he had the pleasure of meeting along his journeys." Monty's wife Artemia wrote a special

tribute, including the words 'my darling

Monty, you never failed to do your best and your heart was true and tender. You simply lived for those you loved and those you loved remember'

The last words in a special booklet produced for his funeral were a fitting end to a special tribute for a special man.

"In loving memory of a wonderful man, A chapter completed, a page is turned, a life well lived. A rest well earned."

Monty will also be remembered for his book *Jinangga*, a biography of his early life around the station country of the Murchison and Gascoyne. Magabala Books published Jinangga in 1999.

Achiever for his people

Murray Chapman 22/12/59 - 24/2/07

HEN Murray Chapman took on the role of Administrator of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) a little over three years ago, some of his friends wondered if he knew quite

what he was letting himself in for.
The organisation had been dogged by claims of corruption and incompetence, its 13-member council sacked by the State

Murray's new role would see him temporarily take on the council's functions, including administration of a huge statutory investment fund, development of investment fund, development of strategies encompassing corruption prevention, greater accountability, employment and training and support for 13 regional land councils and 122 local councils to comply with the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. But Murray's friends needn't have worried. In fact, this Yuwaaliyaav man with family

Yuwaaliyaay man with family connections stretching across southern Queensland and north-western NSW had more experience than most in the sometimes rough and ready Indigenous affairs arena. He had worked in senior roles for the then Federal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Robert Tickner, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission

(ATSIC), Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, and was General Manager of the Indigenous Land Corporation. In short, he'd been around.

Since Murray's premature death in Canberra late last month aged just 47, many people have paid tribute to his achievements. Hundreds of people, including

family, friends, former and colleagues, and even politicial attended his memorial service in Canberra on 2 March.

Murray's colleague, NSWALC Chief Executive Officer Geoff Scott. described Murray's passing as a great loss to the land rights

movement. "Murray regarded his role at NSWALC as

being that of a caretaker pending the return of an elected NSWALC and as a 'change manager' for the organisation," Mr Scott said in a message to the land council network. "It was a pleasure to work with him. We are all the poorer for

his passing." Metropolitan Local Aboriginal

said Murray had a tough job to do when he was appointed as administrator.

"However, he soon won the respect of our local land council because he was a straight-shooter who was fair and always acted in the best interests of Aboriginal

leaders far too early in their lives," he said. Murray's good mate Robert

Tickner delivered a eulogy at the memorial service. The warm and, in parts, humerous tribute chronicled heady days of heritage protection, land handbacks, the legislative response to native title, lobbying for funds to combat

deaths in custody the early days of the reconciliation process and a host of other political

challenges. Mr Tickner described Murray as a person steeped in integrity, a thorough and extremely diligent manager and administrator, a champion of causes, a fighter for justice.

He never let me down and (with due deference and

due respect to the many wonderful people I have worked with) as Gough said of Margaret, he was my finest appointment," he said. Former NSWALC chief William

(Smiley) Johnstone, who has now been appointed to the administrator's role, said Murray's legacy included growing the Statutory Investment Fund from \$485 million to a record \$672 million, the lodgement of more than 7000 new land claims last year, almost as many as the total number of claims made in the previous 20 years, consecutive unqualified audits from the NSW Auditor-General, and almost doubling the number of voting Local Aboriginal Land Council members from just over 6000 to more than 14,000. "He took an organisation that was broken and fixed it," Mr Johnstone said at Murray's memorial.

Murray's passing was also noted by the Australian Senate which acknowledged his 'energy, commitment and dedication to the land rights movement'

Murray Chapman was a clever, often cheeky fella, a loveable larrikin with a laser-beam wit. He liked a drink, a smoke, a yarn, a laugh, a good feed and the odd game of pool.

He adored his family including his wife Shona whom he referred to alternately as his 'little piranha' and 'soulmate', his son Patrick and daughter Kate, his dad Victor and mum Ruth, and his brother John who died several years ago

Murray, too, was adored. In the words of his dad Vic, 'catch you when the mud dries dear boy'.

- By Koori Mail Editor Kirstie

Parker, a countrywoman and former work colleague of Murray Chapman.

• Image supplied by NSWALC



The National Director of Australians for Native Title and Australians for Native Interaction Reconciliation, Gary Highland, said Murray's death highlighted the ongoing tragedy of premature death amongst Australia's Indigenous people.

"We're losing too many of the best and the brightest Indigenous

Give our forebears a dignified ceremony

An open letter to the Prime Minister, John Howard:

Recently I was made aware that some Aboriginal human remains were being brought back to Australia from London and given to Aboriginal Elders to take care of.

To give these remains a proper and dignified ceremony is a mammoth task, and the Elders in charge are the only ones who

know how to carry out this service correctly.

Funding should be allocated for this process of healing. Doing so would be a great step towards a very real reconciliation process, a very important topic in today's political climate.

At the moment these Elders are finding it difficult to fulfil this obligation, as there is no current funding for this delicate matter.

compassion to help and I am sure that doing so would work favourably towards the public's opinion of you and your Government both domestically and internationally.

> ROBERT HARPER Brisbane, Qld

Our blessing won't last forever

to the words, wisdom, knowledge and heart of Aborigine people

The land is blessed because of us, the land will die and the blessing will run out.

These things are already happening. Then how do the people survive?

Common courtesy and respect, we've been forced to do that to you, yet there is no reciprocation on your part.

Always wanting to save us, teach us, guide us and speak for

Rarely listening to or asking us what we think is best for our

people and the land. Then you destroy us and left us to slowly

Even today all your ways have permeated our people, destructive ways and behaviour Our people are disintegrated. physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

There isn't much

DEIDRE CURRIE Ngundawal Woman Tweed Heads, NSW

Escape

Break out from within Don't be kept in bondage By spiritual death and Rise up like an eagle Take a hold of your life Give away all chaos and strife Women of the Land Unite and take my hand Ignite your warrior Move forth as a strong

DEIDRE CURRIE



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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Kinship & Foster Care Service - Canberra

Care Families Needed

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kinship and Foster Care Service is currently located within the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Services Unit in the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kinship and Foster Care Service is responsible for the recruitment, training and support of Indigenous Care Families who are able to provide a safe and caring home for a child(ren) to stay whilst parent(s) and family members receive support to help them work through issues of risk.

Children may need to be placed in Foster Care because there are no friends or relatives to care for them in a crisis. Sometimes parents are unable to care for children due to physical and mental illness, drug and alcohol dependency, domestic violence or imprisonment. There are different types of care. Some children may need emergency care for a few days, others need care for a few weeks and in some cases may need long term care.

Have you ever considered FOSTERING?

Were you aware?

- . There is a shortage of carers here in the A.C.T.
- · Anyone over the age of 21, male, female, single or a couple can foster
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- · Our Carers need to have a strong commitment to improve the lives of Indigenous children

With the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kinship and Foster Care Service we will provide

- · Ongoing Carer training
- · Foster Care network support
- · Case Worker support
- · Respite care
- · Foster Care Subsidy
- · Regular social/cultural & support events
- · 24hr telephone support

By providing a safe and caring home for children, you can make a huge difference to the life of a child and contribute to the wellbeing of the whole community.

If you are interested in becoming a Foster Carer or want more information please contact Karen Carney on (02) 6207 5305 (email karen.carney@act.gov.au) or Lynnice Keen on (02) 62057190 (email Lynnice.Keen@act.gov.au)

Kunoth-Monks praised



of Indigenous Tertiary Education Council Chair Rose Kunoth-Monks has been recognised for her

outstanding contributions to the Northern Territory at a special ceremony in Alice Springs.

Territory Women's Policy Minister Marion Scrymgour made the presentation of the Tribute to Territory Women Award during a ceremony at the Pioneer Women Hall of Fame last Thursday, as part of International Women's Day celebrations

Batchelor Institute Director Dr Jeannie Herbert said she delighted that Ms Kunoth-Monks had been recognised for her work in so many areas, including as Chair of the Batchelor

"Rose has a strong commitment to the long-term improvement of the lives of Indigenous people and recognises that education is a critical tool for the empowerment

'She has a strong commitment to the long-term improvement of the lives of Indigenous people...'

Through her role as Chair of the Batchelor Institute Council she provides strong leadership and focus on improving education outcomes." Dr Herbert said

"Rose also finds time to make herself available to a wide range of community-based groups and government agencies who rely on and respect her vast knowledge of people and

Ms Kunoth-Monks is an Official Visitor to the Alice Springs Gaol, Director of the Management Board of the Desert People's Centre based in Alice Springs and is regularly consulted by the legal profession and interpreting services to assist in their work with Indigenous people

The Tribute to Territory Women Awards were initiated by NT Chief Minister Clare Martin in 2002 as a way of recognising, celebrating and commemorating the achievements of women who have made, or are making, a significant contribution for women in their community



Redfern top cop a winn



Assistant Police Commissioner Catherine Burn has been named NSW Woman of the Year for her work with the Aboriginal community in Sydney's inner-city

suburb of Redfern.

NSW Police Minister John Watkins, who was among three people to nominate Ms Burn for the award, said no nomination had been more important than that of Redfern Aboriginal leader Mick Mundine, who is head of the Aboriginal Housing Company. State Labor MP for the Redfern seat of

Heffron Kristina Keneally also nominated the 22-

year police veteran.

Ms Burn spent 15 months as local area commander of Redfern until December last year, when she was promoted to assistant

She took over after the 2004 riots, which were sparked by the death of local teenager TJ Hickey.

'A lot of people ... they respect her because she really came in at the grassroots level...'

There were claims he was being pursued by police at the time.

Ms Burn was known for her hands-on approach to her job. mixing with the Redfern community on daily walks through neighbourhoods and developing programs to reduce family violence and promote

relations between Aborigines and police.

She also accompanied Aboriginal children to the State of Origin rugby league matches as part of the community's Youth Mentor Program.

Mr Mundine hailed her efforts.

A lot of people in the Redfern-Waterloo area, the community is the second by the community.

they respect her because she really came in at the grassroots level and really mingled with the people and she's got a lot of respect," he said. Mr Watkins said Ms Burn was a 'model for

police in NSW and women throughout the state'.

Ms Burn said she had been humbled at ving the award on International Women's Day last Friday.

"I'm also very honoured and I think it's wonderful that I've been recognised and it's a reflection about what can be achieved when police work closely with the community, such as the Aboriginal community, and I think that their recognition is fantastic," she said. - AAP



VOTE CORRECTLY BE HEARD ON 24 MARCH

The State Election is on Saturday, 24 March. On election day, you'll be given two ballot papers, a smaller one for the Legislative Assembly and a larger one for the Legislative Council. To be heard, you will need to fill in both ballot papers correctly.

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 Community Services Grants Program (over \$5,000)
 Cultural Grants and Sponsorship Program (over \$5,000)
 Business Support Program (for non-profit business organisations)
 Environmental Grants Program (over \$5,000)
 Heritage Grants Program (up to \$10,000)

These programs provide one-off grants/sponsorships to organisations based in or providing community services or cultural projects in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, for the period 1 October 2007 to 30 September 2008. The Heritage Grants Program is also open to individuals.

The closing date for applications is Monday 30 April 2007 at 5,00pm.

Information kits for each Program (guidelines and application form) are available from the City's One Stop Shop at Town Hall and Neighbourhood Service Centres at Kings Cross, Glebe, Redfern, Erskineville; and Community Centres at Ultimo, Pyrmont and Woolloomooloo.

All information is also available from the City's website www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/grantsandawards or via e-mail communitygrants@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Community Information Sessions will be held to provide more detailed information about the Programs. See the City's website or call the City on 9265 9333 for more information or to request an application form.

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'Big Artie' proves a welcome visitor

By ALF WILSON



The central community of Theodore inland from Rockhampton,

enjoyed a special day when the Australian Drought Bus rolled into town with special guest passenger, Rugby League legend Arthur Beetson, on board.

Mr Beetson, an Indigenous Ambassador for the Department of Human Services, wanted to see first-hand how the town and its Indigenous residents were coping with the big dry

"I've been through that area many times over the years and developed a bit of a connection, having coached and played with a number of players from the area," said 'Big Artie'.
"Normally the Dawson

Valley area is good country, but a lot of the farmers around there are doing it tough at the moment.

The Government is making assistance available to help them get through - it's really appreciated and the Drought

Bus is such a great initiative."
The Drought Bus is a mobile
Centrelink office and is currently touring exceptional circumstance-declared

The recent tour through the



Arthur Beetson, Indigenous Teacher's Aide Bernadette Anderson, and Principal Russ Malsem



Arthur Beetson talks to students.

Central and Far West districts of Queensland visited 18 towns. including Theodore, and travelled almost 3000km.

The Australian Government has made available a total of \$2.3 billion in drought assistance, providing income support and financial advice for farmers as well as access to

As part of the visit, Mr

Beetson dropped by the Theodore State School to talk with the young students, sign autographs and give away caps and drink bottles.

"Arthur really connected with the students, talking to them about his life growing up in Roma and the sacrifices and commitments he made to become a top-grade league player, a legend of the game," said Theodore School Principal Russ Malsem.

You could see the kids take notice when he spoke to them about listening and respecting your Elders, getting a good education and making the right

Mr Beetson also met with Indigenous Elders and residents at the Theodore Home and Community Care Centre.

"A big part of my role as Indigenous Ambassador is to go into communities like Theodore and get feedback

on how Government services are working for them," he said.
"The bus is proving popular

because people feel more relaxed and more at home talking to a Centrelink staff member. We strongly urge people not to self-assess

For more details, call the Drought Assistance Hotline on

Group's wish for Sorry Da

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Cairns



By 2017, it would be good to be able to say that only two of the Bringing Them Home (BTH)

report's 54 recommendations remained outstanding, rather than just two had been implemented. That's the wish of the National Sorry Day Committee, which says it will use this year's tenth anniversary of the report and the tenth Sorry Day to encourage governments to take their responsibilities towards the Stolen Generations more seriously. NSDC Indigenous Co-Chair

Helen Moran says that in this significant year, it is disappointing that only about one third of the recommendations have been even partly met. "The NDSC is very committed

to really raising the awarenes and focus on the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report and what's happened with the 54

recommendations - what we're aiming to do is engage the Australian public to become involved in assisting us to have those recommendations met,"

NSDC Non-Indigenous Co-Chair Tiffany McComsey says a difficulty in assessing the status of recommendations is that some are the responsibility of state governments and others are Federal or national recommendations.

Accomplished

"If we can reach a point where we know what has been accomplished, and what hasn't, then the national and state governments can start talking better about implementing those recommendations," she said.

"The NSDC can play a role in organising conferences that would need take place at local state and national level, so that Stolen Generations voices are

Ms Moran said that while many thousands of Australians had walked across bridges in

2000 to show their support for reconciliation, and hundreds of thousands had signed 'Sorry Books', a lot of people were now asking for further

"They're asking for direction, they're asking what they can do to support us in a constructive way and I think the 54 recommendations are an ideal guide to the Australian public. she said

"So that will be our main focus this year, especially in the lead-up to Sorry Day on 26

May."
Ms McComsey, who has worked in research with the Redfern community in Sydney, said many people in the wider community still did not understand what the Stolen Generations and the report was all about

"I know what's helped me is doing research and volunteer work in a community because you have to learn how you can impose yourself on people without necessarily meaning to."

First permane police remote eninsu Police and local community leaders outside the newly opened Dampier Peninsula police facility, from left, One Arm Point Chairman Andrew Carter, WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan, Sgt Gordon Hughes, One Arm Point Warden Eddie Jalil and WA Police Minister John Kobelke.

Story and photos by KEN BOASE



The latest in a series of multi-functional police facilities has opened on the West Australia Dampier Peninsula, 180km north of Broome, as a result of recommendations of the

Gordon Inquiry into physical and sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities.

The inquiry identified nine key communities in the State that should have multi-functional police facilities, with others already operating in Warburton. Balgo, Kalumburu, Bidgedanga and Kintore, in the Northern Territory – the only cross-border police station in

The \$3.2-million Dampier Peninsula station is the first permanent police facility to be built in the area which was serviced previously by irregular patrols from

The station will be staffed by four officers, including a female officer and a detective, and will also house officers from the Department of Community Development (DCD) and the Attorney-General's Department

Enormous difference

One Arm Point Community Chairman Andrew Carter said the station had already made an enormous difference in the region because of the response time to calls for police assistance and the general reduction in petty crime.

"Prior to the station opening, the response time was sometimes never or it would take about 24-hours for them to get out here so it makes a big difference and just the fact that the police are there prevents a lot of incidents from happening." Mr Carter said.

"Everyone was looking forward to this one opening and two officers were stationed there just before Christmas and it was quietest Christmas we've had for a long time because of the general awareness that the police were just down the road.

"We also had a sly grog and drug problem, but that's really slowed down because they know they'll be caught and

"We've also got an MOU with the police for an education program for the communities about safe driving and making sure everyone knows the road

WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan said similar facilities in other remote communities had made an

enormous difference. not only to local crime rates, but also to the social fabric of the

"We know that in places like Balgo, which were highly dysfunctional communities up until about two years ago, the incidence of family violence has dropped so dramatically that it's just changed the lives of the people who live in those communities," Mr O'Callaghan said.

"It also enables the police to manage the whole substance abuse stellars and

the whole substance abuse problem and work on alcohol abuse and all those other things so it really has made those communities more liveable.

The new facilities have also had a dramatic impact on local crime rates, and although detailed statistics are not available, Senior Sergeant Darryl Gaunt from the Remote Services Delivery Unit said the results so far were very encouraging.

Balgo and Warburton are our two

longest-standing sites. In Warburton, for instance, the main offences that we've detected are aggravated assault, which includes family violence type assaults, burglaries, common assaults, damage and stealing and property offences," Senior

Sergeant Gaunt said. "That's fairly in line with mainstream communities with the type of offences that would register as the main offences."

Lives improved

Balgo Catholic priest Father Matt Digges, who has lived in the community for nearly a decade, said the police facility and other support agencies such as childcare workers had contributed to improving the lives of those living in the

"The first six months of 2005 we had an enormous number of break-ins," Father

Digges said.
"We had a social problem at night of young people basically running riot, and I think we had 17 suicide attempts between

January and July of that year.
"What happened after that time was the permanent police presence began, DCD gave us the child protection worker and late in that period Opal unleaded fuel was made available to the community.

Because of the collaboration of agencies, we basically stopped petrol sniffing and the instances of anti-social behaviour and break-ins went to almost

The new facility on the Dampier Peninsula has an interview room, video interview room, charge room, two holding cells and a multi-function room with built-in facilities to be used as a courtroom.



Officer-in-charge of the new Dampier Peninsula police facility, Sergeant Gordon Hughes, right, with Senior Constable Keith McDonnell, the first two permanently stationed officers in the region.

Historic Indigenous land



Githabul women, from left, Rebecca Boota, Alvena Kapeen and Freda Jarrett celebrated with their people.



From left, Coral Yuke, Lisa Ardler, Teesha Archibald and Lorraine Ardler came from Wreck Bay, on the NSW south coast, for the event.



From left, Dianne Torrens, Lena Robinson (formerly Close), Charline Emzin-Boyd and Queenie Speeding (formerly Close)



Alice Close and Rhonda King were there.



NSW Native Title Services chief and Labor Party National President Warren Mundine, Earl and June Monsell and Roy Williams joined in the celebrations at Woodenbong.



Roy Williams with Woodenbong Central School students Aaron Davies, centre, and Daniel Boney.



Just some of the several hundred people who attended the Githabul ceremony at Woodenbong.

use agreement in place



From left, Chris Charles, lawyer Jason Behrendt, senior custodian Doug Williams and lawyer Shaz Rind at Woodenbong.



NSW Ministers Bob Debus, Reba Meagher and Tony Kelly with Aunty Charlotte Page, who is holding the Indigenous Land Use Agreement document.

Looking deadly ... Uncle Trevor Ord dressed for the occasion.

Githabul people celebrate

Photos by SOLUA MIDDLETON



Hundreds of people from across NSW and Queensland packed the small far northern NSW village of Woodenbong last ebrate an historic Indigenous

month to celebrate an historic Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA). Elders, Aboriginal and community leaders and three NSW Ministers were on hand for the formal signing of the agreement – the biggest in NSW. The deal is a vital step towards formal

The deal is a vital step towards formal Federal Court recognition of a consent determination which will give the local Githabul people native title to 112,000ha of national parks and state forests in NSW.

Pictured here are some of the people at the ILUA signing between the Githabul people and the NSW Government.



Dianne Torrens with NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher.



SBS News reporter Lola Forrester interviews NSW Environment Minister Bob Debus.



Local children put on a fusion of contemporary and traditional performances to mark the occasion.



From left, Michelle Bundock, Mick Mundine and Narelle Ord were among the people celebrating the agreement.

Football ad sets goal for harmony



Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal players from the South Augusta Football Club.



advertisement that likens Australia to an AFL footy team where the players

have come from all around the world to be part of the best team going will help mark

Harmony Day next week.

And one of the stars of the ad,
Jim Jim and Twin Falls (Kakadu) traditional owner Johnny Reed, hopes it will deliver a message that everyone in Australia deserves a fair go, whoever they

"We should be living together because we're a multicultural country," the sometime tour guide and national park ranger told the

"We have our fair share of problems but hopefully the ad will get a message through that 'enough's enough, we all need to get along together." Harmony Day on 21 March each year is about bringing

people together to promote Australian values and to celebrate

the Australian way of life.
The 'fair go' ad is one of three community service announcements conceived by Darwin man and former crocodile farmer Phil O'Brien as part of a successful \$30,000 'Give each other a fair go' funding application by the Rotary Club of remote Nhulunbuy, in the Top End, to the Commonwealth Living in Harmony program.

It is already being screened in the Northern Territory and has drawn interest from free-to-air television channels around the

Mr O'Brien said he thought up the ads because he wanted to help re-build a sense of camaraderie among

"I could see something slipping in our society," he said. "The whole world is going fast and people are really just thinking of themselves.

"Lately, because of all the problems in the world, and the way government operates these days, people are getting suspicious about people who look different. We have to get that 'fair

go' thing happening again." In the ad, a footy coach revs up a high-spirited team of people from different ethnic backgrounds



Johnny Reed and the rest of 'Team Australia' in the Harmony Day 'fair go' advertisement.

saying 'Okay Australia, we're looking good but we've got to start listening to each other, we've got to start fitting in with each other's different ways, we need to start showing some friendships, we've got to give each other a fair go.

The second advertisement in the series is expected to be filmed this week, and the third within the

1912 and about half of its 90 senior players and 120 junior players are Aboriginal.

Despite this, there are few Aboriginal people in the club's coaching or leadership positions and none on its management committee

The SAFC succeeded in winning a \$7000 Living in

Motlop, an Indigenous mentor with the North Adelaide Football

Club President Suzanne McKell told the Koori Mail that the club's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal players got on well 'but we'd like to lift the Aboriginal participation in all

we can modify some of our

"We're just a small club in the community but hopefully if we're successful it'll rub off and people with a bit more financial backing and a stronger voice in the community might take our ideas on board.

Other activities proposed under the SAFC project

 Obtaining feedback from Indigenous players about how the club can

about how the club can encourage Indigenous participation and recognise local needs.

Profiling past Indigenous club champions and other achievers at the 2007 presentation night.

Young Aboriginal players taking part in other sports, other than football, on a year-round basis.

into some training for our non-Aboriginal players to help them understand some of the cultural differences so perhaps

"For example, we've noticed

that Aboriginal players and their

families don't necessarily attend

our club functions so perhaps we

"We have our fair share of problems but hopefully the ad will get a message through that 'enough's enough, we all need to get along together'."

next few months

Sporting camaraderie is at the centre of another Community Harmony Program grant, this one in regional South Australia.

The South Augusta Football Club (SAFC) is in Port Augusta; a town about three hours' drive from Adelaide that has had its share of inter-racial tensions

The club was established in

Under the project, the club will provide mentoring and leadership training as well as cultural awareness training for non-

Harmony Program grant to try to

address that imbalance

Aboriginal club members. Next Tuesday 20 March, it will hold a Harmony Day football clinic with Indigenous AFL and SANFL players including Shannon differently," she said. "And we're also looking

need to structure things a bit

SAFC teams play in the Spencer Gulf League against other teams from Port Augusta

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Program targets burns



Aboriginal Burns Co-ordinator position with Burns South Australia is expected to reduce

in Aboriginal populations.

appointed to work with Aboriginal communities in metropolitan, rural and remote areas so that, in consultation, strategies can be developed for individual

"What is appropriate in an urban setting might not be appropriate in a rural or remote area," Mr Towers said.

While he is based at the Women's and Children's Hospital, Mr Towers will also work closely with the Royal Adelaide Hospital and will address burns issues in Aboriginal children and adults.

Initially, he'll visit Aboriginal community clinics and key groups such as mothers, women's and youth groups throughout the State and find out from them how Burns SA can support education, burns prevention and first aid in their communities. He will also explore boundaries and barriers to Aboriginal people gaining equal access to health care.

"My role is about facilitating self-determination and empowerment," Mr Towers said. For the program to be

the number of burns Kurt Towers was recently

Aboriginal Burns Co-ordinator Kurt Towers with Shadrach Beasley, 2, from a remote Northern Territory community.

successful, community involvement and ownership is essential. I'll be meeting with past patients and other members of Aboriginal communities,

seeing living conditions, and generally getting a better understanding of the communities and their environmental factors.

The first communities Mr Towers will visit include Oak Valley, Yalata, Coober Pedy and Ondnadatta

Relationships have been

communities through Burns SA Co-ordinator Sarah McRae. She has looked after many Aboriginal burns patients at the Women's and Children's Hospital and has visited them once they have returned home. She has also provided training and education in burns prevention and treatment in many of the communities

Hopeful

"I'm very hopeful that Kurt's community engagement approach will reduce the number of burns we see in Aboriginal people," Ms McRae

'Kurt will take a two-pronged approach - Aboriginal community awareness about burns safety and better hospital and community co-ordination to improve 'back to community' burns management.

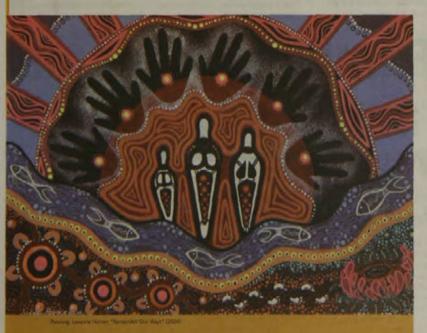
Mr Towers, who is Aboriginal, grew up in New South Wales and has most recently worked as an Aboriginal health worker with a focus on drug and alcohol issues in Wollongong.
"Once the Aboriginal Burns

Program is established throughout South Australia, we hope to gain further funding and roll-out nationally," he said.

Scalds are the most common

burns in Aboriginal communities, followed by flame burns and campfire burns

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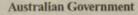






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REQUEST FOR TENDER

(RFT PRN 13549)

INDIGENOUS YOUTH MOBILITY PROGRAMME (IYMP) TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROVIDER **DUBBO MAY 2007 - JUNE 2009**

The Australian Government through the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), is seeking to identify a suitable organisation to provide IYMP Training and Employment Services at Dubbo.

The IYMP provides young people from remote areas aged 16-24 years with safe and supported accommodation (delivered through Aboriginal Hostels Limited and not the subject of this RFT) so they can relocate to a major centre to take up post secondary education and training, including Australian Apprenticeships, Certificate Courses and higher education courses that smaller communities cannot provide and will lead to sustainable employment opportunities either in their home communities

The provider will need to deliver the following services for up to 30 new participants, plus up to 12 young people already on the IYMP in Dubbo:

- . coordination of training and employment opportunities (particularly Australian Apprenticeships and those leading to qualification in nursing teaching accounting and business management);
- · ongoing mentoring, case management and support;
- · selection and preparation of IYMP participants; and
- project management functions.

The successful organisation will also develop effective partnerships with other key stakeholders, such as Aboriginal Hostels Limited and facilitate a local support team to help participants achieve their expected training qualifications and outcomes

Tenders must be received by: 2pm (AEDT) on Monday 2nd April 2007, NB: Tenders lodged by facsimile or email will not be accepted

Tenders should be sent to: The Tender Box, RFT PRN 13549 Foyer, 16 Mort Street CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Further information is available at www.dest.gov.au/tenders/tenders.asp

Government releases NIC report



The Australian Government has released the National Indigenous Council's 2006

calendar year Report to Government.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said last year was a period of major change in the Indigenous affairs landscape and the NIC had made an important contribution to reforms that would provide lasting benefits for Indigenous Australians.

The report outlines the wide range of activities of the NIC covering key areas like law and order, mental health, early childhood development, education and economic development," the Minister

"Members of the NIC. through their expertise and experience in specific fields, have been able to bring a new perspective to government policy making. They meet regularly with me and my ministerial colleagues and departmental officials.

Their influence should not be underestimated.

"I particularly welcome the NIC's input and advice on the Inter-governmental Summit on Child Abuse and Violence in Indigenous Communities; input into the National Mental Health Action Plan; contribution to a significant budget outcome for Indigenous affairs and their work on education and



MAL BROUGH

boarding schools as well as the Indigenous arts sector.

The Government appreciates the hard work, forthrightness and generosity of spirit displayed by all members of the NIC and the leadership of Council Chair Dr Sue Gordon.

"My colleagues on the Ministerial Taskforce on Indigenous Affairs and I value the open relationship that we have developed with the NIC

"This will be an important year for Indigenous Australians as we mark a significant milestone for the nation - the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

"The NIC report sets out an ambitious set of priorities for 2007. I have asked the NIC to also focus on two priority areas: Improving access to



SUE GORDON

mainstream services for Indigenous Australians living in urban and rural areas; and how to address barriers and promote more economic

opportunities.
"I look forward to continuing our constructive relationship as we face yet another challenging

year."
The National Indigenous Council was set up by the Australian Government after it had dismantled the popularly-elected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council (ATSIC) on 24 March 2005.

The National Indigenous Council is headed by its chairwoman, Dr Sue Gordon, a West Australian magistrate.

The NIC report is available at: http://www.atsia.gov.au/ nic/reports.aspx

Families welcome air crash inquest



victims of one of Australia's worst air crashes have coronial inquest

into the tragedy.
All 15 people aboard a
Fairchild Metroliner III aircraft perished when it crashed and exploded into flames on 7 May 2005 near the Lockhart River Aboriginal community on Cape York, in far north Queensland.

The plane crashed into a 500m, tree-covered hillside while approaching Lockhart River airstrip on a flight

from Bamaga, at the tip of Cape York.
A spokeswoman from the

Office of the State Coroner said a pre-inquest hearing would be held in the Brisbane Magistrates Court on April 5.

The hearing is expected to determine whether inquest sittings will be held in Calrns, Brisbane, Bamaga or Lockhart River.

"It's anticipated the inquest will start on June she said.

Shane Urquhart, whose 28-year-old daughter, policewoman Sally Urquhart, was one of the passengers on the doomed aircraft, welcomed the

"We are looking forward

to it, we have been waiting for this," Mr Urquhart said. The Australian Transport and Safety Bureau is expected to hand down its

expected to hand down its
final report into the crash
later this month.

Brisbane-based airline
TransAir, which operated
the plane, was grounded 18
months after the crash.

The Civil Aviation Safety

Authority announced last November that it had serious and imminent concerns regarding the company's flying operations. - AAP

This is what Roebourne residents live with



Village of shame

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



Residents of Roebourne's notorious 'Village' area say they're suffering third world conditions because of a housing shortage caused by a Department of Housing and Works (DHW) plan to

upgrade housing, with some homes

commodating as many as 20 people.

Overcrowding is said to be compounding the problems of domestic violence and substance abuse already in the troubled community, with very large families having to share small, dilapidated fibro houses. Residents say development of the area

has stalled, with no replacement accommodation available when homes are demolished or destroyed by vandals

A spokesperson for DHW said the demolition of the village area was under way and that new houses were under construction, but offered no explanation for

Residents said while outdated housing in the area was unsuited to the Pilbara climate and the needs of the mainly Indigenous community, the subsequent overcrowding was causing major problems and the half-

demolished houses in the estate posed serious dangers to local children. Ngarluma Elder Violet Samson, a leading member of the Strong Women's Group, said at least six houses as well as pensioner flats in her area of the village had been knocked

down and not replaced.

Ms Samson, who is a grandmother and community leader, said: "Too many people had to stay in one house because they can't get a house of their own."

She said this was causing 'lots of problems' such as domestic violence and heavy drinking as well as

contributing to a lack of privacy.
"We spoke to the housing people but they don't give us what we need we need houses today, to suit our large families and meet our cultural needs,

Ms Samson also said there were several vacant blocks around the village area of Roebourne, and recent demolitions had only added to the shortage.

Without more houses we are going to see more problems and our kids are already always seen to be in trouble and this

situation makes it worse for them," she said. The \$1 million Roebourne Enhancement Scheme that ended in December 2005, was stended to 'refurbish and upgrade public



The inside a DHW house awaiting demolition at Roebourne Village.

housing' in the Pilbara town and remove asbestos from contaminated sites, but did little to improve the living conditions for tenants in the Village.

Village residents also complained that the lack of facilities and playground equipment for children adds to the dangers posed by the condemned houses that serve as a makeshift playground for bored youth. In full view of the cemetery, a barbecue

and gazebo are the only leisure facilities, and with no playground, children must walk to town to play sports, or participate in other

structured activities.
The notoriety of the Village stems not solely from the hotbed of poverty, substance



Refuse and glass outside a condemned DHW house at Roebourne Village.

One of her paintings, Village of Ghosts and Graves, depicts how she and others feel about living near the cemetery, which is also the final resting place of John Pat, a teenager whose death in police custody shocked the community and many other

"We want to have a house that fits our culture, and where in-laws have space to move, and children and parents can feel safe," Ms Samson said. Like many of the others in the area, her

extended family has to cope with one shower and bathroom for up to 12 people and sometimes up to four generations of her family live together at the same time

made without consulting with local language groups, and Elders had protested it many

times over the past three decades.

He said the poor quality housing in the area deeply and irrevocably affected the cultural knowledge and diversity of the many language groups in Roebourne, whose most basic needs and wellbeing continued to be ignored by the Government.

Mr Woodley said the present living conditions resulted in extended families living in small asbestos houses with tin roots

that intensified the heat.
"We need to adjust with the times and move towards economic sustainability," he said. "Overcrowding allows domestic violence and drug abuse to take a hold in

the community.
"DHW needs to do things differently and develop home ownership schemes so that people can buy homes of their own if they want to, and get appropriate housing if they wish to live with their extended family."

Dr Brian Steels, a sociologist and researcher with the local Aboriginal Medical

Service, said the 'whole of government response' in Roebourne was inadequate, and in direct contrast to the amount the area contributes to the resources boom.
"Such housing would not be tolerated in

a non-Indigenous area in Perth, yet we see a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Government to change this situation, for people living in the shadows of mining giants," he said.

Dr Steels said the level of overcrowding meant government agencies were always playing 'catch-up', with limited funds being made available each year to 'band-aid a

pretty poor situation'.
"This overcrowding leads to high unemployment and crime, and intergenerational trauma is assured to continue its devastating impact as young children are exposed to high levels of overcrowding and its associated problems," he said.

Dr Steels stressed that local people only wanted a nice home 'like everyone else in Australia' and should have the same opportunity to have one as others using HomesWest housing.

"We can spend big money on new courts, police stations, prisons, juvenile detention centres, work camps and all of the associated agencies involved in the criminal justice system, but when it comes to looking at the underpinning issues of overcrowded family homes, where health and wellbeing statistics show serious problems, the coffers are always empty," he said.

'We want to have a house that fits our culture, and where in-laws have space to move, and children and parents can feel safe'

abuse, unemployment and poor quality housing, but also from the neighbouring cemetery, a constant reminder of the region's past human rights abuses

Local artist Loreen Samson said she pays rent for a place most people would want condemned.

Being placed near a cemetery was never a good idea," Ms Samson said. When we were moved from the reservation, this is where we were placed, given houses that we didn't have any say in the design or location of, just put here to survive.

"This is nothing new for us," she said. We always have to wait for things to be fixed, to be built, and no-one really cares

Speculation has existed for some years about the boundaries of the cemetery having changed, and although there is no evidence of this, residents and other locals tell stories of remains being found during excavations and demolitions

Juluwalu Language Centre Director Mick Woodley said the establishment of the DHW housing estate was a Government decision



Perspectives on the

Women fight for

rtesy Kevin Loughlin, Queensland Museum Collection

Pauline Pickford and Gladys O'Shane with Fred Walters (left), Tom Uren and Joe McGinness at a strategy meeting on Cooktown beach in the early 1960s.

By SUE TAFFE

Dr Sue Taffe's history of FCAATSI, Black and White Together, was published by University of Queensland Press in 2005. Here Sue tells how two women of very different backgrounds became firm friends in the fight for Aboriginal rights.

n 1958, the first year of the Referendum campaign, Gladys O'Shane, an outstanding champion of Aboriginal rights addressed the Sydney conference of the Waterside Workers' Federation (WWF) Women's Committees about how Queensland's Aboriginals Preservation and Protection Act affected the lives of Aboriginal

Quoting sections of the Act, she explained how Aboriginal people could be removed from any district to a reserve and kept there indefinitely; how their private property, including personal letters, could be seized; how they could not marry without the consent of authorities; and that they were not even the legal guardians of their children.

In what was possibly her first public speech to a large gathering, she concluded:

"All right-thinking Australians must join with us in our struggle for a better way of life... The power is in your hands, if you will

"Ladies, in closing, I would like to say this. The Aboriginals' struggle for recognition has been a long and bitter one but until recent years they have not had a medium by which to let the world know of these struggles. I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity of speaking on behalf of my people.

Married

Twenty-one-year-old Gladys Davies had married Paddy 'Tiger' O'Shane in 1940, when the fiery Irishman was cutting cane near Mossman.

Mixed racial marriages were frowned upon in those days, making it hard for them to rent a house for their growing family -their five children were born by

Tiger was then working on the Cairns wharf and a member of the WWF, while Gladys was a member of the WWF Womens' Committee. Both were active members of the Communist Party of Australia, at that time the only political party with an Aboriginal

Gladys was also a member of

the Union of Australian Women (UAW), a well-organised left-wing organisation also campaigning for a better deal for Aboriginal people.

The Cairns Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advancement League was formed in 1959, with Gladys O'Shane the founding president.

An early campaign was to black-ban a taxi company in Cairns found to be discriminating against an Aboriginal driver on racial grounds.

Reinstated

The sacked driver was reinstated.

Strong labour bodies - the Trades and Labour Council and the WWF - supported the new League.

The next year Gladys travelled to Sydney to represent the League at the annual conference of the Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement (FCAA), an umbrella organisation of the State bodies working for

Aboriginal rights across the

At this conference, Gladys' networks widened when she met Pearl Gibbs, Bert Groves and Faith Bandler, from the NSW Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship, the non-Aboriginal Melbourne activists Dr Barry Christophers and Shirley Andrews from the Victorian Council for Aboriginal Rights (CAR), and many other activists, black and white, from all

over the country.
Two years after Gladys' speech
on the Aboriginals Preservation and Protection Act, a graphic example of the effects she had outlined occurred on the Hopevale utheran Mission, nearly 400

A young Aboriginal couple, Jim Jacko and Gertie Symon, had gone to the local football match together. The mission rules did not allow unmarried men and women to go out unchaperoned, even though Gertie's parents had given permission for Jim to court her

When one of the mission staff reported seeing them at the match, both were ordered to work without pay for two weeks, including Saturdays. Outraged at this injustice, they

ran away together instead, returning some days later.

12 lashes

As punishment for this, Pastor Kernich, the Superintendent, gave Jim 12 lashes with a loya cane, while Gertie was forced to have her long hair shorn in public into a short, rough haircut, with all the other young women made to watch her humiliation.

As a further punishment, they were separated, with Jim sent under police escort to Cairns. He was to be sent to Palm Island, but one of the Cairns League members managed to smuggle Jim into hiding, to give the League time to act on his behalf.

Flogging was not an unusual mission punishment at the time, but the reaction to this case was

The story was reported in the newspapers and sympathetic unions like the WWF sent around the hat to raise funds to support a campaign.

In Victoria, Pauline Pickford had just taken over as secretary of CAR to enable former secretary Shirley Andrews to focus on fighting for the right of Aboriginal workers to get equal pay. It was Pauline who now wrote an official letter from CAR to the Queensland Minister for Native Affairs, expressing their concern

at the flogging.
Under continued pressure, the Minister agreed to hold an open

magisterial inquiry.
The Cairns League engaged barrister Fred Paterson, former MHR for Bowen and member of the Communist Party, as Jim's legal counsel.

A contingent of 11 people formed to travel to Hopevale for the inquiry included Pauline

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1967 Referendum



a common goal

From facing page

Pickford, who came from Melbourne to represent CAR, Labor MHR Tom Uren, and a number of unionists.

The Indigenous representatives were Gladys O'Shane as President of the Cairns League; Joe McGinness as Secretary of the Cairns League, and newly elected President of FCAA; and Fred Walters, a Torres Strait Islander leader.

A warm, friendly woman, Pauline Pickford brought emotional intelligence to Pickford brought emotional intelligence to her work in Aboriginal affairs. Her mother had friends in Victoria's Coranderrk community and Pauline recalled meeting Aboriginal people like Bill and Eric Onus and Margaret Tucker, who were good at educating white Australians about the impoverished and difficult conditions of Aboriginal likes under punitive and controlling. lives under punitive and controlling

As secretary of CAR, Pauline developed her own friendships with Aboriginal people from Lake Tyers and she was also a member of the UAW, which encouraged and supported Aboriginal women to speak out in its forums

Friends

Meeting in Cairns, Gladys O'Shane and Pauline Pickford were friends even before they arrived at Hopevale.

There, they talked long into the night,

sharing ideas and strategies on campaigning for justice for Aboriginal people. Gladys helped Pauline realise that as a white woman, she could not be effective until she understood how Aboriginal people thought, the depth of their mistrust of whites, and how they lived.

Communities had been broken up and people forced to move; they were

controlled by repressive laws and faced deep racial prejudice when they came in contact with whites.

In turn, Pauline helped Gladys, distressed that the women at Hopevale seemed wary and frightened of her – it was Pauline who found out that mission staff had warned people against the contingent of 'Godless Communists'.

The remote Hopevale Mission accessible only by a four-wheel-drive track, was a world where the word of the Missionary Superintendent had been law.

The inquiry's finding that Pastor Kernich was in breach of the Aboriginals Preservation and Protection Act was

'I am proud to belong to a race of people who, in spite of everything, can come up fighting

ground-breaking; the publicity signalled that no mission was too remote to be brought to account.

In 1961, FCAA was only three years old and just beginning to win the trust of Aboriginal people and after the Hopevale case, such episodes were more frequently reported to it.

The friendship of Pauline Pickford and Gladys O'Shane fuelled their work for Aboriginal rights for four busy years. In Victoria, Pauline publicised the role of

the Cairns League in bringing to court a case against police constables at Mareeba, after a rampage of bashing and brutality. Tiger O'Shane thought this was the first

time a Queensland police officer had been found guilty of an offence against an Aboriginal person, and told Pauline the

guilty verdict gave the Mareeba Aboriginal community a glimmer of hope

Gladys travelled from Cairns to Gippsland to address the UAW about the campaign to save the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Reserve from being sold.

Gladys O'Shane began writing of her experiences, sending her writings to Pauline as a way of conveying the experience of being Aboriginal. One piece

began:
"My skin is brown and smooth textured. My hair is black and curly and I have dark brown eyes. I am tall for a woman, five foot seven inches built in proportion. People have said to me that I walk as though I own

the place. Can it be wondered at? My ancestors were the first people of this land."

She then told how a man had of Aboriginal background, while

recoiled when she told him she was another had said, comfortingly, that she could pass for Melanesian. She concluded with her response to

"The story of the murder, rape and plundering of the Aborigines is a blot on Australia's history. That blot can only be wiped out when all right-thinking people unite in the struggle for the emancipation of

the Aborigines.

"And I am proud to belong to a race of people who, in spite of everything, can

people who, in spite of everything, can come up fighting."
Pauline Pickford sent this article to the editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, known for his sympathy for the Aboriginal cause, suggesting publication. His rejection displayed the very prejudice the article attacked:

"It is difficult to believe not only that she wrote it, but that these highly reasoned thoughts came from her mind and not from that of some collaborator. After all, she left school at 12 and apparently has her time fully occupied rearing a considerable

family..." in This rejection suggests how Aboriginal history can go unrecorded, but fortunately, the article was eventually published, in the anniversary issue of the UAW journal Our

Pauline Pickford also wrote her own account of the events at Hopevale, published and circulated through church and trade union networks. Ironically, such work can become part of the public record - Gladys O'Shane's article was carefully transcribed into the file kept on her by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation.

Inspires others

Gladys O'Shane's life was cut short in 1965, two years before the success of the Referendum, but she continues to inspire

others, especially in Cairns.
Pauline Pickford remained firm friends with the O'Shane family, who carry their mother's legacy proudly in their own contributions to the ongoing work for justice for Indigenous Australians.

⁽¹⁾ Ruth Hennings (Wallace), Personal communication, Cairns, 13 March 2006; 'Gladys O'Shane Dies in Cairns', Queensland Guardian, 19 January 1966.

** Fourth session, Second Conference of WWF Women's Committees, 25 September 1958; Noel Butlin Archives ANU: Women's Committee file, Z248 box

Gladys O'Shane, in Our Women 1963. ** Gladys O'Shane ASIO file, National Archives of Australia: A6119, 2760; Pauline Pickford ASIO file, National Archives of Australia: A6119, 2575.

Who's who at workshop

ndigenous writers and directors have received support from international film identities to work on their first feature films during stage two of Australian Film Commission's (AFC) Long Black

A ten-day residential lab held at Byron Bay, on the northern New South Wales, at the weekend gave ten Australian Indigenous writer/directors the opportunity to draw on the experiences of exceptional international and local film-makers in developing the final draft of their feature film scripts.

As part of the process, the Indigenous film-makers workshopped scenes from their screenplays with actors, cinematographers, and editors. The film-makers who attended

the lab included Warwick Thornton, Beck Cole, Wayne Blair, Romaine Moreton, Darlene Johnson, Sam

Saunders, Rima Tamou, Pauline Clague and Richard Frankland.

Leading Indigenous film-maker Rachel Perkins is also developing her next feature project through the

An impressive group of advisers is assisting with Long Black Directors Bahman Ghobadi (Turtles can Fly), Merata Mita (Mauri), Phillip Noyce (Rabbit Proof Fence), Ray Lawrence (Jindabyne), Belinda Chayko (City Loop) and Cate Shortland (Somersault), producers Zachary Sklar (JFK) and Bridget Ikin (Look Both Ways), and writer Keith Thompson (Clubland) are among the advisers to share their wisdom through one-on-one meetings, workshops and discussions.

AFC Indigenous Branch Manager Sally Riley said Long Black was the culmination of 10 years' work for the

Indigenous Branch.

We have nurtured the talents of these film-makers from early in their careers and are incredibly excited about the scripts they are bringing to the lab - scripts that tell the unique stories of Indigenous experience," Ms Riley said.

'The advisers were attracted to the strength, richness and originality of these ideas and are passionate about assisting this new wave of Indigenous talent to

get their stories made." Actors Aaron Pedersen, Justine Clarke and Ningali Lawford-Wolf, choreographer Stephen Page, cinematographers lan Jones, Garry Phillips, Mark Wareham, Murray Lui and David Williamson, and editors Karen Johnson, Suresh Ayyar and Mary Perry are working with the film-makers to finesse their scripts through a series of shooting exercises.

Grant for Yamatji bus



Geraldton Yamatji Patrol Aboriginal Corporation (GYPAC) is to receive \$12,100 in Office of Crime Prevention funding to go

towards a new bus. Geraldton MLA Shane Hill said the 15-seater bus would replace an 18-seater bus purchased in 1999 and would be used in the

delivery of patrol services. delivery or patrol services.

"The concept of community patrols is part of a multi-level approach to community policing as well as being a key strategy identified in Geraldton's Crime Prevention and Community Safety Plan." Mr Hill said.

The area being serviced by the Yamatji Community Patrol (YCP) covers the CBD area of Geraldton and part of the Shire of Greenough within the Geraldton City limits. Foot and mobile van patrols operate five days and nights a week (Tuesday to Saturday). The patrols are aimed at reducing contact between Aboriginal people and the criminal justice system, reduction of harm and risk of harm to Aboriginal people and the wider community, referrals and linking at-risk

Aboriginal people with the appropriate support services, and increasing community safety and security.

"The focus of the patrols is to enable Aboriginal solutions to local Aboriginal Issues and to work in partnership with Geraldton local police," Mr Hill said.

The patrols have been operating in Geraldton since 1994 and are funded by the Department of Indigenous Affairs

(DIA) through a two-year service agreement. THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007. 37



Some participants at the language workshop in Townsville, north Queensland.

Saving language on the agenda at Qld workshop

Story and photos by ALF WILSON in Townsville



An Indigenous languages workshop held in Townsville last month has been hailed as a great success, with participants coming from many

parts of north Queensland. The project was initiated in response to the National Indigenous Languages Survey in 2005 which highlighted the urgent need for action to preserve languages.

The workshop was held at the premises of local radio station 4K1G and was a collaboration between the and was a collaboration between the State Library of Queensland, North Queensland Regional Aboriginal Languages Corporation Languages Centre, the Arwarbukarl Cultural

Newcastle, NSW, Townsville Radio 4K1G, and the Department of Communications, Information

Technology and the Arts.
"The State Library of Queensland has responded to the information in the NILS report with this project to support language programs," said spokeswoman Faith Baisden.

Resources

"This is a way of being creative in making library services available to Indigenous communities. This will include holding workshops to train people in the recording of languages and developing teaching resources

from the materials recorded.
"The State Library will also be actively promoting Indigenous languages through libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres, where the individual communities would like this to happen

representatives attended over the two-day workshop and recordings were made in five languages -Ngadjon, Warrgamay, Jirrbal, Nwyaigi and Girramay. Participants were shown how to

use audiovisual equipment and then how to use the resulting recordings to make resources for teaching

languages.
Daryn McKenny, from the
Arwarbukarl Cultural Resource Association in Newcastle, demonstrated the Miromaa Languages Database which is aimed at encouraging participants to begin producing their own books, DVDs and teaching tools. Support and interest shown by

Valma Gara and the staff at 4K1G was much appreciated. More such community recording workshops are



Coroner orders Wadeye death inquest



teenager shot by a police officer during rioting at a remote Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory. Constable Robert Gregory Whittington was charged with committing a dangerous act over the death of the 18-year-old man at Wadeye, 350km south-west of Darwin, in October 2002.

But court proceedings against the married father of one came to an end last month, when the Director of Public Prosecutions decided not take the matter to the

The teenager was one of two men shot by the officer during a large 'payback' fight between rival families on the community oval.

After the teenager died, the community erupted, with

houses trashed and cars torched. In October 2004, following a lengthy committal hearing, Const Whittington was charged with murder

It was believed to be the first time a Northern Territory police officer had faced such a charge over an offence allegedly

committed while on duty. But the charge was later

downgraded to manslaughter and then to committing a dangerous act causing death. In August last year, the

NT Supreme Court quashed the charge against Const Whittington.

The DPP sought to have the decision overturned in the NT Court of Criminal Appeal but in a unanimous decision last month, three judges dismissed the appeal and the DPP declared the matter closed.

'I intend to hold a public inquest into the death of (the boy) who died at Wadeye'

- NT Coroner Greg Cavanagh

NT Coroner Greg Cavanagh announced on Wednesday last week that he would hold an inquest into the teen's death.

"I intend to hold a public inquest into the death of (the young man) who died at Wadeye," he said in a

"I have taken this step of releasing this statement as there has been much interest in the case and whether a coronial inquest was to be held,

"(His) family has been informed of the intention to hold an inquest.

Mr Cavanagh declined to be interviewed further on the matter.

The inquest will start on 7 August at Wadeye, with further proceedings in Darwin where it is scheduled to finish on 17 August

During court hearings in 2004, the Darwin Magistrates Court was told the Wadeye teenager, who cannot be named for cultural reasons, was shot in the back, and another man was shot in the arm.

The other man had run from a house with a gun and the teenager had attempted to tackle him, and may have begun to chase him, when the police officer fired. the court heard.

The NT Government announced in 2004 it would pay for Const Whittington's legal costs as he was on duty at the time of the shooting.

The officer was suspended from duty on full pay in 2002 for four years, and is now back on duty. - AAP

Bank backs black music

NDIGENOUS music is set to make inroads into the mainstream music scene with the release of the Tarerer -Welcome to Country CD. The Tarerer-Gunditi Project Association of Port Fairy, in Victoria, secured funding from the National Australia Bank (NAB) and the support of Australia Post for the project. The bank decided to support the project after more than 50 of its employees participated in a two-day Welcome to Country personal development program with the Gunditimara/Kirrae Wurrong people in south-west Victoria.

Tarerer - Welcome To Country is available at select Australia Post outlets in Victoria.

For details about Welcome To Country visit the website www.welcometocountry



From left, Aboriginal musician Andy Alberts, NAB chief John Stewart, and former lead singer of Goanna Shane Howard. Mr Alberts and Mr Howard both feature on the CD.

Babies galore in NSW



NSW is experiencing a baby boom, according to a new report showing the birth rate rose by almost six per cent between 2004 and 2005, Health Minister John Hatzistergos says. The report, NSW Mothers and Babies 2005, which

analyses birthing trends across the State, showed 90,610 births were recorded in NSW in 2005 – up from 85,858 in 2001

It also shows a 5.8 per cent increase in the number of births between 2004 and 2005 alone. The largest increase in births occurred among

women aged 35 and over, up from 18.1 per cent in 2001 to 20.1 per cent in 2005.

ATSI women

The average age of mothers rose from 29.9 to 30.4 years between 2001 and 2005, and births to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and teenage mothers also increased in 2005.

The report revealed that Caesarean rates have

continued to increase - from 23.6 per cent in 2001 to 28.1 per cent in 2005.

With more women deferring childbirth to their mid to late 30s, complications and Caesarean sections become more likely," Mr Hatzistergos said. "While the rates rose across the board,

Caesarean sections continue to be more common among privately insured mothers."

Mr Hatzistergos said future reports would include

more detailed information on infant delivery rates and the reasons why some women opt for a caesarean delivery. - AAP

Commission planning anniversary activiti



Rights and Equal Opportunity (HREOC) is

planning a number of activities to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tabling of the Bringing Them Home Report.

They include:

The development of a publication that will feature stories, poems and artwork outlining the experiences of Indigenous people who were removed from their families.

 The development of a special academic forum and book that will include papers from Indigenous and non-Indigenous academics on issues such as government responses to the recommendations, community initiatives, reparations and compensation and possibly current Indigenous child protection issues.

 A poster that depicts a legislation timeline of all laws that resulted in the removal of Indigenous children from their families nationally.

 An updated version of the report education module currently used in schools as

part of the school curriculum. The final project will be information on the HREOC webšite which will provide an update of government responses and reviews of the implementation of the report recommendations, and a list of community events to show what organisations are doing to mark the 10th anniversary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

LAND ACQUISITION (JUST TERMS COMPENSATION) ACT 1991

NOTICE OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

Notice is hereby given that Gunnedah Shire Council, with the approval of Her Excellency the Governor, will acquire by compulsory process in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for the purchase of an Aged Care Facility the land described in Schedule 1 below with the exception of the interests detailed in Schedule 2 below excluding any mines or deposits of minerals in this land.

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Lots 673 and 674 in DP 44198

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land by Gunnedah Shire Council.



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), Nerrandera (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

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Space-age technology used in helping Outback kids ...

Getting active

A n Aboriginal man is using the latest technology to get a message across to children in remote Central Australia on the importance of being active.

Daryl Little, 53, is a regional co-ordinator with the Australian Sports Commission's Active After Schools Program.

There are regional co-ordinators scattered throughout Australia, but only a handful travel such vast distances to make contact with children

Alice Springs-based Mr Little covers about 800,000 square kilometres radiating from Alice Springs, and spreading into Western Australia and South Australia

He sometimes travels up to 2500 kilometres in a trip lasting up to eight or nine days, visiting remote Aboriginal communities.

His brief is to involve kids in leading healthier and more active

But the former army sergeant physical instructor uses another tool – the Alice Springs School of the Air – to get across his message.

There are 16 schools of the air in Australia, but the Alice Springs school – Australia's first – is leading the way with computer and satellite technology.

Twice a week, an hour is set aside in the school timetable for Mr Little to reach



out to children living on distant and remote stations.

The school beams television pictures from its Alice Springs studio to 86 children spread out over 1.3 million square kilometres of the NT, SA and WA.

quare kilometres of the NT, SA and WA The most distant child lives 1274 kilometres to the north of Alice Springs, while the closest student is 79 kilometres away.

Images from the Alice Springs School of the Air are transmitted by landline to Sydney, then to a satellite in geo-stationary orbit over the Indian

> with the other two red team contestants - Marty and Greg

target of a racial slur on the

Channel Ten's Biggest Loser

Biggest Loser program.

website forum.

Sadly, last Friday Pati was the

Many of the forum members

condemned the comment, with the

offending comment being removed after the Daily Telegraph

Confidential' column contacted the

Ocean. From there, the images are beamed to satellite dishes at the remote stations.

There is about a two-second lag in the time the images take to reach the children.

Back at the Alice Springs studio, Mr Little leads the way for children by performing physical exercises. Even while he's before the

Even while he's before the cameras, he's controlling them through a hand-held remote control unit.

While the children watch Mr Little on their monitors, they also have audio contact with him.

That means another two-second delay in the children's voices reaching Mr Little back in Alice Springs.

That all ads up to a four-second delay, which means a conversation between Mr Little and his students can sometimes be challenging, to say the least.

Mr Little came from Mt Gambier, South Australia, but is a Wiradjuri (NSW) man on his mother's side. He spent 10 years in the army, later joining the Australian Sports

later joining the Australian Sports
Commission's Indigenous Sports
Program – first in Alice Springs and later
in Port Augusta, SA.

He returned to Alice Springs about two years ago to join the Sports Commission's Active After Schools Program.

Groote Eylandt grog incident



Police on Groote Eylandt, off the Northern Territory coast, say they were threatened during an incident involving an attempt to bring grog into the community

the community.
Shortly after nine o'clock last
Thursday evening, police at the remote
Aboriginal community went to the
airport after they were told a group of
people was bringing alcohol into the
restricted area.

They confiscated 38 bottles of alcohol following a search of six passengers on board a flight from Darwin.

About 30 people are reported to have then turned on police, demanding the grog back and allegedly threatening the officers and other airport staff when their demands were refused.

The situation was defused, but an hour later police were told a large group of people had congregated at the community of Angurugu to storm the local police station and retrieve their alcohol.

The officers visited the community and arrested a 41-year-old man over the incident at the airport.

He was charged with being armed with an offensive weapon and disorderly behaviour and was bailed to appear in the Alyangula Court on 20 March.

Two men aged 41 and 28 and four women aged 43, 41, 37 and 25 will be summonsed for bringing alcohol into the restricted area. Police say further charges are expected to be laid. - AAP

Pati survives itio-etov Torres Strait Islander Biggest Loser contestant Pati Singe is safe for another week after avoiding elimination at the dinner table vote-off. Pati has shed an impressive 18.8kg in five weeks, losing 3.5kg for this week's weigh-in. This week in the video diary. Pati talks about her regret about forming an alliance with fellow red contestants Munnalita and Courtney I hated the fact that I had an alliance with Munnalita and Courtney," she said. "I don't like the way that they are willing to do anything, including screw me over to get themselves ahead in the Pati has now aligned herself

Crisis help at hand from Centrelink

Victims of domestic violence who leave the relationship and choose to remain in their own home can now receive crisis payment from Centrelink.

crisis payment from Centrelink.
Centrelink Social Work
Manager Desley Hargreaves
said the payment would help
people in securing a home and
paying for expenses such as
changing locks and legal

"Crisis payment is generally available to people in severe financial hardship because they've been forced to find a new home due to an extreme event." Ms Hargreaves said.
"Previously, victims of domestic violence needed to getablich a new home to receive

"Previously, victims of domestic violence needed to establish a new home to receive the payment, but now they can apply if they choose to stay in the family home provided their partner has left or been removed."

Crisis payment is limited to four payments for extreme circumstances in any 12-month period. It is a one-off sum, equal to one week's payment of a customer's normal Centrelink entitlement, not including additional payments such as rent assistance.

 For more information, call or visit your local Centrelink Customer Service Centre or go to www.centrelink.gov.au

Service targets the flu

Story and photo by CHRISTINE HOWES



Banners, daily sausage sizzles, posters, notice boards and staff T-shirts promoting flu vaccinations will all be

part of a week-long 'Flu Week' drive at Wuchopperen Health Service in Cairns next week

General Clinic Supervisor Leeona West said the decision to

focus a week of activities out of the three-month long season' - from March to June/July made it easier for word to get out that it was 'that time of year again*.
"Our people

experience a greater burden of infectious disease than the rest of the community, Ms West said.

"Health services like Wuchopperen play an important role in reducing the risk of these

The delivery of programs like the flu vax program contributes to the

prevention of these diseases."

Ms West said that for the week from 19-23 March, there would be a sausage sizzle at the Wuchopperen Health Service in Cairns every day

'We all like to be with

a lot of our mob but

that puts us at risk of

attracting these

diseases a lot more

easily than other

people. So we need to

prevent it rather than

wait for it to happen'.

from 9.30-11.30am. "We'll also have five nurses on board as well so we can get people through quickly and no-one is

through quickly and ho-one is hanging around waiting," she said. Ms West said it was important that Indigenous people understood that vaccination would not give them

"You can get a local reaction that can happen with any vaccine and with less than ten per cent of flu injections you can get fever headaches and cold-like symptoms.

she said.

"But it's not actually the flu, it's just a mild reaction to the vaccine which can last up to two days following the injection.

"A lot of our mob think the flu needle gives you the flu but it doesn't. It's not actually a live vaccine so we're not injecting the flu into

people to build immunity

Wuchopperen is hoping to see at least 30 clients per day during the promotional week. Although the service has just moved to an appointment system for clients, no appointments are necessary to receive the flu needle next week

Wuchopperen Health Service is situated at 13 Moignard Street in



Wuchopperen Health Service worker Eslyn Wargent was first cab off the rank for this year's flu vaccination from General Clinic Supervisor Leeona West.

DISABILITY AND HOME CARE NSW DEPARTMENT OF AGEING

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New respite places for children and young people with a disability in NSW

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is seeking applications from not-for-profit organisations to provide new flexible and centre-based respite places for children, young people and adults with a disability. These places will provide short, time limited breaks for families and other unpaid carers, while providing positive, meaningful experiences for children, young people and adults with a disability.

Respite places will be provided in priority areas across Sydney and regional areas of NSW. Further information including locations and funding for new places is included in the Tender Package available from the Department's website at www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/ienders.

Information sessions for this tender will be held in Sydney and regional areas. Information about the sessions will be provided on the Department's website

Inquiries relating to this tender should be made to the Contact Officer, DADHC, between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on weekdays, by phone 1800 880 027, email contract management@dadhc.nsw.gov.au or by fax 02 8270 2490.

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Looking after Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Professionals working in the social and emotional wellbeing sector (human services) in the ACT and South East NSW.

This forum is specifically targeted at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander SEWB professionals working in the ACT and South East NSW region covered by Muuji. This 2 day forum will flocus on the unique needs of the SEWB workforce through presentations and workshops facilitated by leaders in this field to include.

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- Yarning about grief & loss- Understanding the healing journey starts with me: paving the way for strong professional client relationships
- . Developing strategies for balancing family and community life, and understanding the demands of competing work obligations
- · Other professional development and training opportunities- what's

There will be a range of activities over the 2 days that aim to give people the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge their achievements in what is often a stressful environment.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra

For more information or a registration pack: Email Betty Callow winreg1@winnunga.org.au or Jodie Fisher winrego@winnunga.org.au or phone (02 6284 6220)







FREE courses for Aboriginal people wanting to set up **Community Language Programs**

A series of 11 pilot projects to help revive Aboriginal languages are being held from March to May 07 across NSW. The courses will show communities how to design a community language project.

The courses are sponsored by:

The Board of Adult and Community Education (ACE)

NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA).

Courses will be run by community colleges located in:

Moree, Condobolin, Grafton, Griffith, Kempsey, Wagga Wagga, Singleton, the South Coast, Tamworth, Armidale and Brewarrina.

Each course runs for 15 hours, made up of five three-hour sessions over three weeks. Skills will be taught on how to build a project team, engage with the community and language, find the right resources, protect intellectual property, obtain funding and then implement a community language project.

Aboriginal people interested in applying for any of the courses are encouraged to contact Amber Young on (02) 9289 9159, or Email: Amber-Lee. Young@det.nsw.edu.au

For more information on NSW Aboriginal Languages visit www.alrrc.nsw.gov.au







* Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rate

Deadly Funny - you'll laugh your 'moom' off!



So you think you're funny? Well, if you live in Victoria, you now have a chance to prove it. Deadly Funny is a

comedy program and competition for Indigenous Victorians, developed and run by the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Five Victorian cultural heritage regions will be represented under the program, ensuring a State grand final showcasing some of Victoria's funniest up-and-coming Indigenous stand-up comics.

The Comedy Festival will send established comedians to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in every corner of the State, to hold workshops and community showcase gigs with emerging Indigenous performers.

The best of the best will play off at the Deadly Funny Grand Final at the Melbourne Town Hall on Saturday 21

Susan Provan, Festival Director, said she was excited about the Indigenous talent that Deadly Funny will uncover in

The Melbourne International Cornedy Festival is committed to bringing rising stars within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to the forefront of Australian comedy," she said.

"This event will have audiences laughing their 'moom' off!" The Koori Mail will leave it up to

readers to work out for themselves exactly what a 'moom' is; we think most

Dr Chris Sarra, Chair of the Australia Council for the Arts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board, said that the board was delighted to support the Melbourne International Comedy Festival's first ever Australia Council funding application.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history is based on oral traditions and our board is very pleased to support these traditions in a new, fresh format," Dr Sarra

"Deadly Funny is an exciting avenue for up-and-coming Indigenous comedians to become involved in our country's biggest and best comedy festival and express their unique stories and humour."

Deadly Funny is an opportunity for

Victoria's Indigenous peop'e to come together, celebrate their own distinctive humour and at the same time get an exclusive joke doctoring from some at Australia's funniest comedians.

Finalists will be in the running to win \$1000 cash and a deadly trophy.

Registration is free and is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents across Victoria who are not professional comedy performers. There is no age limit and no experience is

 Registrations: www.comedyfestival. com.au/specialevents/deadlyfunny

Check local guides for gigs in your area and www.comedyfestival.com.au
This project has also been assisted by the City of Melbourne.

Elders in brush with the arts



Through The Bush - Koorie Elders Talkin' Up Country -

an exhibition presenting work from six respected Koorie Elders who took up art later in life, is on display at Bunjilaka, Melbourne Museum

Featuring artwork by Aunty Lorraine 'Bunta' Patten, Uncle Herb Patten, Uncle Howard Edwards, Aunty Gwen Garoni, Uncle Kennedy Edwards and Aunty Frances Gallagher, the exhibition presents their cultural journeys from the past to the present.

Footprints Through The Bush was initially inspired by a publication documenting the oral histories of the Elders by the Aboriginal Community Elders Service of East Brunswick.

The idea to pictorially interpret the narratives was then carried over into a weekly Elders' painting workshop facilitated by RMIT University. "During the workshops I

would hear of stories illustrating

the Elders' happy childhoods," said RMIT University curator Sharon West.

The cultural significance of these personal narratives brought about the idea of an exhibition that would bring the art together in an acknowledgement and celebration of their lives.

"The exhibition is an acknowledgement and celebration of the significant cultural contributions of Koorie Elders, within their interpretations of country and identity through art practice." Many of the artists with work

featured in the exhibition have since exhibited in many venues and won a host of art awards.

Aunty 'Bunta' Patten won the Deadly Art Award at the inaugural Arts Victoria Indigenous Art Prize in 2005.

Uncle Herb Patten received an acquisition prize in the City of Darebin Art Awards last year and Aunty Gwen Garoni received a student achievement award from RMIT.

Bunjilaka works closely with

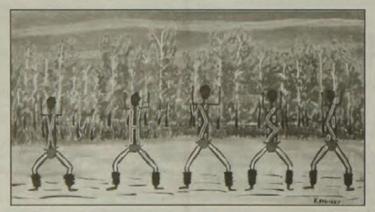
the Victorian Aboriginal community to present enduring and contemporary Aboriginal culture," said Melbourne Museum's Manager of Bunjilaka Caroline Martin. "Footprints Through The Bush is the first of three changing exhibitions being presented in Bunjilaka's Birrarung Gallery in 2007, as part of a regular program showcasing the talents of Victorian Aboriginal artists. "This exhibition is an

important representation of the Elders' lives and their continuing strength and energy. It is inspiring to see that most of the Elders only seriously took up art later in life."

The exhibition evokes memories and provides a visual expression of love and respect for land from an Indigenous Elder's perspective.

The exhibition was developed with support from RMIT University and the Moreland City Council. It is open daily until 17 June from 10am to 5pm. \$6 adult; free











- ABOVE FAR LEFT: Barmah Forest, by Uncle Howard Edwards.
- ABOVE: Corroboree at Wamba Wamba 2006, by Uncle Kennedy
- ABOVE RIGHT: View of valley near Yea, Tangurong Country, 2006, a work by Aunty Gwen Garoni.
- FAR LEFT: **Exhibiting artist Aunty Gwen**
- LEFT: Exhibiting artist Aunty Frances Gallagher.
- RIGHT: Uncle Herb Patten, one of the exhibiting artists.



Powerful play debuts By LYN GOODE



Indigenous advocate, author and film producer Sam Watson Senior has turned his hand to scriptwriting with his first play due to open this week in Brisbane.

The Mack will be performed by the Kooemba Jdarra Indigenous Performing Arts Company at the Judith Wright Centre in Fortitude Valley until the end of the month.

Set in Brisbane's West End, The Mack

explores the many challenges and triumphs of Nanna and Bullocky Mack's traditional, hardworking Murri clan living an

urban life.

The family is under extreme pressure as Nanna and the grizzled veteran Bullocky, are soon going back to the tribal homelands to attend to sacred cultural business.

A fatal car accident has robbed the family of its next leader and the surviving son, Peacey – must now assume his rightful place as head of the Mack family.

Mr Watson said writing the script for his

Mr Watson said writing the script for his play wasn't a big leap for him because storytelling was at the core of

"Theatre is the most user friendly medium for Aboriginal storytelling," he said, "Our traditions come from being able to sit around the campfire after the evening meal and tell stories within a small intimate group

Mr Watson said each one of the mr watson said each one of the characters was based on real life people from downtown Boundary Street.
"So this play belongs to the people of Boundary Street," he said.

Inspiraton

The character of Peacey Mack was inspired by real life actor Willie Prince, who has lived with a disability for most of his life and been in a wheelchair for more than 20

Mr Prince said he had been with the play from the beginning and had mentored the cast and in particular, actor Sam Conway

who played Peacey Mack.
"It's important to teach an enabled bodied person the realistic actions of a disabled bodied person," said Mr Prince.

"This play has been a window of opportunity to get the message out into the community that disabled people have a

strong place in our community."
Mr Watson said Mr Prince had been a true inspiration for the cast.

Acting General Manager of Kooemba Jdarra Allen Lui described the production as

groundbreaking.
"This is our first play for 2007 and it's a very special year because it's not only the 50th anniversary of National Aboriginal Day, but also the 40th anniversary of Sir Ronald Wilson's Bringing Them Home Report," he

He said the production would give Indigenous people hope because, although it was a tragedy, it ended well.

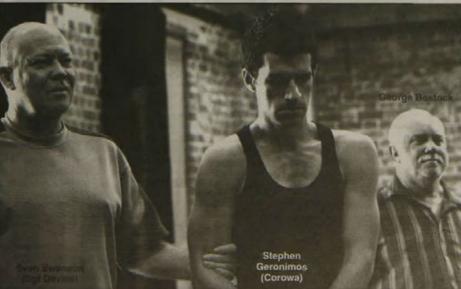
A Munnenjarli and Biri Gubba man, Sam

Watson Snr has worked in the areas of reconciliation, the Stolen Generations and Aboriginal deaths in custody. He is the Deputy Director of the Aboriginal and Islander Studies Unit at the University of Queensland, where he teaches Black Australian Literature and Black Australian

The Mack previews tonight and opens tomorrow night, Thursday 15 March. It will run until 31 March, with 2pm matinees on

17, 24 and 31 March.
The Judith Wright Centre is situated at 420 Brunswick St (cnr Berwick St) Fortitude Valley. For more information, call (07) 3872 9000 for go to www.judithwrightcentre.com







Actor Sam Conway, above, plays Peacey Mack, a character based upon real life actor Willie Prince.

Photos by Helen Kassila



Conference a **By REKO RENNIE-GWAYBILLA** Mail the conference was a huge If it was Indigenous and



arts related, then it was at Ngoloo Wurru: Deadly Arts Business Gathering Conference

More than 120 participants attended the recent two-day gathering at Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park.

Ngoloo Wurru takes its name from the local Boonerwrung words for voice and talk.

The conference included a range of interactive based workshops and talking circles, a trade expo for Indigenous businesses and arts practitioners, and exhibitions and practical art sessions.

The exhibitions featured works from leading Victorian Indigenous artists, including Vicki Couzens, Treahna Hamm, Wayne Quilliam and

Lee Darroch.
City of Port Phillips Indigenous Arts Officer Bo Svoronos told the Koori

"It's been fantastic, it was a great group of quality people and this is the third time this event has been put on, but it was the first time this event was so ambitious," he said.

Mr Svoronos said the diversity and talent was amazing and the keynote speakers, actor and playwright Noel Tovey and Professor Judy Atkinson, Head of Gnibi College at Southern Cross University in Lismore, NSW, were highlights of the gathering. Both gave powerful speeches from

the different perspectives of the arts and wellbeing. Mr Tovey received a standing ovation.

Ngoloo Wurru is part of the Deadly Arts Business program, an initiative of Arts Victoria and Koori Business Network.

It was delivered in partnership with the City of Port Phillip and Gasworks Arts Park, and with support from Inner South Health Service, VIC Health and the Sunshine Foundation.





Entries open between 9 March 2007 - 8 June 2007

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 ABOVE: Morwell Students at the conference.

• LEFT: A portrait taking shape during the drawing workshop.

 BELOW: Keynote speaker Noel Tovey eceived a standing ovation.



Bo Svoronos, City of Port Phillips Indigenous Officer.



Victorian Indigenous artist Vicki Couzens was at the conference.





· LEFT Wayne Quilliam photos in the gallery foyer.

Foresti Workers graduate Chief Minister Clare Martin and Great Southern Managing Director John Young with the graduates, from left, Brian Austral, Jose 'Smokey' Puruntatameri, Reginald Tipungwuti, Noel Galarla, Owen Henry, Warwick Puruntatameri, Chris Burak,

Nine Tiwi forestry staff have been presented with their certificates after completing three-year forestry apprenticeships.

The ceremony at Nguiu, on Bathurst Island, was attended by NT Chief Minister Clare Martin, and Natural Resources Environment and the Arts Minister (and Member for Arafura) Marion Scrymgour

Great Southern Limited's Managing Director John Young, and chair of the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board (TITEB), Andrew Tipungwuti, were also there, as well as other Tiwi and Darwin dignitaries, the nine graduates and their

The nine apprentices, the forestry project's first, now have permanent jobs with Great Southern.

The shared vision of Great Southern and our joint venture partners, the Tiwi Land Council, has been to produce real social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Tiwi people," Southern's John Young said.

"That vision has been realised by the nine apprentices graduating today, who now have a recognised qualification that allows them to pursue a career in

Economic independence

Tiwi Land Council President Robert Tipungwuti said Tiwi people were gaining economic independence by working with companies such as Great Southern, which provided jobs, infrastructure such as roads, and training previously available

roads, and training previously available only from the Government.

"Great Southern has been a good partner, they listen to us and they work with us," Mr Tipungwuti said.

"They are teaching Tiwi people to look after our land better and they are helping us realise our dreams for the future, a future where our kids will have jobs and adjustion as well as a strong culture and education, as well as a strong culture and self-esteem," he said. Great Southern, the Tiwi Land Council,

Territory and Australian governments are also partners in a college at Pickertaramoor, due to open in early 2008 to provide training for Tiwi teenagers in areas such as forestry and aquaculture.

Great Southern now has 25 full-time Tiwi staff, including 10 land and sea rangers, two land evaluation officers who work in the environment team, two Tiwi liaison officers, and 11 Tiwis in the forestry crew (including the nine apprentices who have just graduated).

It is recruiting another 12 Tiwi forestry apprentices, who are due to start work on

the forestry project in the next few weeks.

Training for both the apprentices and rangers is co-ordinated by the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board (TITEB), with Darwin's Industries Services Training engaged as the registered training

The graduation coincided with the departure of the fourth logging shipment since new shipping procedures were

implemented by Great Southern.
This has included the construction of a new port at Port Melville, near Pirlangimpi, larger ships and more efficient shipping procedures

"When Great Southern took over this operation, the ships were running at a loss. They are now making profits, which are shared between Great Southern and the Tiwi people," Mr Young said.

Owned by land council

The latest shipment of 15,000 cubic tones of Caribbean pine logs is from old government plantations now owned by the Tiwi Land Council and harvested on the council's behalf by Great Southern. As the plantations are cleared, they are being replanted with acacia.

The pine is used for saw and pulp logs

In China.

Future shipments are likely to be shared by Matilda Minerals, which recently started production of mineral sands on Melville Island.

Mr Young said Great Southern spent about \$1 million a year in Tiwi wages on the islands, about \$1.2 million a year on infrastructure such as roads and bores, and about \$500,000 a year on lease payments for the port and plantations.

"We think this is a project that can really make a difference to the lives of the Tiwi people," he said.

Shipping

The graduation coincided with another shipment of 15,000 cubic metres of pine logs from Port Melville to Guangzhow, in

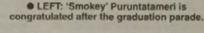
China, on the African Orchid.

In February 2006, 15,000 cubic metres of native hardwood was shipped on the Tinos to China

 In October 2006, 15,000 cubic metres of pine was shipped on the Sider Tis to China (the profits from this shipment meant the Tiwi Land Council was able to sponsor the Tiwi Bombers, with an additional \$20,000 donated by Great

 In December 2006, 4000 cubic metres of native hardwood and 11,000 cubic metres of pine were shipped to Hainan, in Southern China, on the African Orchid to be used for saw logs and pulp.





Graham Puruntatameri and Victor Puruntatameri.

BELOW: Noel Galaria, one of the







Dancers at the graduation ceremony

Praise for Shane



Hearing about Aboriginal man Shane Kennedy's long list of academic achievements, you'd be forgiven for wondering if the horticulture graduate has time for anything other than his own study.

But Shane, last week named the Riverina Institute of TAFE's new Outstanding Student of the Year, still has time to mentor other students in the

subject that is clearly his passion. Shane received his award at the TAFE NSW Riverina Institute's Primary Industries Centre (PIC) 2007 graduation and awards presentation ceremony after performing exceptionally well in his two courses of study: Horticulture Production Certificate II and Horticulture Production Certificate III.

Highest aggregate

He recorded the highest aggregate mark across both courses while mentoring other students to succeed in these programs

He also received the Geale's Garden Centre Award and the Rapley's Wholesale Nursery Award for his academic achievements.

Shane achieved to a very high standard in all the discipline areas he studied and is continuing this year in higher level studies with the same aptitude," said Head of Primary Industries Centre Frank Chadwick.

With his special personal qualities, he brings and excellent academic achievement, Shane has a great future ahead of him."

Shane is continuing his studies this year in the Certificate IV in Production Horticulture at the Primary Industries Centre.

The Primary Industries Centre has worked closely with the local aboriginal community to establish a successful production horticulture training program utilising a market garden developed by the

The project now incorporates education and training programs for local high school students who attend the Primary

Industries Centre one day a week to study Horticulture or Agriculture. This arrangement provides a direct pathway from school to TAFE where students gain recognition for completed TAFE programs.

As an outcome, the relationship between the Riverina Institute, local high schools and the Aboriginal community has been greatly strengthened to the benefit of all parties involved

Other winners at the graduation evening included Scott Blandford (Certificate III Horticulture - Landscape), Edward Gallagher (Certificate III Horticulture – Parks and Gardens) Matthew Graham (Certificate III Horticulture – Turf), Roslyn Andrews (Certificate II Horticulture – Parks and Gardens) and David Fellows (Certificate III Horticulture - Parks and Gardens) who all graduated with the highest average marks in their respective Horticulture courses.

Awards were also presented to a number of Crops and Livestock graduates. Sarah Gilbert and Ashlea Coggan were awarded for their studies in Certificate IV

Rural trainee

Sarah Piffero was presented with an award for most outstanding rural trainee, Lana Todd and Adrian Single were recognised for their academic achievements in veterinary nursing and

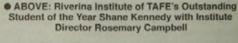
wool classing respectively.

Malcolm Harding was awarded for being the most proficient shed hand, while Jonathon Blyth received the award for

Another highlight of the evening was the address given by guest speaker and former student Adrian Podmore, who spoke about his own learning experiences and how they related to his work as Parks and Gardens supervisor with the Wagga Wagga City Council.
Institute Director Rosemary Campbell

said: "We all look forward to the graduation as an opportunity to celebrate the students' successful completion of hard work and the achievement of formal accreditation in their chosen qualification.





- LEFT: Students who were on seed collection
- . BELOW: Elder Isabel Reid who was one of the participants on the course, receiving her certificate from Ms Campbell.





Country placements costing student teachers



Student teachers are being forced to fork out \$2500 from their own pockets for country placements, according to research released last week

The Rural Education Forum Australia, which undertook the research late last year, wants government to subsidise the costs which it says total \$30 million a year. The research shows that it costs student

teachers an average of \$2553 for a 26-day country placement. Annually, more than 12,000 teacher education students spend time in a rural or remote school learning how

to be a teacher.

There are five main costs that have to be met by students who do a country

. The cost of travel to and from a

The cost of accommodation and any

extras while away from home.

The cost of maintaining home base.

The cost of getting prepared for a

 Loss of income because of not being able to maintain a paid job.

Some students also have to pay extra

for carers to look after children and other family members

"Student teachers are paying more than \$30 million a year to do their country placements," said the Chair of REFA, Marina

"This is a large amount out of the pockets of frequently cash-strapped students. It shows very clearly that there is a case for some assistance to be provided.

"When asked, students said that about \$1000 would be a great help with meeting the costs of a rural placement. If this amount was provided by governments, students

would still be meeting more than 50 per cent of the average cost of a country placement.

This represents a very good deal and partnership with the next generation of Australia's rural teachers

Ms Izatt said the research findings were consistent with the thrust of recommendations of the report on teacher education in Australia just released by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Vocational Training.

Information about the REFA research is available at www.refa.edu.au

New perspective e classroom



From Broken Hill, in the State's west, to Mosman,

on Sydney Harbour, New South Wales public schools have comed 43 new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers

so far this year.

A Government recruitment campaign and scholarship program has led to more Aboriginal people choosing to become teachers.

The NSW Department of Education and Training says its Graduate Recruitment Program (GRP) is helping to improve the educational outcomes of Aboriginal children in NSW

This year's program opens this month, identifying high-performing graduates to come tomorrow's public school teachers.

One new teacher who was appointed through last ear's GRP to Normanhurst West Public School is

Matthew Pinchbeck Mr Pinchbeck began his studies as a mature age student with the assistance of a Teacher Education Scholarship from the department.

Each July, applications open for at least 60 such scholarships to be offered specifically to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students wanting to become teachers in any secondary subject, or in primary

Scholarship recipients are guaranteed a permanent teaching position in NSW public schools when they graduate They also benefit from a \$1500 annual training allowance and have related HECs fees paid for

Mr Pinchbeck says that throughout his teacher training, he has been able to draw on his own experience as a student to relate to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children.

Although his people are from Tamworth, he grew up in the

Baulkham Hills area of

"It wasn't until I went to university, that I became much more aware of my Aboriginal heritage," he said. "I got involved with the

Aboriginal Centre at Newcastle University, and started to study Aboriginal perspectives. I felt that it answered a lot of questions that had arisen in my life. especially in terms of how I perceived things and my particular learning style.

Understanding how cultural upbringing can influence students' learning styles helps Mr Pinchbeck create an encouraging environment for his students to develop and learn.

"For example, I've often found Aboriginal children are less likely to answer questions in class," he

"Traditionally, Aboriginal culture has been passed on through the telling of stories; it's not about questions

New teacher Matthew Pinchbeck. He says cultural upbringing can influence students' learning styles.

Photo by Joriel Jin

and answers.
"As an Aboriginal teacher, I understand where these kids are coming from, and only ask questions to students I know want to answer

"I realise that many children might know the answer, but aren't comfortable speaking up. Instead, I try to incorporate more 'hands on' learning and a greater variety of practical experiences into our lessons."

Mr Pinchbeck says he is looking forward to progressing in his career, and would like to increase his focus on helping Aboriginal children by working

vith greater numbers of

Indigenous students.
"Eventually, I'd like to take on more responsibility within NSW public schools. It's here that I can make a difference - public education gives everyone the same opportunity to learn and achieve, regardless of their income or circumstances," he

To find out more about teaching as a career and about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teacher education scholarships, go to the teach NSW website at www.teach.nsw.edu.au

2008 Graduate Recruitment Program

Are you in your final year of teacher training? Do you want to work as a teacher in a NSW public school? If you answered YES to the above questions, read on.

The NSW Department of Education and Training invites teaching graduates completing their final year of study during 2007 to apply for employment in NSW public schools through the 2008 Graduate Recruitment Program.

We want you to come along to a teach.NSW presentation at a uni campus near you. Presentations are being held at NSW and ACT university campuses: during March and April. The session will provide you with important information on how to apply, your interview, employment benefits and much more. Information packages will be distributed at the presentations. The schedule for these sessions is published on our website.

Distance education and external students, including block release students and students who cannot attend a teach.NSW presentation should go to our website for information regarding the application process. Closing date for applications is 6 May 2007

ATTENTION MID-YEAR GRADUATES If you are a mid-year graduate you should submit your ine application for employment and book your interview by 1 April 2007 as your interviews will held in April 2007. Visit our website at www.teach.nsw.edu.au/grp for more information.





Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



our Indigenous men are among
EnergyAustralia's newest recruits – a
record 164 apprentices – who will be at
the frontline of delivering the company's
biggest ever investment in its electricity
network.

The Indigenous foursome gained an apprenticeship following their participation in the EnergyAustralia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Pre-apprenticeship Program.

Ben Briggs, Robert Thomas, Danny Naylor and Joshua Toomey were successful

in gaining apprenticeships.

Joshua Toomey, 21, an apprentice lineworker, said he thought a job with EnergyAustralia gave him a bright future.

"I was stoked when I got into the pre-apprenticeship course – I really benefited because I had pretty low confidence. I expected the course to be hard and it was, but I learned so much and there was so much support through the course," he said.

"The pre-apprenticeship course opened a great opportunity for me and now it is up to me what I do with it. "This is a career, it's not just a job. Some people have been here for more than 30 years and still love it. I'm starting a family and want to be able to provide for them, so an apprenticeship with EnergyAustralia has put me on the right track."

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Danny Naylor, 37, was a carpenter before making the switch to line work. He said the pre-apprenticeship course was vital to him gaining the apprenticeship.

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"Not being one of these young fellas coming straight out of school, I needed to brush up on my maths skills, and this course gave me that opportunity. I wouldn't have had a chance without it," he said.

The four Indigenous men joined their 160 apprentice team-mates at a welcome event at EnergyAustralia's Homebush depot on Friday 16 February.

Managing Director George Maltabarow

Managing Director George Maltabarow said the apprentices had a bright future as the driving force behind the company's five-year \$3.7-billion capital works program to 2010.

This is our biggest team of apprentices and they will help deliver our biggest capital works program across the biggest electricity network in the State," Mr Maltabarow said.

"Our pre-apprenticeship course is a great stepping stone in preparing students for an apprenticeship and ultimately gaining a apprentices to EnergyAustralia."

164 apprentices to EnergyAustralia."
EnergyAustralia's 2007 apprentice intake comprises:

- 98 apprentices from Sydney suburbs, 40 from Newcastle and the Hunter, 18 from the Central Coast, four from the Illawarra region, two from the Central West, one from the Mid-North Coast and one from the South Coast.
- 71 electrical mechanics, 75 line workers, 14 cable jointers, three motor mechanics and one vehicle body builder – bringing EnergyAustralia's total number of apprentices in training to 523.
- Apprentices ranging in age from 16 to 48 years.
- Training at EnergyAustralia's
 Meadowbank, Silverwater, Newcastle and
 Muswellbrook training centres as well as
 through TAFF

through TAFE.
"Our apprentices are crucial to
EnergyAustralia's workforce – they are the

future and we train them for the future," Mr Maltabarow said.

"By the end of their training, our apprentices will be leaders in the electricity industry with high levels of technical proficiency and invaluable on-the-job experience."

Mr Maltabarow said this was the fourth consecutive record-breaking apprentice recruitment for EnergyAustralia, which was the largest employer of apprentices in NSW EnergyAustralia has been training

EnergyAustralia has been training apprentices since 1910 and its number of apprentices has tripled over the past four

The Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Pre-apprenticeship Program is a partnership between TAFE – Sydney Institute and EnergyAustralia and aims to provide students with the skills and knowledge to pursue a career in the electrical industry, and gives them the opportunity to apply for an apprenticeship with EnergyAustralia.

 People interested in the Pre-apprenticeship Program can log on to www.energy.com.au/pre-apprenticeship

It's your guide to employment

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The Department of Infrastructure has many exciting and rewarding employment opportunities available for Indigenous Australians.



Attractive employee benefits and development opportunities are available to successful applicants. Scholarships and Traineeships are available for 2007.

For further information visit

www.doi.vic.gov.au/jobs

Or contact the Diversity Coordinator Phone (03) 9655 6842

Email indigenousprograms@doi.vic.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION CULTURAL HERITAGE 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.

AHIMS ADMINISTRATOR

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EPO Class 8, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC07-90. Total remuneration package quoted to: \$84,801 p.s. (\$58,117-\$76,848) The remuneration package quoted includes annual salary, employer's contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

Administers the NSW (DEC) Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) by establishing standards for the management, use, development and Scensing of the AHIMS database. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, and knowledge of issues of sensitivity around the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage information. Knowledge of operation and administration of database systems, such as AHIMS. Ability to undertake technical computer communication and flaison with IT and GIS specialists. Demonstrated skills and experience in working within a cooperative team environment to achieve team objectives. Experience in promissing work duties and working to an agreed plan with minimal supervision.

Experience in dealing with contractors, developers, Aboriginal organisations and external stakeholders involved in Soriginal Cultural Heritage issues. Experience in providing service excellence in a customer focused work environment, Common selection criteria also advertised possible. Previous applicants

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Notes: This is a readvertised position. Previous applicants should reapply This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 97 compatible.

Inquirles: Cheryl Brown (02) 9585-6470 Email: cheryl brown@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Information Packages: Telephone; (02) 9585-6168 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer.

Department of Environment and Conservation, Personnel Services Saction, PO Box 1967. Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585-6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au. Closing Date: Friday 23 March 2007



Reconciliation Australia

Relationship Manager

Reconciliation Australia is the independent, not-for-profit organisation leading the national movement for reconciliation between the wider community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our overarching focus is closing the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. We are looking for a person who shares our values and can experience and advise neonle and communications in all sectors in encourage and advise people and organisations in all sectors in taking responsibility for reconciliation.

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The primary role of the Relationship Manager is to promote and implement the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program which involves corporate, government, philanthropic and community organisations in varied, measurable activities towards closing the life expectancy gap. The RAP program is a major aspect of this year's commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

The successful applicant will work in a dynamic team environment, have excellent interpersonal and organisational skills and be able to deliver in a fast paced environment. They will work strategically, independently and diplomatically with diverse, high level stakeholders.

Salary will be determined depending on experience and skills. Applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are

For job description go to www.reconciliation.org.au

Applications close: Friday 23 March 2007.

Written Applications to: Claire Tedeschi, Community Relations Director, Reconciliation Australia, PO Box 4773, Kingston ACT 2804, email: claire tedeschi@reconciliation.org.au

Enquiries to: Deborah Burton, Finance/HR Manager, Reconciliation Australia, phone 02 6273 9200, amail: deborah.burton@reconciliation.org.au

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 a disability.

Tamworth Indigenous Coordination Centre

APS Level 6 Senior Project Officer

PN 50010062 \$58,770 - \$65,350

The work of the Tamworth Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) includes delivering Government programs, liaising with a wide range of Australian Government, state, territory and non-government agencies, contributing to policy and program review and formulation, and working cooperatively with program areas within FaCSIA to achieve the Department's strategic outcomes.

The position will be part of a multi-disciplinary team located within the Tamworth ICC. The ICC delivers a range of whole-of-government activities throughout the region. This position within FaCSIA delivers and monitors a range of programs on behalf of the Australian Government to Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations.

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 (o2) 8255 1153. 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.

Applications close 23 March 2007



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Victorian State Office

Melbourne

The Victorian State office is responsible for the local implementation of programs, policies and services. Staff liaise with a wide range of Australian Government, State, Local and non-government agencies, contributing to policy and program review and formulation, and working co-operatively with a range of areas within FaCSIA to achieve the departments' strategic outcomes. The Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) leads "Whole of Government" delivery of services to Indigenous Victorians.

Solution Broker

Executive Level 1 571,863 - 580,054

The vacancy

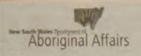
The Solution Broker will be required to lead collaborative projects in Indigenous Affairs, act as a broker between Government, other agencies and the community and develop 'whole of government' partnerships to achieve real outcomes for indigenous people in Victoria.

HOW TO APPLY

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Department of Aboriginal Affairs is implementing a reform program to deliver NSW Government policy on Aboriginal affairs.

Regional Manager, Communities and Programs

Clerk Grade 11/12, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No DAA07/035.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$112,390 p.a. (\$88,066-\$101,849). Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave

Working with other State Government agencies to improve government co-ordination and delivery of Two Ways Together regional priorities.

Selection Criteria: High level ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities and superior understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and issues impacting on Aboriginal people. Sound understanding of Government policy, direction, objectives and service delivery functions, particularly in relation to Aboriginal programs, and relevant legislation, policies and issues across Government. A working knowledge of contemporary community development philosophies. Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines, work independently and supervise staff in distant workplaces. Demonstrated ability to work in partnership and develop relationships with Aboriginal communities and peak groups. Demonstrated negotiation skills, interpersonal skills, and organisational skills. High level communication skills, including drafting reports and ministerial correspondence. Demonstrated record of delivering tangible outcomes that have met community needs. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or the equivalent demonstrated work experience. Experience in managing project budgets and reporting. Experience representing an organisation at conferences, seminars and community consultations at a senior level. Common selection criteria also apply.

Inquiries: Kerry Pearse (02) 9219 0714.

Information Packages: Clive Moulstone (02) 9219 0728.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Consultant, Central orporate Services Unit, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 23 March 2007:



ANU COLLEGE OF LAW

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

National Centre for Indigenous Studies

Academic Level D - Research

Fixed Term - 3 Years Full-time

Salary Range: \$97,182 - \$106,789 pa plus 17% super

Reference: NCIS 3952

The National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS) promotes cross-disciplinary research and teaching in a wide range of areas of relevance to Indigenous Australians. An exciting opportunity exists to join the NCIS as the Deputy Director for a fixed 3 year term.

The Deputy Director will assist with the promotion, development and coordination of Indigenous Studies and research across ANU. The successful applicant will have an outstanding research record with interests that relate to the Centre's areas of activity and the capacity to manage resources and supervise staff. The appointee will work directly to the Director of the Centre, Professor Mick Dodson AM, providing advice to him on all academic matters within the Centre, facilitating collaborations among individuals and areas working in the field of Indigenous Studies across the campus, convening collaborative activities and initiating new projects. In particular the appointee will co-ordinate all post graduate students involved in Indigenous studies across the University, work closely with the Director on Reconciliation issues, and be involved with the Visiting Fellows (National and International) Program.

The National Centre for Indigenous Studies provides a unique interdisciplinary grouping of researchers and educators in Indigenous studies to promote informed understanding, recognition and respect for Indigenous cultures, histories and identities and to further the social, economic and political development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Selection Criteria: http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/jobs/ or from Anna Damiano T: 02 6125 6708 E: Anna Damiano@anu.edu.au

Closing Date: Wednesday 11 April 2007





Enquiries: Professor Mick Dodson AM T: 02 6125 6708 E: Mick Dodson@anu.edu.au

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Coordinator Strategic Partnerships, Aboriginal Health

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Level 3: \$78.424–\$89.405 pa, Recruitment No: 702006/65,
Enquiries & Application Kit: Sharon Tovey, (02) 6363 8039 or
sharon tovey@gwahs health new gov.au Close: 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

Trainee in Business Administration

Department of Education Training and the Arts

SCIT 19/07

Salary Range (per fortnight): \$531.80 - \$946.20 Employment Status: Temporary Fulltime (for a period of 12 months)

An opportunity exists to join Sunshine Coast's leading provider of vocational education – Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE. Under the First Start Program the Institute is offering a full-time Business Administration Traineeship for a young indigenous person within the age range of school leaver up to 24 years

We are seeking applicants who are interested in working in an office environment and possess the following attributes:

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- Ability to work as part of a team
 Good communication skills
- . Computer literacy

Applicants should complete and submit:

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- Trainee Applicant Checklist
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- An up-to-date resume detailing work history and/or experience relevant to the traineeship.

Applications will remain current for 12 months

Applicants should firstly obtain an application package from CSQ HR Services, preferably by email csqhr.myb@csq.qld.gov.au or otherwise telephoning (07) 4120 2337

please contact HR Services Unit on (07) 5459 3212.

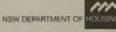
Applications close Thursday & April 2007

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RELOCATION COORDINATOR

Clerk Grade 5/6

Southern & Western Housing Services Division Illawarra - Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 07DOH7074

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

Job Description: The Relocation Coordinator implements relocation activities for the Division, working intensively with clients & sourcing suitable properties for relocation to ensure targets in Relocation Plan are met & tenants are supported throughout the process.

throughout the process.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated organisational skills, project and data management ability; demonstrated computer skills including ability to maintain excel databases; excellent interpersonal, interviewing, negotiation, influencing and conflict management skills; excellent written communication skills and ability to prepare letters, newsletters, ministerial briefs and reports, ability to work collaboratively with other human service agencies on a case basis to support tenants through relocation process; demonstrated ability to work independently, delivery results in tight timeframes, work in politically sensitive environment in a complex setting with individual tenants, client service teams, property managers & divisional/DOH units; current driver's slicence. 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 (CH&S).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package,

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Closing date: 23 March 2007



CLERICAL TRAINEESHIPS

Temporary up to 12 months

(More than One Position)

Are you interested in a Traineeship within the South Australian Public Sector? South Australia Police has a number of Clerical Traineeship opportunities available in metropolitan and

As a trainee you will be responsible for a variety of administrative tasks that will assist South Australia Police in meeting its operational needs.

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Contact the Administrative Coordinator, CareerStart SA, DFEEST, GPO Box 320, Adelaide, 5000, telephone 1800 683 534, web site http://www.youthworks.sa.gov.au

If you would like more information about traineeships, resum and interviews please contact CareerStart on 1800 683 534

For further information about the traineeships within South Australia Police, telephone Lia Bigolin, Assistant HR Consultant on 08 8204 2272. Applications close 5.00pm Friday 16 March 2007





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Queensland Council of Social Service Inc. Working for a Fair Queensland

QCOSS Child Care Indigenous **Professional Support Unit**

PROJECT COORDINATOR and TWO PROJECT OFFICERS -PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ay are encouraged to apply

Are you an experienced group leader, director or coordinator in en's services looking for a career challenge? Would you like to share your skills and knowledge with others?

IPSU is currently seeking applications from Early Childhood professionals to join its learn providing professional support to Indinenous Children's Services across Queensland

The Indigenous Professional Support Unit sponsored by QCOSS is funded by the Department of Families. Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) to provide eligible Indigenous-run Child Care services in Queensland with quality professional support, in-service training and advice. IPSU is advertising for a Project Coordinator and two full-time Professional Support

For position descriptions please access either www.qcoss.org.au or apply to Jessica Cleaver at jessc@qcoss.org.au or on (07) 3832-1266. This position is located in the IPSU Townsville office and will require regular travel throughout Queensland

Further information is available by contacting the QCOSS IPSU Manager on 1800 110 869 Closing Date: COB 19th March 2007

NSW DEPARTMENT OF



REGIONAL MANAGER NORTHERN

Clerk Grade 11/12

Service Development - Office of Community Housi Coffs Harbour/Newcastle - Permanent Full-Time Position No: 07DOH7097

Total remuneration package valued up to \$112,390 per annum (salary \$88,066 pa - \$101,849 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual

Job Description: The Regional Manager will build the capacity of the community housing sector in the Northern Region at a time of rapid growth. It will lead the implementation of resource allocation programs, new products and demonstration projects.

allocation programs, new products and demonstration projects. Selection Criteria: Demonstrated experience in project or program management; demonstrated experience in business/regional planning; experience in delivery of cross agency programs; excellent communication skills, demonstrated capacity to build and maintain key relationships, ability to lead and motivate a team; demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills; 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 & Satety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department, Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Mark Reader (02) 8753 8288.

ormation Package: Available on-line at w jobs new gov. au or contact Cindy Patmore (02) 8753 8280 Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7468, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsDOH@brzlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 23 March 2007



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 found hostel accommodation stronghout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment of training apportunities for Aboriginal and torres Strait dar people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need anistrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal is Strait blander societies.

Sydney

Regional Office

Corporate Services Administrative Support Officer

\$35,176 - \$38,379 pa, plus superannuation

Under routine direction, be responsible for the provision of routine support services for the Regional Office with an emphasis on support to the purchasing, finance and personnel/payroll functions.

Further inquiries: Molisa Carney, Telephone No: (02) 9310 2777 Selection documentation: Molisa Carney, Telephone No: (02) 9310 2777 or from our

Writen applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 30 March 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.

Regional Office

Corporate Services Administrative Officer

APS Level 3

\$39,613 - \$42,546 pa, plus superannuation

Under general direction, be responsible for ensuring that Regional Office financial and/or personnel and payroll processes and records are managed and maintained in compliance with legislation and AHL policies and procedures.

Further inquiries: Lisa Hastings, Telephone No. (03) 9642 2775 Selection documentation: Dale Wandin, Telephone No. (03) 9642 2775 or from our

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 30 March 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

Allon Bell House- IYMP

House Manager

\$42,880 - \$45,503 pa, plus superannuation

Relief House Manager (part time 15.20 hours per week) APS Level 3

\$303.74 - \$322.34 per week, plus superannuation

Role: provide residential support for young Indigenous people aged 16-24 years and manage on accommodation facility for up to 10 residents.

We are seeking two mativated people to manage a group house or similar accommodation and provide residential support for young indigenous people from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

- Duties include:

 * managing the daysto-day running of the accommodation

 * assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and

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 * Liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt

 to living and studying away from home.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. On the Job training will be available.

Desirable: Drivers Licence

Further inquiries: Robert Leidig, Telephone No: [08] 8342 6950 Selection documentation: Trisha Howson, Telephone No. (08) 8342 6950 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria of 5pm, 30 March 2007 and should be sent to: **Regions Manager**, **Aboriginal Hostels United**, PO Box 536, PROSPECT EAST SA 5082.

Conditions of Employment
The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the six menth probation period. Satisfactory complet a police records check is required for these positions. The successful applicants will be after an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

Aboriginal Hastels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, meril principles and Workplace Diversity.

These are identified positions.



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- . Maintaining and accessing a database to prepare and analyse
- . Case managing through mediations, facilitations and workplace investigations.
- . Developing and delivery of training in relation to organisational
- Coaching, influencing, negotiating and communicating within a commercially focussed organisation.

The successful candidate will be required to travel interstate and intrastate to assist with planning and delivering conferences and must be able to work autonomously and within a team environment.

Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria as outlined in the

To learn more about this QR career opportunity, please call or visit our website

Equity and Resolution Advisor (12 month contract)

Location

Remuneration \$62,442 - \$67,895

Vacancy Reference Number 22592

Closing date 5.00pm Monday 26th March 2007

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Aboriginal Services Planning

Equal Opportunity Employment Act 1995 Exemption - Application No. A41/2007

Grampians Region/Health & Aged Care/ Public Health Team - Ballarat Salary: \$58,550 - \$66,431 + Superannuation

entine practed by the VCAT enables Grannians Region to advertise for and employ an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as an Aboriginal Services Planning Officer. The position plays a key role in the Region and works with Aboriginal Controlled. Community Organisations and health service providers on matters associated with the enhance the health and we being of Aboriginal people and communities. The position also works with key stakeholders to reorient services and build trust and confidence within

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Tom Niederle, Manager, Public Health on (03) 5333 6027. To apply online and view the job description. visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote Reference No.: DHS/GRA/24864. Closing date for applications is Friday, 16 March 2007.

na requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practice





Indigenous Employment Opportunities

Avr 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

- Business Administration Trainee Moranbah 07-021 (fortnightly salary \$677.90 - 1,232.60)
- Operator /Maintainer (Water Service Delivery/Civil Works) Ayr 07-022 (fortnightly salary \$1415.00 - \$1553.30)
- Operator/Maintainer (Environment) Ayr 07-023 (fortnightly salary \$1415.00 - \$1553.30)

Salary packages include up to 12.75% employer superannuation contribution to O 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.

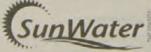
A current resume and cover letter addressing the requirements of the position should be submitted to recruitment@sunwater.com au or mailed to "SunWater Recruitment" PO Box 15536, City East QLD 4002. Closing date COB Friday 30 March 2007

Applicants must nominate the traditional owner group they represent.

Further details regarding the positions are available from:

- Business Administration Trainee (Moranbah): Mr. Geoff Renton (07) 4954 2219
- Operator/Maintainer (Water service delivery/Civil Works) Ayr Mr. Gary Everson (07) 4783 0533
- 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



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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Clerk Grade 8/10
Housing Assistance Policy
lousing Policy & Partnership
Policy Strategy & Finance
Head Office, Ashifield
Permanent Full-Time
Pos. No. 07DOH7130

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$92,591 per annum (\$76,142 ps - \$83,907 ps), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
The Sonior Policy Officer contributes to the development of strategic directions for housing assistance that will be sustainable into the future and aligned to Commonwealth State Housing Agreement commitments and NSW government

- strategic level and to provide accurate and timely policy
- Demonstrated experience in development and evaluation of
- public policies or public programs.

 Experience in undertaking social research, using data collection and analysis techniques.

 Capacity to supervise staff and manage projects in a multi-

- skilled team environment. Tertiary qualifications in social sciences or related discipline. Computer literacy, including word processing and spreadsheel applications. Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and

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Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

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Inquiries: Jenny Norman (02) 8753 8472 or email to:
jenny.norman@housing.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: Available online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact 1800 502 766 or email: elise.snefson@biziink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8. Locked Bag 7465. Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: Friday 23 March 2007.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

MANAGER **IHS APPLICATIONS SUPPORT**

Clerk Grade 11/12 Chief Information Office Organisation Improvement Head Office, Ashfield Permanent Full-Time Position No: 07DOH7128

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$112,390 per annum (salary \$89,066 ps - \$101,849 ps), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Job Description:

The Manager IHS Application Support is responsible for managing a team of application support experts to deliver system support, configuration, upgrade and enhancement services to Departmental stakeholders.

- Selection Oriteria:
 Proven team leadership and team management skills with an ability to motivate, develop and support a team in the delivery of responsive, client focused application support services specifically related to IHS or similar Oracle based
- services specially related to ITS or similar Uracile based applications.

 Demonstrated experience in application support, design, development and implementation including knowledge of the procedures associated with change management and quality assurance in an IT environment.
- Demonstrated experience in project management with an ability to meet tight deadlines in the face of conflicting provides.
- environment with an ability to implement appropriate measures to mitigate risks.

 Excellent interpersonal (including facilitation and presentation skills) and verbal / written communication skills with a demonstrated ability to develop and maintain internal and external relationships.

 Proven ability to establish and maintain constructive vendor relationships through strong influencing and negotiation
- skills.

 Tertiarry qualifications in computer science, computer technology, information science, business or project management; or equivalent industry/business experience. ITIL certification or a sound knowledge of the ITIL framework and its relevance in the delivery of IT services.

 Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

 Joh Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Melissa McCabe 0402 235 953.

Information Package: Available online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact 1800 502 766 or email:

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 23 March 2007.

CONDOBOLIN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE INC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(readvertised)

Written applications addressing the selection criteria contained in the information package are invited for the position of Chief Executive Officer, Condobolin Aboriginal Health Service (CAHS). CAHS is well established and recently received support from the Lachian Shire Council enabling appointment of a second full time General Practitioner. CAHS auspices smaller services at Murrin Bridge and Peak Hill Services in the community are Murrin Bridge and Peak Hill. Services in the community are likely to expand in future to complement the existing high guality

This is an outstanding opportunity for a dynamic and experienced manager to further develop their skills in a growing organisation. Reporting to a Board of community members and guiding a diverse combination of professional and support staff in the context of a million dollar budget in three com res excellent skills and judge

centre based clinical services.

The successful applicant is likely to have skills and experience regarding; Aboriginal communities, working with Aboriginal staff; management of individuals and teams; budgeting and financial reporting, accountability to a community Board or Committee; planning and implementation of health or community services.

FINANCE OFFICER

Written applications addressing the selection criteria contained in the information package are invited for the position of Finance Officer, Condobolin Aboriginal Health Service (CAHS). The position is anticipated to be full time, however people preferring to work flexible hours to suit family or other commitments are encouraged to apply.

CAHS is well established and recently received support from the Lachlan Shire Council enabling appointment of a second full time General Practitioner. CAHS auspices smaller services at Murrin Bridge and Peak Hill. Services in the community are likely to expand in future to complement the existing high quality. centre based clinical services.

This is an opportunity for a financially skilled individual to contribute to the further development of this growing organisation. Reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer and operating in the context of a million dollar budget makes for an influential and satisfying role.

The successful applicant is likely to have skills and experience regarding; Computerised accounting (MYOB); budgeting and financial reporting, verbal and written communication of financial issues; government funding requirements, working as part of a team.

The detailed selection criteria are contained in the information packages available from the Administration Officer email; loss@westserv.net.au or phone (02) 6895 4311. Applicants must address all of the selection criteria separately and return their application in accordance with the instructions in the information package.

Applications must be received by close of business Friday 23 March 2007.



NSW Department of Commerce

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. All applicants will be expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity. Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS OFFICER

Employee Relations Services
Corporate Services and Review
Sydney
Permanent Full-Time
STAFF GRADE 7/8
REFERENCE NO: 2007/068
SALARY PACKAGE: \$81,700 ps. Package includes salary
(\$86,714 - \$74,954 ps) employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

JOB NOTES: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-

RESPONSIBILITIES: Undertakes a range of strategic HR services including oversighting the implementation of strategies across the Department with particular emphasis on programs for Aboriginal people and provides overall coordination, monitoring and reporting of Aboriginal Programs (limited to 250 characters (including spaces)

- Aboriginality and extensive experience in working with Aboriginal staff in a culturally appropriate way.
 Proven project management and strategic planning skills.
 Proven organisational and planning skills with the ability to manage and meet conflicting priorities and deadlines.
 Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal employment policies and organities.
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- Demonstrated expendince in writing complex ories are reports.
 Demonstrated high level oral and written communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills including significant experience in dealing with staff at all levels and resolving sensitive issues.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a

ENQUIRIES: Tamara Bellear-Mayers (02) 9372 7672 or email Tamara Bellear-Mayers @commerce.nsw.gov.au CLOSING DATE: 30 March 2007

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INFORMATION PACKAGES: Access information Packages
at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or for email packages confact
intopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au with position number
"2007/068" in the Subject heading - this is an auto response.
Or if by post, contact Catherine Barrett on (02) 9372 7135.
APPLICATIONS TO: You can apply on-line all
www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or if by post mark "Confidential" to:
Catherine Barrett, HR Shared Services. Level 6, McKell
Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000.

For application kits and to apply online, visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Advanced Health Worker - Indigenous Mental Health, Townsville Homeless Outreach Program, Institute of Mental Health Services, Townsville, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52.411 p.a. comprising salary between \$41.777 - \$45.954 p.a. employer contribution to superannuation (ap to 12.75%) and annual leave loading [17.5%] (OO4) or Salary between \$41.156 - \$59.017 p.a. (FO2) JRN-HOTTOJZI-Dutles/Abilities: Provide the Townsville Homelessness Outreach Program with specialist information, advice and training relating to Indigenous cultural health issues: Facilitate a close and collaborative relationship between the Mental Health Service and relevant Indigenous organisation.

ries: Reina Zeevaart (07) 4720 0000

Application Kit: (07) 4796 1709 or (07) 4796 1716 or www.hraih.qid.gov.uu/workforus Closing Date: Monday, 2 April 2007.

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NSW@HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

Aboriginal Chronic Care Health Worker

Perm Full Time
Being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Position No: POW07/70
Being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent is a
genuine occupational qualification for this position under
Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).
Eng. Kristin Mbothu, 9382 8066
kristin mbothu

Aboriginal Mental Health Professional -

ubra Community Health

Maroubra Community Health
Position No: POW07/71
Being female and of Aboriginal/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 (NSW).
Eng: Janet Khoshbin, 9366 8711
Closing Date: 23 March 2007

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person. NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Public Space

Liaison Officer

\$55,398 per annum plus superannuation

The City of Sydney is seeking to appoint a Public Space Liaison Officer (PSLO) to its Homelessness Unit. This is a newly created position within the City of Sydney and offers the successful applicant the opportunity to participate in the ongoing development of the role.

The City of Sydney has a commitment to assisting people who are homeless and disadvantaged within the inner City and provides and funds a number of services that assist homeless people.

The role of the PSLO is to improve the management and amenity of public spaces where people who are homeless and/or street drinkers congregate. The PSLO will act both as an information agent and a broker of services between vulnerable people and other City and community services. This inb does not entail the enforcement of regulation but is focused on communicating and working with other council Units and other community services.

It is essential that applicants have strong communication skills, compassion and the ability to build relationships with vulnerable people. Some understanding of issues relating to homelessness would be an advantage. A high level of verbal communication skills and writing skills is needed.

Visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs for a position description detailing selection criteria. For additional information contact Felicity Reynolds, Community Support & Access Manager on (02) 9265 9667. Applications should be made online via our website by Friday 23rd March 2007, quoting Ref. No. S052146.

Equal Employment Opportunity is the policy of City of Sydney

city of villages

NSW@HEALTH NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

COMMUNITY HEALTH - GRAFTON

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Community Health

Perm Part Time, Z4 hpw
Position No. 0560/06
It is a genuine occupational requirement that this, position is occupied by a female.

Exemption is claimed under Section 31 of the Antidiscrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as a being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Antidiscrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Salary Graduate/Non Graduate, \$18.85-\$35.40 ph Enquiries: Dianne Short, (02) 6640 2402.

Closing Date: 30 March 2007.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Australia Council for the Arts

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Division Permanent Full Time Position (ongoing) Salary: \$38,106 per annum

Plus employer's contribution to superannuation

Plus employer's contribution to superannuation

Do you want to work in a flexible, creative and professional environment?

Over the last 30 years we have supported and promoted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and organisations, including Archie Rosco, Christine Anu, Deboran Maliman, Doris Pikington, Ken-Thaiday, Bangarra, Bandus Marika, Lean Purcelt, Yirra Yaskin and Voltus Vindi as well as the next generation of young and creative artists such as Wire MC, Emma Donovan, Alick Tipoti, Shakaya and Jason Pritt.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING

We are looking for a highly motivated, dynamic, Administrative Officer who will work in a team to support the work of the Division. You will be expected to work with a range of stakeholders within the arts, government and industry.

This position is based in Surry Hills, Sydney. We strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

For more information about the role and how to apply, please phone (02) 9215 9119 or go to Applications close: Friday 13 April 2007 by 5pm





The Australia Council for the Arts is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION **CULTURAL HERITAGE DIVISION**

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethica Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER - WETLANDS

EPO Class 7, Dubbo, Temporary Full-Time/Temporary Part-Time, Vacancy Number DEC07-088. Total remuneration package valued to: \$78,234 p.a. (\$64,165-\$70,896) Remuneration package includes salary, leave, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme, on a pro-rata basis where applicable.

scheme, on a pro-rata basis where applicable.
Assist in the conservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Macquarie Marshes and Gwydir Wretlands. Facilitate consultation with, and involvement of, Aboriginal people in the preparation of Environmental Management Plans for the two wetlands. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, and cultural association with local Aboriginal communities. Working knowledge of issues that may impact on natural and cultural heritage management in NSW. Extensive knowledge of State and Federal legislation related to Aboriginal cultural heritage and natural heritage conservation. Demonstrated experience in consultation with Aboriginal communities including conflicting groups, management of projects, public speaking and undertaking research. Current drivers licence. A working knowledge of computer use, particularly the ability to use Microsoft Office software. Excellent communication, negotiation and conflict resolution skills. Common selection criteria also apply. criteria also apply.

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Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This is a temporary position for the period to 19 December 2008. The position is full time until end June 2007. The position is part-time 2.5 days per week from July 2007. June 2008, and 2 days per week July 2008 - 19 December 2008. There is a possibility of further hours being available during the part-time period. Days of attendance for part-time period are negotiable. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Damian Lucas (02) 9585 6833 Email: damian lucas@environment.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: Melissa Plummer (02) 9585 6168 or 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 risw gov au.

Closing Date: Friday 23 March 2007

Exciting Job opportunities

Help improve quality of life in Aboriginal communities

ABORIGINAL ACCESS & ASSESSMENT OFFICERS

Home Care Service NSW

Various regional positions - Temporary Full-Time/Part-Time Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

Total remuneration package valued at \$60,605 pa includes a salary range \$49,792 pa to \$54,920 pa, leave loading and employer's contribution to

The successful applicant will be a team player with excellent communication skills to conduct culturally responsive referral and assessment outcomes for potential Aboriginal Clients wanting to access Aboriginal Home Care or HACC

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and a demonstrated Selection Criteria: Aboriginality and a demonstrate understanding of contemporary issues for Aboriginal people including an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, experience working with Aboriginal Dommunities and Organisations, knowledge of the HACC program and service provider network including community care and wester systems; health and disability care systems; capacity to build relationships and partnerships with other Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal overnment and non-government organisations; demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy and rights issues including confidentiality, privacy complaints mechanisms; experience in interviewin assessing the needs of clients with complex assessing the needs of clients with complex needs; experience in the use of word processing and the capacity to use databases to create and maintain customer records; of driver's licence; knowledge and Understanding of Co Selection Criteria.

Job notes: There are several positions available. Two (2) temporary part-time (17.5 hours per week) in the Western & Southern region, locations to be negotiated. Two (2) temporary half-time (35 hours per week) in the Northern & Western region. And two (2) permanent full-time in the Western Region, locations. are in Wagga Wagga and Orange. Please nominate your preferred





Information Packages Kristy Widders on 02 4904 5000 or

Applications to: Development aram.c. var. (02) 4904 5007 or email: Lisa.Leste@dadhc.nsw.gov.au or post to: Aboriginal Home Care Development Branch, PO Box 115, Broadmeadow NSW 2292.

Closing Date: dnesday, 4 April 2007

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You ideally have authorisation as a front-end loader/backhoe, EWP or post hole borer operator, A Dogman's Certificate, class 5B (HC) Driver's Licence or RTA approved traffic control procedure training may also be advantageous. You may have previous electricity network experience

All roles require good communication skills and an ability to comprehend written English, a commitment to health, safety and the environment plus the ability to work effectively alone or in teams

You'll enjoy competitive remuneration and great benefits.

If you require more information, call Ray Wainwright on 02 9585 5627.

Apply in writing by 16/3/07 to the Coordinator Workforce Projects, 33-45 Judd St, Oatley NSW 2223 or jmeades@energy.com.au or visit our website www.energy.com.au/careers

You should explain how you meet the characteristics outlined above and include your qualifications & experience.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND WORKFORCE DIVISION WORKFORCE INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH SEVERAL SECTIONS

Vacancies exist in Workforce Infrastructure Branch, in the Department of Health and Ageing's Mental Health and Workforce Division. Workforce Infrastructure Branch is working with a range of stakeholders to increase the capacity of the health workforce and to implement a range of important initiatives, including expanding medical specialist training, managing and evaluating specialist training programs, and improving the capacity, accessibility and responsiveness of the health care system for Indigenous people. This work requires people who enjoy using and developing a range of skills and seeing their work make a difference. You'll have the chance to use and develop strategic thinking and policy development, program management and evaluation, consultation and coordination, as well as financial monitoring and management skills,

Some positions may require an ability to communicate sensitively with people from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR \$73,626 - \$80,648

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 07-0805

Typical duties required for these roles include, but are not limited to: researching, reviewing and evaluating programs and policies in specific operational, technical or policy areas; managing relationships with a range of stakeholders and developing strategic alliances within the health and aged care system; preparing a range of correspondence including briefs, routine or complex reports, Ministerial correspondence, submissions, speeches, guidelines, policy papers or marketing material; and providing Secretariat support for committees, panels or working parties.

APS LEVEL 6 DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER \$59,912 - \$67,590 SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 07-0806

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Typical duties required for these roles include, but are not limited to: contributing to the planning and implementation of departmental policies and objectives; delivering outcomes against corporate objectives; consulting, liaising, advising and negotiating with a range of stakeholders, including Commonwealth, State and Local Government bodies and non-Government agencies; researching and preparing reports and submissions in specific service, technical or policy areas; and monitoring budget expenditure and preparing financial statements and reports.

APS LEVEL 5 **DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER** \$54,310 - \$57,322 SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 07-0807

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Typical duties required for these roles include, but are not limited to: drafting briefs, reports and contracts that range in content and complexity from routine and procedural to complex, technical or sensitive; assess funding applications and claims against expenditure guidelines and departmental objectives; monitor budget expenditure and compile information on program funding and levels of expenditure; provide administrative and secretarial support to senior staff, management bodies or committees, work or program areas; and liaise within the Department and with external clients and stakeholders including Commonwealth. State and Local Government bodies and non-Government agencies

Contact officer: Peter Brooks on 02 6289 1376 or peter,brooks@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Nick Parry on 02 6289 1647 (nicholas.parry@health.gov.au)

POPULATION HEALTH DIVISION STRATEGIC PLANNING BRANCH SEVERAL SECTIONS

APS LEVEL 6 PROJECT OFFICER \$59,912 - \$67,590 SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 07-0801

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to assist in managing and developing existing programs across the Population Health Division, as well as participating in the development and implementation of new initiatives. Applicants should have well developed analytical skills and an ability to think broadly on a range of issues and to be innovative, with liaison and communication skills of a high order. One position requires experience, or qualifications, in health economics, public health or a related discipline

The position within the Information and Review Section, will require the successful applicant to have either qualifications or experience in health economics, public health or a related

Contact officer: Danni Wilden on oz 6289 5256 or danni.wilden@health.gov.au Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Anna Wieczorek on 02 6289 4490 (anna.wieczorek@health.gov.au)

NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE BRANCH COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAMS SECTION

APS LEVEL 6 PROGRAM MANAGER \$59,912 - \$67,590

Reference Number: 07-0814

DARWIN

The successful applicant will manage and lead the activities of the Community Care Programs Section responsible for the implementation, ongoing administration and monitoring community based aged care programs in the NT. They will represent the department in liaisons and negotiations with relevant Commonwealth, Territory and Local Government departments, service providers and consumers.

Contact officer: Lee Oliver on o8 8946 3470 or lee.oliver@health.gov.au Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Judi Boiteau on o8 8946 3446 (judi.boiteau@health.gov.au)

APS LEVEL 5 SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER \$54,310 - \$57,322

Reference Number: 07-0812

This position is responsible for project management of community aged care programs in the Darwin, Katherine, and East Arnhem regions. The successful applicant will assist with the implementation and maintenance of needs based funding projects and the development of new services under a regional planning framework

Contact officer: Abbie Alcock on o8 8946 3489 or abbie.alcock@health.gov.au Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancles or judi Boiteau on o8 8946 3446 (judi.boiteau@health.gov.au)

APS LEVEL 5 SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

\$54,310 - \$57,322

Reference Number: 07-0813 ALICE SPRINGS

This position is responsible for project management of community aged care programs in the Central Australia and Barkly regions. The successful applicant will assist with the implementation and maintenance of needs based funding projects and the development of new services under a regional planning framework.

Contact officer: Abbie Alcock on o8 8046 3489 or abbie.alcock@health.gov.au Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Judi Boiteau on o8 8946 3446 (Judi.boiteau@health.gov.au)

Positions close 29 March 2007, 7pm EDST, unless otherwise noted

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 oz 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



Check out ABC Jobs

The ABC has a range of positions around Australia and, as the national broadcaster is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the Corporation Our goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community in our programs and workforce and we see Indigenous employment as a key component towards achieving this goal We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with drive, determination and a will to succeed.

Jobs Available

Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

It is important to check the website on a weekly basis to ensure that you don't miss out on any job opportunities.

For more information contact Paul Brant, Indigenous Employment Coordinator on (02) 8333 1089.

The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for positions. The Corporation is committed to Indigenous Employment outcomes and values the Indigenous culture

Central Queensland University

Equity and Diversity Officer (Indigenous)

(Vacancy Reference Number 2007/27)

Division of Human Resources

CQU Rockhampton

Permanent, Full-time

Total remuneration range from \$64 728 to \$70 796 per annum includes salary from \$55 323 to \$60 509 per annum and employer superannuation plus annual leave loading.

The Equity and Diversity Office is seeking to appoint a capable person with well developed knowledge of equal educational and employment opportunity. This person would be expected to work collaboratively across the university to manage projects to increase participation of Indigenous people in education and employment at Central Queensland University.

Please note: Aboriginal and Torres Strart Islander people are encouraged to apply Enquiries: Margaret Culmsee, Manager, Equity and Diversity, on telephone

4930 9264; or email: m.culmsee@cqu.edu.au

Applications close: 23 March 2007

Applicants must complete an Application Cover Sheet, refer to the position description and address the Selection Criteria, which can be obtained through the Division Of Human Resources website http://content.cqu.edu.au/Positions/acant/defaultpublic.do. or leave your details on the 24-hour automatelephone line: (07) 4930 9974.

Applications should quote the relevant Vacancy Reference Number, and be forwarded by email:

electronic applications@cqu edu.au or post 5 copies to the HR Office (Recruitment), Central Queensland University, Rockhampton, 4702, by the close date.



CQU is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace

Co-ordinator - STEP'ERS Program

Due to a recent successful tender, JobCo is seeking a person to coordinate the new STEP'ERS program. The successful candidate will have significant experience in and knowledge of working with the indigenous community; developing and running innovative employment and training based programs.

Position is based in our Brunswick office. Salary of \$40-\$50,000 in accordance with the SACS Award, level dependant on experience. Salary packaging is available.

Applicants should address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description, a copy of which can be obtained by emailing susan porter@jobco.com.au.

Applications close at 5pm on Tuesday 20th March 2007.



NSWRL Under 16 Aboriginal RL

Calling for Coaching Applications from Level 2 (or above) Indigenous Coaches

NSW Indigenous Rugby League Under 16 Aboriginal side

Please forward details of your Rugby League coaching experience to address below.

Closing Date: 21st March, 2007.

Applications to: Martin Meredith, Coaching & Develop Manager, NSWRL Academy, PO BOX 533, Narrabeen NSW 2101.

(Ph) 02 9971 0877 (Fax) 02 9971 0977 (Email) academy@nswrtacademy.com.au



The Gold Coast Health Service District is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander friendly employer.

There are approximately 3800 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who live within the District, with another 3500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in surrounding areas of the Gold Coast including, Tweed Heads, Beenleigh and Beaudesert.

The District has an Indigenous Health Service with nine positions working across Administrative, Health Worker and Professional positions.

The service was established in 1993 and is the District's focal point for Indigenous health issues. The District offers casual

and permanent career opportunities in a wide range of areas and sites including:

- Administration · Nursing Aged Care
 - · Nutrition · Oral Health
- · Allied Health
- · Catering Child Health
- Community Health (support staff)

- Medical · Mental Health
- Porterage · Technicians

(dental)

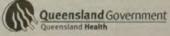
- · Trades

Give us a call today on telephone: 07 5537 0394 or email:

gchhrmrecruitment@health.qld.gov.au to apply for vacant positions. Please tell the operator where

you saw this advertisement.

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EARLY INTERVENTION WORKER & ABORIGINAL SERVICE SUPPORT WORKER

SDN Children's Services is a leading agency in Sydney and the Eurobodalla Shire for the Brighter Futures Program, an early intervention program funded by DoCS providing targeted support to vulnerable children and families who face specific challenges. Outstanding opportunities currently exist in the Batemans Bay and Sydney areas for highly motivated individuals to join the SDN Brighter Futures Program in the following capacities:

Early Intervention Worker, Batemans Bay - part-time, 18 hours per week (until 30 June 2009)

The successful candidate will be responsible for coordinating services; case management; building relationships and advocating for and supporting children and families enrolled in the SDN Brighter Futures Program. Experience in working within a community services/child and family work environment is essential, as is knowledge of and links to

Aboriginal Service Support Worker, Redfern – part-time, 22.8 hours per week (until 30 June 2009)

The appointee to this position will be responsible for supporting the SDN Brighter Futures Program team through the provision of Abonginal outreach and case management support and building relationships with local Aboriginal communities. Essential criteria for the role include working within a community services/child and family work environment; experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and excellent relationship building skills.

SDN Children's Services Inc considers that being of Indigenous background is a ge occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) for appointment to these positions.

For further information regarding these opportunities, please contact. Ms. Natalie Cox. on (02) 9698-3144. To view the position descriptions and selection criteria for these roles, please visit our website at www.sdn.org.au. Applications must address the selection criteria and can be emailed to jobs@sdn.org.au or sent to Ms. Sonja Ankucic, HR. Coordinator, PO. Box. 654, Broadway NSW 2007. Working with Children Check and pre-placement medical apply:

Applications to be received by Monday 23 March 2007.





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A CAREER WITH SECURITY AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

PROTECTIVE SERVICE OFFICER

\$43,415 - ALICE SPRINGS, CANBERRA, DARWIN, EXMOUTH, GERALDTON, HOBART (this salary is indicative only, and includes a base salary of \$34,732 and an average of 25% shift penalties)

Protective Service Officers are employees of the Australian Federal Police and play a vital role in protecting the lives of all Australians. These challenging roles are also highly suitable for women and they are encouraged to apply

PSOs perform a range of functions including Counter Terrorist First Response duties at airports and Commonwealth establishments around Australia. PSOs conduct mobile patrols, respond to alarms, visitor control, and alarm monitoring

On completion of probation, further opportunities exist for deployment to a range of specialist functions within the AFP such as Bomb Appraisal Officers and Firearms and Explosive Detection Canine handlers and overseas deployment with the International Deployment Group

To become a Protective Service Officer you must be at least 18 years old, be an Australian Citizen and hold a current m

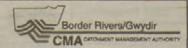
examination and psychological profile. You will also be required to undergo a police check and full security check. The ability to hold an Australian Security Clearance is essential

Applicants will be placed on in a talent pool and may be offered a place on a scheduled recruit course during 2007. Successful applicants will be engaged as a Trainee Protective Service Officer (\$30,439) while undertaking training.

Applications may be lodged online at www.afp.gov.au Conditions of service are in accordance with the Protective Service Officer Certified Agreement 2005 (available on

Applications close: 24 March 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BORDER RIVERS/GWYDIR CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

(ABORIGINAL SUPPORT)

Clerk Grade 4/5, Inverell, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No CMA2007/026, Total remuneration package valued to: \$86,906 p.a. (\$52,894-\$60,631).

remuneration package valued to: \$66,906 p.a. (\$52,894-\$60,631).

Work with Abortiginal communities to increase the number and diversity of Abortiginal members working with the BR-G-CMA's Catchment Action Plan (GAP). Selection Criteria: Abortiginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management activities to implement the BR-G-CMA's Catchment Action Plan (GAP). Selection Criteria: Abortiginality. Understanding of local Abortiginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues. Demonstrated ability in working with abortiginal community groups, Good facilitation skills, Good written and oral communication skills, including basic computer skills. Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping. Demonstrated ability to work as part of ataminetwork. Ability to liase with government agencies, other organisations and individuals. Understanding of funding processes and ability to identify funding sources. Current drivers incence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Temporary position under Section 88 or 27 8 28 of the PSE 8 M Act 2002 for a particular.

Notes: Temporary position under Section 86 or 27 & 28 of the PSE & M Act 2002 for a period up to 30 June 2008.

Inquiries: Sally Croker (02) 6773 5269 0407 268 194. Information Packages cma.intopack@dnr.naw.gov.au with 026 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124. Closing Date; Friday 16 March 2007.



F NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

LALC SUPPORT OFFICER

(Western Zone) Salary Range: \$51,228 to \$61,987 per an

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking application from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) Support Officer.

This position based in our Western Zone Office (Dubbo) provides an extensive range of assistance and advice to enable LALC's to meet procedural and legislative requirements.

procedural and legislative requirements.
The successful applicant will need the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, experience in program delivery, sound communication skills, a willingness to travet, and the ability to coordinate a diverse range of functions.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resources Officer, Diane Lee by email: diane lee@ale.org.au or (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be towarded in tiliane lee@ale.org.au.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to: Human Resources Officer, NSW Abonginal Land Council PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close Monday 26 March 2007. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

NSW@HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Healthy for Life Drug and Alcohol Aboriginal Health Education Officer Gunnedah Community Health

Gunneoan Community Health
Temp Part Time 16 hours
Funding until the 30th June 2007 (with the possibility of
an extension)
The purpose of the position is to provide support,
education and referral for Aboriginal clients, their
families, friends and carers. Act as a liaison between the
Aboriginal Community, Drug and Alcohol Services and
facilitate access to these services for all members of the

Tacilitate access to these services for all members of the Aboriginal Community. Enquiries: Symone Fuller, (02) 6741-8020, simone fuller@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: 23 March 2007 Designated as an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander vacancy under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Application Kits may be obtained from either www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Kit line (02) 4965 3272, or Postition Enquiry Officer Criminal Record Check will be conducted on recommended appointees.
Apply online: www.ezisuite.net/ezijob/HNE/HRRegistry/default.cfm

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Program Coordinator - Service Delivery Category: Community Engagement Salary: \$67 044 - \$71 730 p.a. VRN: QLD/COM0827/07 Location: Wacol

Key Duties: Coordinate the developmet and delivery of a range of programs to Young Persons in detention, including the liasion with various agencies including Education Queensland. Maintain good record keeping and assist in indentifying and monitoring trends in

Skills/Abilities: Excellent skills in establishing and maintaining positive professional networks across a broad range of the community. Above average written and verbal communication skills.

Court Coordinator (Specified) - Service Delivery

Category: Community Engagement Satary: \$57 274 - \$62 544 p.a. VRN: QLD/COMO837/07 Location: Cairns

Key Duties: To represent the Director-General in court matters, provide advice and act as a consultant to other departmental staff in order to promote a high standard of departmental services to courts

Skills/Abilities: Mandatory Professional Qualification Required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs Support Officer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islande (Identified) - Service Delivery Category: Community Engagement Salary: \$50 420 - \$55 445 p.a. VRN: QED/COM0907/07

Location: Wacol Key Duties: Coordinate the delivery of a range of services, activities and programs to Young Persons, particularly indigenous youth, in

Skilts/Abilities: Executent skills in establishing and maintaining positive professional networks across a broad range of the community. Caseworker (Specified) - Service Delivery

Category: Health and Community Care Salary: \$42 596 - \$62 544 p.a. VRN: OLD/COMO829/07

Location: Roma
Key Duties: Provide professional casework to young people subject to

youth justice intervention. Extensive travel required.

Skills/Abilities: Well developed knowledge of court systems, Juvenile Justice Act, other relevant legislation, regulations, policies and practices. Experience in service delivery with young people, families and communities.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Closing Date: Monday, 26 March 2007
Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au
Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689 or
E-mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Corrective Services

Cultural Liaison Officer (Identified Position) - Wolston Correctional Centre and Maryhorough Correctional Centre Category: Community Carc

Salary: \$42 640 - \$47 553 p.a. Location: Wacol and Maryborough VRN: CS37/07 Closing Date: Monday, 19 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gove.au Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3239 0513

Disability Services Queensland

Local Area Coordination Supervisor (Specified) - Programs and Community and Specialist Services Category: Community Care Salary: \$67.044 - \$71.730 p.a. Location: Murgon VRN: DS00925/07

Key Duties: In ensure the effective operation of Local Area Coordination and districts through providing supervision and support to Local a Coordinators and contributing to the development and review of

Area Loorington and communing to the development and review of Local Area Coordination politics and practices.

Skills/Abilities: Ternary qualifications in any of the behavioural and social sciences and human services would be well regarded.

Cosing Date: Monday, 26 March 2007

Position Oescription, Internet: www.inde.qtd.gov.au.

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phones (07) 1006-7689

Disability Services Queensland continued.

Local Area Coordinator (Specified) - Programs and Community and

Category: Community Care Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 509 p.u. Location: Torres Strait VRN: DS00927/07

Key Duties: Assist people with disabilities live valued and quality lives and participate more fully in their local communities; assist families in their continued provision of care and support. Skills/Abilities: Tertiary qualifications in any of the behavioural and

social sciences and human services would be well regarded.

Closing Date: Monday, 26 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officer - Bushane South / Gold Coast Region, Employment and Indigenous Initiatives (It is a genuine occupational requirement that this position be occupied by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person only.)

Category: Education, Training and the Arts

Salary: \$50 420 - \$55 445 p.a. Location: Mr Gravatt

VRN: IR610/07

Key Dutles: Provide culturally appropriate mentoring skills to assist in maximising commencement, retention and completion rates of indigenous apprentices and trainees. Work with local indigenous communities and departmental staff in identifying employment

Skills/Abilities: Well developed communication skills. Sound project anagement skills.

Closing Date: Monday 2 April 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au or

Phone: (07) 3225 2268

Enquiries: Duncan Kerslake Phone: (07) 3872 0188 or E-mail: recruitmentservices.applications@csq.qld.gov.au

Environmental Protection Agency

Principal Project Officer - Indigenous Engagement Unit, Policy, Legislative and Executive Services Division

Category: Policy, Planning and Research Salary: \$67 044 - \$71 730 p.a.

Location: Brisbane VRN: EN598/07

Key Dutles: To be involved in leading the Environmental Protection Agency to recognise the importance of Indigenous interests as an integral part in the development of environmental policy. Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated superior knowledge of Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander history, cultures/lifestyles, communication protocols, the range of issues impacting upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within contemporary Australian society, and their implications for environmental management/policy.

Closing Date: Friday, 23 March 2007

Position Description; Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Phone: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail: johvac.epa@csq.qld.gov.au.

Housing

Manager, Portfolio Development - Portfolio Development, Housing Loans, Housing Finance

Category: Management Salary: \$83 117 - \$87 907 p.a.

Location: Brishane VRN: 110526/07

Key Duties: Provide leadership/direction to a multidisciplinary team responsible for the development/implementation/delivery and management of finance products/policy development/management reporting and client trasson. Position provides high level policy, prog advice to senior management and the Director-General Skills/Abilities: Proven skills in provision of pelley advice reporting and management of a multidisciplinary man of staff

Senior Administration Officer - Housing Finance (Previously advertised as H0263/06. Previous applicants must re-apply to be considered.)

Category: Administration and Secretarial

Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 508 p.a. Location: Brishane

VRN: H0525/07

Key Duties: Management of financial/human resources reporting/ preparation/coordination of management reports, managerial support and research services for General Manager's office and the ent and implementation of improvement opportunities. Skills/Abilities: Managerial support, financial/human reporting, research and analysis skills, proven ability to meet tight

Financial Analyst - Financial Strategy and Performance, Housing

Category: Finance and Accounting Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 508 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Provides support in the analysis and reporting on aspects of the department's resource allocation process, financial reporting et related issues

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated ability in assisting and contributing to the resource allocation process; sound knowledge of financial management and reporting

Senior Finance Officer - Financial Services - Business Management, Housing Finance

Category: Finance and Accounting

Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 508 p.a. Location: Brisbane

VRN: H0586/07

Key Duties: Responsible for providing and supporting management on all aspects of finance, including operational, reporting, planning matters

Skills/Abilities: Effective self-management with the ability to work under limited direction to complete financial reporting, planning and policy related activities.

Assistant Accountant - Financial Services - Business Management, Housing Finance

Category: Finance and Accounting

Salary: \$50 420 - \$55 444 p.a. Location: Brisbane

VRN: H0585/07

Key Duties: Financial operational support and assistance to the Manager, Finance and Administration on all aspects of finance. including operational, reporting, planning and policy matters.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to work under limited direction to complete financial reporting, planning and policy related activities.

Executive Officer - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Category: Administration and Secretarial Salary: \$50 420 - \$55 444 p.a.

Location: Brisbanc VRN: H0582/07

Key Duties: To provide high level executive support to the General Manager, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing in both and operational matters.

Skills/Abilities: Undertake a variety of project activities, including the co-ordination of briefing notes/reports on specific issues as required by the General Manager.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above

Closing Date: Monday, 26 March 2007.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au or E-mail: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au or Phone: (07) 3238 3998

Client Service Officer - Private Housing Assistance, Housing Loans,

Category: Customer/Client Service

Salary: \$42 640 - \$47 552 p.a. Location: Brisbane

Key Dutles: The position operates as a number of the Arrears Management team in the collection of debts on departmental loans Management team in the collection of debts on departmental issues Skills/Abilities: Collection experience in accordance with relevant procedures/standards and practices and experience in providing referrals regarding appropriate financial assistance for clients.

Closing Date: Monday, 19 March, 2007

Position Description: Internet, www.jobs.uph.gov.au.or

1. Mail: jobvac.hsg@ccq.gld.gov.au.or Phone: (07) 3238-3998



SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST

Clerk Grade 5/6

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division Illawarra - Temporary Full-Time Position No: 07DOH7067

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,565 pa includes salary (\$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual

Position Description: Ensure a quality housing & s package to clients with complex/high support needs. Maintain enduring tenancies for disadvantaged clients who are at risk of homelessness due to inadequate/nappropriate housing and/or community support services.

community support services.

Selection criteria: Appropriate tertiary qualifications or extensive human services industry experience, excellent communication including negotiation and mediation, assessment and problem solving skills; demonstrated experience in case management of people with high support needs; understanding of and abifty to liaise with a variety of human service client groups and organisations; experience in managing a range of complex tasks and setting priorities; demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assisting clients with special needs including Aboriginal and Torres Strait stlanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, and people with disabilities; ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team, liaise with internal stakeholders, train and support other team members; current driver's licence. Common selection criteria: Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S). Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: These will be temporary positions under the terms of PSEM Act 2002 for periods of up to 6 months. An Eligibility list is being created for relief in the Illawarra Area and successful applicants may by appointed to positions in offices at Corrimat, Wolfongong, Dapto or Shellharbour. Eligibility list will be effective for 12 months and will be used to fill vacancies under 8 months in divastice. under 6 months in duration.

Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full

Inquiries: Liewella Davies (02) 4224 5740. Information Packages: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6200 5820 or hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Recruitment Officer NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email to: to: The Recruitment Only 9. Queanbeyan NSV outhern@biztink.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 23 March 2007



Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy - Community Facilitator Vacancy Number: 2007 - 0024

Vacancy Number: 2007 - 0024

Homsby Shire Council is seeking to appoint a highly motivated, qualified and skilled indigenous professional who will identify and develop strategies to improve support and access to services for Aboriginal families in the Northern Sydney Region. The successful applicant will be responsible for providing Aboriginal families, children and youth with opportunities to explore their cultural identity through cultural events, link Aboriginal families with other families in the Northern Sydney Region, improve access for Aboriginal families to mainstream services and develop strategies to inform Aboriginal families of available services and relevant events through community facilitation and consultation.

In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW), the applicant will be of Aboriginal descent and be required to demonstrate skills, knowledge and experience in community development, community capacity building, social planning, working collaboratively between government and non government agencies and the private sector, have high level project management skills and a good understanding and knowledge of the Aboriginal community and issues affecting them. Teriary qualifications or demonstrated equivalent relevant to Community Services are essential.

An attractive salary, depending on qualifications, skills and experience, will be offered to the preferred candidate. The successful applicant will be required to work 35 hours per week. The position is fixed for a period up to 30 June 2008.

For a detailed position description and person specification, please visit www.homsby.new.gov.au - Jobs and Tenders'. For further information, please contact Mr David Johnston. Coordinator Social Planning and Policy on 9847 6779.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as stated in the person specification, including details of experience and qualifications, and the names of two work related referees should be forwarded to the General Manager by Friday 13 April

Hornsby Shire Council considers that Aboriginality is a genuine accupational requirement for the purpose of Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

In accordance with the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1898, Prohibited Persons are not eligible to apply, A Working With Children Check will be conducted on the preferred applicants as required by the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1898.

R. J. BALL

General Manager

Council Chambers 296 Pacific Highway (PO Box 37) HORNSBY NSW 2077

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SPOTLESS



Cleaning Staff Wanted

Spotless, one of Australia's leading managed services companies has a number of cleaning positions available at our education sites in the Northern Beaches area. You will be responsible for a range of general cleaning duties. Manual handling of equipment will be part of your daily work. Cleaning experience is an advantage but not essential.

Good personal presentation with exceller skills is essential. Ability & flexibility to work shifts a must. rangal presentation with excellent customer service

Please email your resume to: careersnew@spottless.com.au or via tax (02) 9816 9497. Applications close Friday 23rd March 2007. Open to anyone who wants to change or start a new career!

PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL "HOME OF THE CUNNAMULIA FELLA"

Community Development Officer

 Project Officer (Leadership and Governance)

ences, details of qualifications and experience closing 23rd March 2007 are invited for the above important positions based at Cunnamulfa.

Job descriptions, details of tenure and remuneration are available from the Council office and the relieving Community Development Officer.

Contacts respectively: Rita McIntyre on Tel: 07 46558404 or Linda Wharton on Tel: 07 46558434.

Applicants are welcome to apply for either or both positions.

CK Purdle, Acting Chief Executive Officer Pareo Shire Council PO Box 75 CUNNAMULLA QLD 4490

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Paroo Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer

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REGIONAL MANAGER METROPOLITAN

Clerk Grade 11/12

Service Development - Office of Community Housing Head Office, Ashfield - Permanent Full-Time Position No: 07DOH7096

Total remuneration package valued up to \$112,390 per annum (salary \$88,066 pa - \$101,849 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Regional Manager will build the capacity of the community housing sector in the Metropolitan Region at a time of rapid growth. It will lead the implementation of resource allocation programs, new products and demonstration projects.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated experience in project or program management; dem experience in business/regional planning; experience in delivery of cross agency programs, excellent communication skills; demonstrated capacity to build and maintain key relationships; ability to lead and motivate a team, demonstrated capacity to build and problem solving skills; 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 & Salety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full

Inquiries: Mark Reader (02) 8753 8288. Information Package: Available on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.or.contact Cindy Patmore (02) 8753 8280.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessUnk, 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: 23 March 2007.



Yulu-Surri-Ba Abortginal Corporation for Community Health

Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health is located on beautiful North Stradbroke Island, Queensland. We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service.

Senior Aboriginal Health Worker Chronic Disease Full-time

This position is a supervisory one in which you will be responsible for the operations of the Health Promotion Team. The successful applicant will have a Diploma in Aboriginal Health Services or equivalent and/or at least 3 years experience as an Aboriginal

Aboriginal Health Worker - Child and Maternal Health Part-time (20 hours per week)

The successful applicant will have at least a certificate in Aboriginal Health Services or equivalent.

Aboriginal Health Worker - Generalist (2 positions) Full-time

The successful applicant will have a Certificate in Aboriginal Health Services or equivalent.

All positions must have Open Drivers License (QLD) and have or be willing to get the following requirements: Blue Card (working with children's check; criminal history check; first aid certificate.

Application close at Close of Business on Wednesday 28th March 2007.

Application packages are available by contacting: The Senior Administration Officer - Jan Lember on (07) 3409 9596.



Department of Indigenous Affairs Government of Western Australia

Executive Officer

Aboriginal Lands Trust

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This interesting and varied position offers the phages to help the Abbriginal Lands Trust (ALT) members and their aspirations to make a difference to the quality of life of Indigenous Australians. This divinue role peakeds high level advice and executive support to the ALT including a range of strategic and business support pervices to the Land Branch within the organisation. The position offices travel to the regions and an exciting opportunity to advance your car and make your mark in an organisation that values teamwork and incovation and supports work-life tralance.

For Further Job Related Information, Please contact Mr Rob Thomas (09) 9235 8007 (not to be contacted for job application packages).

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\$44,629 - \$60,563 per annum, plus 17% employer supercanuation contribution. This is a full-time (36.75 hours per week), fixed term appointment until 19 December 2008.

Ready for a chance to enter into a challenging, inspiring and dynamic degree program? Are you passionate about Indigenous Australia and able to inspire Indigenous students?

major demands of this position are to deliver the Backelor of Arts (Kylonodoo) program and support the ongoing development of Indigenous units and courses of undergradaboe and postgradutate level which are offered by the foculies. The lactures is expected to work in a co-teaching role with other academic staff in the delivery of Indigenous units and courses with minimal direction. The position requires cultural sensitivity and Indigenous knowledge and understanding and creativity and skill in designing, planning and facilitating educational nces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. Please quote reference number 57965A when applying.

INDIGENOUS SCHOOLS OFFICER

SS1,691 - SS5,950 per annum, plus employer superannuation contribution. This is a full-time (36.75 hours per week), fixed term appointment until April 2008.

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ADMINISTRATIVE STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

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Manage the daily operations and provide organisational and administrative support to the Moondani Balluk Indigenous Academic Unit and other afficers as appropriate. As well, you will provide support and advice to potential and excelled indigenous students and provide advice to staff on the things that affect

Please quate reference number 579096 when applying.

Applications for all the above positions close 4pm Wednesday 28 March 2007.

Positive description and application information is available from Websites; www.viu.edu.au/employment Phoses 63 9519 4968 Applicants should systemically address the salection cateria. Alteriopis and Tomes Small islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

POSITION VACANT

The Aboriginal Familty Violence Prevention and Legal Service in Melbourne is seeking to employ a F/T Project Officer to implement 10 Wellbeing Workshops targeting young Koorl Women in Gippsland and Barwon South West in Victoria. Salary up to \$50k. Applications Close 19th March 2pm. Call Antoinette for PD 03 9654 3111.

Apprentice Fitter & Machinist/ Metal Engineer

LOCATION: Blacktown, Sydney

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Please contact, Ross Clothier, Ph: 02 9676 1466.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

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Working in small teams, your worksite will be a range of parks, gardens and other community spaces, with duties including routine maintenance work, pruning and planting of trees, trimming and spraying of weeds, mulching and weeding of gardens, and maintaining equipment and machinery

You will learn how to recognise plants, treat plant diseases, apply first aid and practice workplace health and safety - and you'll be paid while you learn.

Prior to employment, you may be required to undertake a pre-placement medical.

Duration: 12 Months

Closing Date: 23 March 2007

Wages: Traineeship subject to Trainee Award (approximately \$380 pw)

How to Apply: Apply online (Job Number 298372)

More Information: Contact Centre ph: (07) 3403 8888





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Skills and Knowledge: (Essential)

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- Some knowledge of current technology and software applications

Skills and Knowledge: (Desirable)

- · Problem solving ability
- Time management skills
- Report writing and documentation skills
- · Certificate II Information Technology

Duration: 12 Months

Closing Date: 23 March 2007

Wages: As per the National Trainee Wage Rates (calculated on highest level of schooling achieved and number of years since leaving school)

How to Apply: Apply online (Job Number 300271)

More Information (and to arrange a visit to the work area): Melissa Saunders ph: (07) 3403 6698

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SENIOR SOLICITOR

Legal Officer IV

Legal Services Branch - Head Office, Ashfield Temporary Full-Time - Position No: 07DOH6421

Total remuneration package valued up to \$95,294 per annum (calary \$84,724 pa -\$86,356pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Attend as Advocate, Courts & Tribunals, provide Legal advice.

Selection Criteria: Holds a current Practicing Certificate; sound knowledge of Residential Tenancies Law: demonstrated Experience in Litigation. Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary appointment/employment for a period of at least 6 months under the terms of PSEM Act 2002. 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: Michael Callen (02) 8753 8365.

Information Packages: Gloria Clark (02) 8753 8388.

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 on-line

Closing Date: 23 March 2007.





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Your skills and experience may include all or some of the following:

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- Strong communication and relationship building skills
- · Experience in liaising effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- Appropriate knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander culture and contemporary issues facing indigenous peoples.

In addition you will display the following qualities:

- A passion for delivering exceptional customer service.
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Applications close Wednesday 21 March 2007.

CUA considers that being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent would be beneficial for this role. CUA is therefore in keeping with clauses 105 and 115 under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (QLD) and s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).





Australian Film Commission

The Australian Film Commission (AFC) is an Australian Government statutory authority that aims to enrich Australia's cultural identity by fostering an internationally competitive audiovisual production industry, making Australia's audiovisual content and culture availate. to all, and developing and preserving a national collection of sound and moving image

The Industry and Cultural Development (ICD) Division of the AFC is seeking applicants for the following employment opportunit

ICD Administrative Assistant

AFC Level 5 (APS 5)

\$52,523 - \$56,282 pa (plus super) Reference: 88854 Location: Sydney

The ICD Administrative Assistant will provide high-level administrative support to the ICD Director, the ICD Funding Manager, and facilitate ICD Division communication. The successful applicant will have demonstrated experience in high level administrative supp including the thorough maintenance of office administrative systems, inputting information and tracking processes. Project Management and/or Information Management experience is

This is a Non-Ongoing specified term employment opportunity and is available for the penod 11 April 2007 until 10 April 2008. Applicants will need to be available for interview the week. commencing 2 April 2007

Selection documentation can be found on our website www.afc.gov.au/iobs Joseph Alessi (ICD Funding Manager) on 02 9321 6518 or email joseph.alessi@afc.gov.au

Applications must address the selection criteria, stating relevant qualifications and experience and should be forwarded to recruitment@afc.gov.au or addressed to:

The Recruitment Officer GPO Box 2002

By close of business: 22 March 2007.

NSW HEALTH **GREATER SOUTHERN** AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Aboriginal Health Education Officer Narrandera Community Health

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and Medical Salaries (State) Award; Public Hospital
(Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of
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Enquiries and application kits: Barb Moncrieff—
Team Manager Community Health on (02) 6953 1261,
email: harb moncrieff@gsahs, health new.gov.au
Closing Date: 26 March 2007
Greater Southern Area Health Service consides that being
Aboriginal/Gorres Strati Islander is a genuine occupational
qualification for this position under section 14 of the
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

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Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service

Chief Executive Officer

An excitive Officer who will be responsible for over-seeing the operational management of the newly funded Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service. The successful applicant will work in close consultation with the CEO of Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service and the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service and the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service Governing Committee to ensure relevant funding and organisational outcomes are being achieved. Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service has a formal auspice agreement with Coonamole Aboriginal Health Service to over sea the fundicial management requirements of the organisation.

Enquiries: All enquiries are to be directed to Darren Ah See on (02) 6845-3545.

Information Package: For an information package contact Jo Hutchinson on (02) 6845 3545.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Practice Manager

This position will be part of the team responsible for the Primary Health Care and ongoing clinical support for clients accessing the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate extensive experience in the management and provision of primary health care services, and have a thorough knowledge of health issues impacting on Aboriginal communities.

Enquiries and Information Package: Contact Sonya Berryman on (02) 6884 0197.

General Information: The successful applicants will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and working with

Salary and conditions for the above positions will be negotiated in accordance with the Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal Health Award 2002) and infine with the funding allocated by the Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health

Applications should be marked confidential and sent to the CEO. Wallington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service, PO Box 236, WELLINGTON NSW 2820. Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 30 March 2006.

No late or faxed applications will be accepted.



Department of Health Government of Western Australia

Drug and Alcohol Office

Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Worker

Position No: 770424

Level/Salary: L2/3 \$42,017 - \$52,560 pa GOSAC

Permanent, Full Time

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position (Section 50(d) Equal Employment Opportunity

We are committed to supporting and addressing the needs of the Aboriginal Community and offer extensive training, support and opportunity for personal and career

We are developing an Aboriginal Medical Inpas Withdrawal Unit on our East Perh site. Next Step has supportive, committed and experienced multiplicity have team, dedicated to the provision of Alcohol and other Drug

This position will provide culturally sequre case for Aboriginal clients wishing to withdraw from alcohol and/or drugs with the support of the nursing and medical staff from the mainstream inpatient Withdrawal Unit. You will retwork with other Aboriginal services to provide information, support, advice, and intervention strategies. for clients, in particular Abondinal clients admitted to the

Location: East-Porth

contact Ms Dee Brown on (08) 9219 1877

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit Jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Pre (08) 9480 9307.

Closing Date: Mon 26 March 2007 at 4:00pm.

ations will not be considered.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

FINANCE OFFICER (Western Zone)

Salary Range: \$51,228 to \$61,987 per annu

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding caree undertaking the challenging role of Finance Officer (Western Zone).

This position is a key role within our Western Zone Office based at Dubbo, providing extensive advice and guidance on financial issues to Local Aboriginal Land Councils, assisting in the development and implementation of accounting policies, procedures, reporting and internal controls for the Zone and Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated financial management skills and experience, including the ability to develop and maintain administrative systems and coordinate diverse functions to meet client needs within a policy and legislative framework.

to trees creen recess within a pointy and regrantment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resources Officer, Rose Gordon by email: rose.gordon@alc.org.au or (02) 9589 4498.

Applications can be forwarded to rose.gordon@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Officer, NSW Aboriginal Land Council PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close Monday 26 March 2007.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

initiatives in NWR.



Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker

North West Metropolitan Region Family and Community Support Salary: \$58,550 - \$66,431 (+ Superannuation)

es and a range of community-based This position works directly with indigenous communities and a range of community-based organisations to co-ordinate and support the development and implementation of the Indigenous Farmity Violence Strategy in the North and West Region. A key element of the role is to support the operation of the Indigenous Family Violence Action Groups and contribute to the development and implementation of Healing Service, Time Out, and other new service.

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act, 1995, (No. A255/2004) and only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Anne Guiney on (03) 9412-2743. 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/65296

Closing date for applications is Friday, 30 March 2007.



Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equa

Manager

Indigenous Community Programs Full Time Position. Remuneration Package: \$65,000pa. (incl. super).

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Are you passionate about improving the lives of vulnerable people? Your senior management experience, a strong affinity with Red Cross Principles and a desire to make a difference in the lives of Indigenous people will equip you for this rewarding role. 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.

This role is responsible for leading the delivery of Australian Red Cross-work in rural and remote Indigenous communities in Queensland. Palm Island, Cape York and Central Queensland are current focus areas and substantial growth in the number and scope of programs is anticipated in the next 12-24 months. The successful applicant will work in a range of Indigenous communities in particular spending significant time on Palm Island.

Palm Island.

The Manager, Indigenous Community Programs will operate with substantial autonomy and will need to display self-reliance, integrity and sound judgement at all times.

The successful applicant will have the following skills and experience:

Extensive prior experience in managing community development and service delivery projects in remote Indigenous communities.

Substantial experience in a management role supervising, supporting and developing staff in a remote community environment.

Excellent project management and coordination skills, including the ability to manage multiple budgets and project plans.

An ability to network, build partnerships, negotiate and represent Australian Red Cross in rural & remote communities and other settings.

An ability to lead people spread throughout Queensland and work

An ability to rear people in the property of t

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. Applicants from indigenous backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply. Visit www.redcross.org.au/qid for an application pack or phone 07 3367 7222 during business hours. Closing date for applications is 5pm Wednesday 28 March 2007.

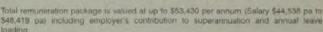


Australian Red Cross

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOMECARE

Administrative Assistant

Clerk Grade 1/2 4 positions – Western Region Mudgee, Walgett, Cootamundra, Parkes Permanent Full-Time & Part-Time positions Position No: 07DADHC7104



Job Description: Provide a range of administration, office management and customer services to local and regional management teams, and customers. Assist with process improvement and implementation of new systems.

Selection criteria:

- Broadly based administration skills and experience in providing customer service
 Ability to work in a team environment and with minimum supervision.
- Effective interpersonal and communication skills (both verbal and written).
- The ability to plan, organise and prioritise work in a high-volume work environment.
 Demonstrated computer and keyboard skills, including experience with relevant word processing, spreadsheet and database software.
- · Ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the department's structure, roles, strategies and
- Ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the department's structure, roles, strategies and its relationship with other human services agencies and its clients.
 Knowledge of records-management principles and the ability to efficiently track the flow of correspondence and submissions within and to and from the Regional Office.
 Common selection criteria: Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS), Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: MUDGEE – Permanent full-time (35 hpw), PARKES – Permanent part-time (28 hpw), WALGETT – Permanent part-time (17.5 hpw), COOTAMUNDRA – Permanent part-time (17.5 hpw). Travel across the Riverina-Murray Region is a requirement of the Cootamundra position. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains further details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the selection criteria and complete the forms contained in the package.

Inquiries: Mudgee, Welgett - Chontelle Jannese (02) 63728292. Please refer to Job Package for other location contact details.

Information Package: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250.

Applications to: Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800 or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email: hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
45/2849	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	115.09km²	75km S'ly of Port Hediand	Lat 20°59' Long 118'34'	Port Hedland Town
45/2850	FMG Pibara Pty Ltd	223.8km²	84km STy of Port Hedland	Lat 21"02" Long 118"48"	East Piloara/Port Hedland
45/2855	FMG Pibara Pty Ltd	223.96km²	60km Wily of Marble Bar	Lat 20°59' Long 119°12'	East Pibara
6/694-701	PMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	1761.08km²	21km S'ly of Newman	Lat 23'00' Long 120'39'	East Pibara
6/702	FMG Pibara Pty Ltd	221.36km²	13km NE'ly of Newman	Lat 22°44' Long 120'38'	East Pibara
6/703-4	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	63.38km ²	48km N'ly of Newman	Lat 22*25' Long 120*43'	East Pilbara
6/705	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	221,77km²	46km NW v of Newman	Lat 22"31" Long 120"17"	East Pilbara
6/707	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	221.98km²	35km N'ly of Newman	Lat 22°31' Long 120°29'	East Pilbara
6/708	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	127,18km²	45km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°59' Long 119°41'	East Pibara
6/711	FMG Pibara Pty Ltd	15.88km²	67km E'ly of Nullsgine	Lat 22°04' Long 120°44'	East Pilpara
8/715	FMG Pibara Pty Ltd	135.57km²	17km E'ly of Newman	Lat 23°08' Long 120°37'	East Piloara
6/724	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	403.13km²	64km SWN of Nullagine	Lat 22°12' Long 119°35'	East Pilbara
6/726	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	161.87km²	49km SWIv of Nullagine	Lat 22"16' Long 119"52'	East Pilbara
6/726	FMG Pibara Pty Ltd	60.37km²	52km SWN of Nullagine	Lat 22°05' Long 119°39'	East Piloara
8/727	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	194.04km²	29km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°59' Long 119°51'	East Pibara
6/728	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	212.43km²	64km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22"28" Long 120"04"	East Pibura
8/729	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	201.6km²	22km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°16' Long 120°37'	East Pibara
7/1423	FMG Pibara Ptv Ltd	28.35km²	BOkm Wily of Newman	Lat 23°10' Long 118°58'	East Pibara
7/1688	FMG Pibara Pty Ltd	41.32km²	27km SETy of Pannawonica	Lat 21°45' Long 116°33'	Ashburton
51/1185	Trumph Mining Pty Ltd	144.76km²	83km NE'ly of Meekathama	Lat 26°04' Long 119°07'	- Moskatharra

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: 14 March 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 close on 14 June 2007. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 14 July 2007), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the exploration licences

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Melsonby (Gaarraay) People and State ILUA - Q12006/053 State of Oueensland

Notification day: 28 March 2007





Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 198km² kilometres is located about 50km north-west of Cooktown as shown on the locality map. The agreement area falls within the Cook Shire Council Local Government Area.

The agreement area covers:

- * Lots 1 and 2 on SP189914:
- and an area of 2.51 ha contained within stations 10.A.B.C.10 shown as road to be opened on plan SP189914 in Schedule 1 of the agreement.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

State of Queensland, c/- Cape York Tenure Resolution Task Force, PO Box 937, CAIRNS QLD 4870

Joseph Charles McIvor, Phylomena Annita Naylor, Conrad Joseph Michael and Malcolm Thomas Bally on behalf of the Melsonby (Gaarraay) People, c/- Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 2496, CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribional]

- 4. Consent to and Validation of Agreed Acts
- 4.1 The parties
- (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts; and
- (b) agree to the validation of the Agreed Acts: to the extent that they are Future Acts
- The agreement contains the following definition of

'Agreed Acts']

'Agreed Acts' means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement including

(a) declaration by regulation of the Proposed ALA Area as transferable land and the issuing of a deed of grant to the Land Trust for the proposed ALA Area under the ALA; [the Aboriginal Land Act 1991]

l'Proposed ALA Area' means that area proposed to be held by the Land Trust under the ALA in accordance

with clause 10 of the agreement and described as Lot 1 on SP189914, as shown on the plans in Schedule 2 of the agreement]

(b) dedication, use and management of the Proposed National Park Area as a national park under the NCA; [the Nature Conservation Act 1992]

l'Proposed National Park Area' means that area proposed to be dedicated as national park in accordance with clause 11 of the agreement and described as Lot 2 on SP189914 as shown on the plans in Schedule 3 of the agreement]

(c) declaration, use and management of the Proposed Nature Refuge Area as a nature refuge under the NCA; [the Nature Conservation Act 1992].

I Proposed Nature Refuge Area A means that area proposed to be declared as a nature refuge in accordance with clause II of the agreement and fescribed as the Melsonby (Gaarrano) Natus Refuge as shown on plan PA317 in Schedule 5 of the

- (d) dedication, use and management of the Road Area as a road under the Land Act 1994;
- (e) entering into the Conservation Agreement;
- (f) Routine Activities,
- (g) Advisory Activities, subject to clause 15.2 of this Agreement,
- (h) Agreement Activities, subject to clause 15.2 of this Agreement; and
- granting of an easement or easements to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) subject to Clause 12.2 of this agreement.

5. Right to Negotiate

To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [Native Title Act] does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

6. Non-Extinguishment Principle

The Non-Estinguishment Principle applies to the doing of the Agreed Acts in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the effect of the validation of the Agreed Acts is that the Non-Estinguishment Principle applies to those Agreed Acts done prior to the Registration Date.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Bodylies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application timeder a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 28 June 2007.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns Old 4870, by 28 June 2007.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the NNTT based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Natural Resources and Water, Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance or further information contact Karrell Ross or freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF



SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10 Community Regeneration Head Office, Ashfield Permanent Full-Time Pos. No. 07DOH7122

otal remuneration package is valued up to \$92,591 per num (\$76,142 pa - \$83,907 pa), includes employer's entribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
The Sertior Policy Officer provides policy analysis and advice and works in partnership with a diverse range of stakeholders in the development, implementation and evaluation of community regeneration initiatives for social housing estates in NSW.

Selection Criteria:

- · High level analytical, communication and problem solving skills.

 Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with a
- range of internal and external stakeholders.

 Demonstrated experience in the development of Demonstrated experience in the development of strategic policy or programs related to human services and/or community regeneration.
 Sound knowledge and understanding of the role of other human services agencies.
 Capacity to manage projects in a multi-skilled team

- Capacity to manage projects in a multi-skilled team environment.
 Computer literate including word processing and spreadsheet applications.
 Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Debbie Georgopoulos (02) 8753 8802

Information Package: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Michelle Chang (02) 8753-8476 or Email: michelle chang@housing.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 23 March 2007.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CHILD PROTECTION CASEWORK SPECIALIST (ABORIGINAL) HELPLINE

Clerk Grade 7 - Operations DOCS Helpline, Parramatta

Temporary Full-Time - Vacancy No: 07DOCS7106

Total remuneration package valued up to \$75,914 per annum (Salary \$66,796 pa - \$68,794 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide specialised advice to frontline staff and Helpline management to support practice development/improvement in the Helpline's response to issues of Aboriginal children at risk.

of Aboriginal children at risk.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality with an established cultural identity and relationship/s with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities; high-level skills. & experience in child protection/family casework including the review/assessment of complex & sensitive child protection cases; understanding of the challenges & constraints of work in a contact centre & the capacity to work effectively in that environment; extensive knowledge & understanding of child protection issues, policies, legislation; experience working effectively with Aboriginal agencies/communities; demonstrated protem solving skills, high level written/verbal communication & computer skills, high level written/verbal communication & computer skills. agencies/communities, demonstrated problem solving stells, high level written/verbal communication & computer stills, experience in the development & delivery of training, degree/diploma in Behavioural. Social Science, or other relevant qualifications or equivalent 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 (OHS).

Job Notes: This is an identified Aboriginal position in which Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to 6 months in terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the hull Selection Cristeria and complete the Psychological Employment. Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in the nformation package.

Inquiries: Helen Welsh (02) 9633 6130 or email helen welsh@community.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Available on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact 1800 149 919 or email Pamela Sullivan@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or e-mail to: JobsDOCS-@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruetment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing date: Friday 23 March 2007

Senior Program Manager - Specified

(2 positions)

Vacancy Reference Number: IR673/07 Closing Date: 26 March 2007 Salary Range: \$83,118 to \$87,908 p.a. Location: Brisbane

Contribute to job creation for Indigenous people in Queensland, DEIR needs experienced communicators/ negligibitors to represent the department and engage with stakeholders, including industry organisations, training providers, employers and Indigenous communities to providers, employers and indigenous communities to maximise employment and skills development outcomes for indigenous people. You must be able to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people and communities, and have an understanding of their cultures, societies and current issues

The Job Description & information on the selection process can be downloaded from www.jobs.qld.gov.au. Additional enquiries, after obtaining the Job Description may be made to Graham Laing on (07) 3227 6185.





Newcastle City Council is the third largest employer in the City of Newcastle & offers a range of benefits including competitive remuneration, corporate fitness, flexible work options and a broad range of career development opportunities.

PARKS AND RECREATION (HORTICULTURE) TRAINEE

(12 Months)

Vacancy No: 07/22

Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander decent. Proof of aboriginality will be required.

This is a targeted position and is in accordance with \$14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Traineeships combine practical work with structured training to give people a nationally recognised qualification and the experience they need to get the job they want.

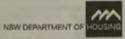
The traineeship will provide comprehensive training in a wide range of skills appropriate to the traineeship. This training may also include attendance at off-the-job training, delivered by a Registered Training Organisation.

Any person meeting the minimum selection criteria, regardless of age, is eligible to apply.

Remuneration: Up to \$678.00 per week

Closing Date: 4:00pm on Tuesday 27 March 2007

Applicants must address the selection criteria from the information pack. To apply for any of the above positions please visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au. Alternately you can call our voice mail line on 4974 2336 for a mailed information pack.



MANAGER **OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Senior Officer Grade 1- Service Developm Office of Community Housing - Head Office, Ashfield Permanent Full-Time Position No: 07DOH7094

Total remuneration package valued up to \$135,505 per annum (salary \$113,961 ps - \$122,796 ps), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Builds the capacity of the community housing sector through the provision of effective support services, programs, products and operational policies. Selection Criteriat: Extensive experience in social program planning, development & implementation; experience Selection Criteria: Extensive experience in social program planning, development & implementation; experience developing/detivering joint NGO. & government services; conceptual & analytical skills, demonstrated innovative, lateral thinking & problem solving skills; excellent consultation, negotiating, conflict management skills; excellent consultation, negotiating, conflict management skills; excellent written skills; ability to lead change & work with providers to improve business performance; demonstrated ability to lead and motivate a team; strong knowledge of & experience in social housing sector. Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated ability in identifying and acting on issues that affect the implementation of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Packs which contains the complete details of the advertisement information about the Department. Applicants MUST addi the full Selection Criteria.

guiries: Maura Boland (02) 8753 8250.

Information Package: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Cindy Patmore (02) 8753 8280.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: Jobs DOH@bizlink nsw.gov.au or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 23 March 2007

NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plan Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/1696-7	Zeus Resources Pty Ltd	778.57km²	154km S'ly of Onslow	Lat 22°58' Long 115°31'	Asticution
08/1722	Korab Resources Ltd	630.11km²	141km Ely of Coral Bay	Lat 23'08' Long 115'09'	Ashburton.
08/1723	Korab Resources Ltd.	629.09km²	146km ETy of Coral Bay	Lat 23°21' Long 115°10'	Ashbutton
08/1724	Korab Resources Ltd	546.47km²	160km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat 23°36' Long 115°15'	Camarion Camarion
08/1742	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	116.49km²	68km WTy of Paraburdoo	Lat 23'06' Long 117'01'	Ashbuton
08/1743	Intrepid Mines Limited	18.93km²	122km Wily of Paraburdoo	Lat 22148' Long 116'33'	Ashburtan
08/1744	Intrepid Mines Limited	18.98km²	96km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22"29" Long 116"11"	Ashbutan
08/1754	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	90.94km²	110km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23"39" Long 116"43"	Upper Gascoyne
08/1755	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	194.94km²	158km W/v of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°19' Long 116'06'	Ashburton
09/1343-4	Yaralia Minerals Ptv Ltd	326.70km²	47km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°38' Long 115°11'	Camanon/Upper Gascovn
09/1356	Minoor Tungsten Pty Ltd	118.61km²	106km NE'ly of Gascovne Junction	Lat 24'19' Long 115'54'	Upper Gascoyne
20/601	Marathon Crest Pty Ltd	66.93km²	68km NW ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°28' Long 118'56'	Sandstone
45/2961	Regalpoint Asset Pty Ltd	25.54km²	27km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°25' Long 119°44'	East Pilbara
53/1252	Resource Search Pty Ltd	64.45km²	139km Elv of Wiluna	Lat 26°24' Long 121°36'	Wikina
53/1272	Allanow Pty Ltd	21.38km²	87km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27"02" Long 120"57"	Wiluna
	Great Australian Resources Ltd	77777			
59/1285	Romano Natale Morganti	21.11km²	38km NW iy of Paynes Find	Lat 29"07" Long 117"19"	Yalgoo
77/1239	Image Resources NL	203.65km²	58km NE'ly of Hyden	Let 32'04' Long 119°20'	Yigam
80/3761	Raptor Exploration Pty Ltd	196.88km²	81km SWIy of Kununuma	Lat 16°23' Long 128°20'	Wyndham & East Kimberle
80/3762	Navigalor Resources Ltd	103.99km²	112km E'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18"28' Long 126"36"	Halls Creok
80/3773, 80/3783 & 80/3788-9	Nicholson East Pty Ltd	1445.61km²	111km Ely of Halls Creek	Lat 17'52' Long 128'38'	Halls Creek
80/3786	Nicholson East Pty Ltd	6.52km ²	160km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17"27" Long 128"57"	Halls Creek
80/3787	Nicholson East Pty Ltd	9.77km²	127km NETy of Halls Creek	Lat 17"42" Long 128"44"	Halfs Creek

date of grant.

Notification day: 14 March 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 14 June 2007. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

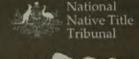
Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 14 July 2007), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the lognosis an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of an application to register a Body Corporate Agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd and Mer GedKem Le (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation State of Queensland

Notification day: 14 March 2007





Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 4.2km² is located in the Murray Islands Group, about 220km north-east of Thursday Island as shown on the locality map and covers all the land and waters on Mer Island to the High Water Mark.

The agreement area falls within the Mer Island Council local government area

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited, C/-MacDonnells Law, GPO Box 79, BRISBANE QLD 4001

Mer GedKem Le (Torres Strait Islanders), c/-Torres Strait Regional Authority, PO Box 261, THURSDAY ISLAND QLD 4875

The agreement contains the following statements:

4.4 The right to negotiate is not intended to apply to any acts or class of acts covered by this DEED

5.1 The parties consent to the following classes of acts in ILUA Area 1:-

(a) all acts involving, and all acts required for, the grant and registration of the Lease and the Easement, and

(b) all acts involving clearing, excavation and

construction for purposes authorised by the Lease or the Easement; and

(c) all acts involving the operation and maintenance of works or proposed works or the maintenance of the Lease Area and the Easement Area, for purposes authorised by the Lease or the

5.2 The parties consent to the following classes of acts in ILUA Area 2:-

(a) all acts involving access by Ergon Energy and its contractors and agents, with any necessary plant and equipment, for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing and

servicing the Existing Electricity Network;

(b) all acts involving, or required for the purpose of, vehicular access by Ergon Energy and its contractors and agents on and through the Ancillary Area including-

i) construction of the Access Track to enable reasonable vehicular access

ii) maintenance of the Access Track; and

iii) the grant of an easement to Ergon Energy over the Access Track for access purposes if Ergon Energy requires.

Registration:

The Registrar of the National Native Tribunal will proceed to register the agreement unless:

* a party to the agreement advises the Registrar, within one month after the Registrar gives notice of the agreement under s24BH, that the party does not wish the agreement to be registered on the Register: OR

• if none of the representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies for any of the area covered by the agreement is a party to the agreement and any one of those representative bodies advises the Registrar, within one month after the Registrar gives notice of the Agreement under \$24011, that the requirements of \$2400(4)(a) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwith) were not complied with in relation to the agreement and the Registrar is satisfied that the requirements of \$2400(4)(a) were not complied with.

The contact address for this notice is the Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 Cairns QLD 4870

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the NNTT based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Natural Resources and Water Queensland.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal

For assistance and further information about this application, call the national native title tribunal on freecall 1800 640 501.

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

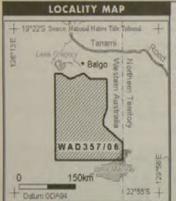
Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia Notification day: 14 March 2007

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

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A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Federal Court, GPO Box A30, PERTH WA 6837, on or before 13 June 2007. After 13 June 2007, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Payi & Ors (Ngurrulpa) v State of Western Australia Federal Court File No: WAD357 of 2006

Date lodged: 08 December 2006

The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Location: The area subject to this application is located approximately 250km south of Halls Creek, on the Western Australian – Northern Territory border and covers an area of about 29,730km² as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of East Pilbara local

Data statement: Application boundary data sourced from & used with the permission of Landgate WA

FOR ASSISTANCE OR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS APPLICATION, CALL THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL ON FREECALL 1800 640 501.

Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Oueensland

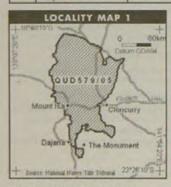
Notification day: 28 March 2007

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of thes applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane QLD 4003, on or before 27 June 2007. After 27 June 2007, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

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Map	Application name	Federal Court File No	Date filed	Registration test status
1	Kalkadoon People 4	QUD579/05	22 December 2005.	The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.
2	Kalkadoon People 5	QUD15/06	13 January 2006.	The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.
3	Mitakoodi and Mayi Peoples 4	QUD295/06	28 July 2006.	The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.



Description: The application area of approximately 38,650km² is located west of Cloncurry in the Mount Isa region as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the local government areas of Mount Isa City Council, Boulia, Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry and McKinlay Shire Councils.



Description: The application area of approximately 436km² is located west approximately 436km in total and and south of Cloncurry as shown on the locality map

The application area falls within Cloncurry Shire Council local government area.



National

Tribunal

Native Title

Description: The application area of approximately 445km² is located west and south of Cloncurry as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within Cloncurry Shire Council local government area.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Water, QLD

For assistance or further information contact Sharyn Craig on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



Practice Manager Aboriginal Medical Service (Re-advertised)

This new position is responsible for the management of GEGAC's Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) and therefore the functions nocessary to support and maintain the provision of high quality clinical, primary health care and health promotional services that meet the needs of the Aboriginal community. The successful candidate should ideally have tertiarry qualification in a relevant health or management discipline, or substantial progression towards this requirement as well as a management of the progression of the progressi discipane, or substantial progression towards this requirement as a a minimum of two years experience as a practice manager. Experience in practice accreditation would be highly considered an experience working with Aboriginal communities in the delivery of health services would also be highly advantageous.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply. This position is subject to ongoing funding, and there is a requirement to possess and retain a current driver's licence.

interested persons should contact GEGAC reception on 03 5150-0700 for position description and application information. Applicants will need to address the Key Selection Criteria in their application.

Applications should be marked "Private & Confidential" and addressed to: Chief Executive Officer, Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative, PO BOX 634, BAIRNSDALE VIC, 3875.

Applications for this position close at 5.00pm on Thursday April Ste. Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd reserves the right not to appoint.



Koori Liaison Officer

Centre for Student Support Services

- \$41,238 p.a plus 9% superannuation
 Ongoing Appointment
 Part Time (.5 Time Fraction)

Box Hill Institute is seeking to employ a Koori Liaison Officer with demonstrated experience and knowledge of Koori culture to contribute to an awareness of and responsiveness to Koori culture at the Institute

This position is responsible for assisting management and staff to effectively identify and address the cultural, study and general support requirements of the Institute's Indigenous students.

The successful applicant will have the ability to build relationships with indigenous students and posses a commitment to contribute to the growth and influence of the Institute's consultative and partnership relationships with the Koori community.

Application close: Wednesday 21st March 2007

Applicants must apply online at: www.bhtafe.edu.au/jobs

Please note: Applicants must complete all aspects of the online application form including the key selection criteria.

Phone enquiries or for further assistance: (03) 9286 9440.

Waverley Council A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Waverley is one of Sydney's most popular residential areas, with the world famous Bondi Beach, great public transport, the vibrant Bondi Junction shopping centre and a diverse and involved community.

Waverley Council is a major employer and service provider and is committed to working closely with the local community, environmental sustainability, efficiency and continual improvement.

Before applying for a position you must obtain a Job Information Pack.

CO-ORDINATOR

Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ERLGATSI) Forum Part time - 10 hrs per wk 12 mth contract with possible 1 yr extension

\$21.72 to \$24.99 per hr- File No: A07/0305

We are seeking an Aboriginal person to facilitate the smooth operation of the ERLGATSI Forum. You will have excellent communication and organisational skills and enjoy working as part of a team. You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of issues, policies and programs affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, and you will have the ability to maintain key networks.

For more Information contact: Helen Mantziaris on 02 9386 7923. CLOSING DATE: Friday 23 March 2007.

Designated as specifically an Aborigina 14d of The Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

HOW TO APPLY: To obtain a job package (including the selection criteria) for the above position(s), please contact our Job Line on 02 9369 8177 or download direct from our website at

You MUST address the selection criteria and quote the relevant file number in your application. Send written applications to The General Manager, PO Box 9, Bondi Junction NSW 2022. Alternatively, applications may be submitted via fax or email to 02 9387 1820 or waver@waverley.nsw.gov.au

62 THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007.

Full or part-time

PACT Community Support (formerly Grampians Housing Network) is seeking an enthusiastic full-time worker, or part-time equivalents, to provide advocacy and support to indigenous teacher serves the Grandon Pacient. tenants, across the Grampians Region.

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This exciting initiative will assist vulnerable indigenous tenants through the provision of information, advocacy, representation, referral and support.

Applicants should demonstrate: Commitment to tenant rights; passion and capacity to work with Indigenous people, sound communication and negotiation skills; cultural awareness and

This position is available as a full-time role, or part-time as negotiated. The position(s) will be based in Ballarat and/or

You will be joining a supportive staff team, with access to training, supervision and rewarding remuneration. Salary as per SACS Community Devt Worker, Class 2a, \$40,360-\$46,530pa.

Contact PACT on 5333 1351 for Position Description. Applications due Monday 27 March 2007.

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

ROSTREVOR COLLEGE

A lifetime's foundation

Rostrevor College offers education to over 1100 day and residential boys as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition.

Rostrevor College has been successful in obtaining significant. Federal Government and community support to establish an Indigenous Sports Academy in 2007. This Academy will deliver innovative educational and vocational programs to a diverse range of Indigenous Australian students, both boarding and non-boarding. This Academy will be the only one of its type funded by DEST in South Australia and one of twenty nationally.

lications are invited from suitably qualified and experience ions for the following position as specified. Indigenous ar indigenous Australian people are encouraged to apply.

Director of Indigenous Academy

Commencing April 2007 until December 2009.

Applications, including the names and contact details of three referees will be accepted up until 5pm on Tuesday 20th March and should be addressed to:

Mr Jeff Croser, Headmaster
Rostrevor College
Glen Stuart Road, Woodforde, 5072
or emailed directly to thester & rostrevor.sa.edu.au
08 8364 8200

Rostrevor is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 per annum (\$49,792 ps - \$54,520 ps), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This role performs various administrative functions associated with tenancy & other housing management issues, general administration management a responding to enquiries. Provide executive support to the Area Director & Management Team.

Director & Management Team.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated computer and data entry skills including experience in using Microsoft Office software; general office and administrative experience; sound communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to lease with all levels of staff and the public; demonstrated capacity to work effectively as part of a team; ability to prioritise work and meet deadlines in a high volume work area; ability to work with a minimum of supervision and to use initiative; problem solving ability. Common Selection Criteria: Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

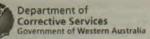
Job Notes: This is a temporary vacancy for a period of at least

Job Notes: This is a temporary vacancy for a period of at least 3 months under the terms of PSEM Act 2002. Applicants MUST obtain an information Package, which contains further details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Barbara Maynard (02) 6200 7219.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Recruitment Officer NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629. Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email to: hrsouthern @ bizlink risw gov.au

Closing Date: 23 March 2007



Assistant Commissioner Aboriginal Justice

Position No: 007326

Salary: Class 1 PSGA \$121,188 pa plus benefits

New Role Leading Reform

This newly created executive role provides the opportunity to shape the future delivery of corrective services to Aboriginal people in WA. Reporting to the CEO, you will have a strong focus on working in partnership with Aboriginal people and other Government agencies around the state in order to reduce the high number of Aboriginal the state in order to reduce the high number of Adonginal people in contact with the corrections system and to ensure the provision of effective and outlurally sensitive corrective services to Abgrigatal people. This challenging role can make a real difference to the lives of indigenous

For further job related information: Please of Di Jasas on (08) 9261 7738 or 0417 180 177.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs wa goe au this position, visit jobs wa gov au and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph. (08) 9478 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 26 March 2007 at 5pm WST

STRATEGIC FINANCIAL **ADVISER - FIXED ASSETS PROJECT**

Clerk Grade 11/12

Corporate Finance & Planning - Head Office, Ashfield
Temporary Full-Time - Position No: 07DOH7127

Total remuneration package valued up to \$112,390 per annum (salary \$88,066 pa - \$101,849 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Role exists to deliver support to the Department by: analysis of Department wide fixed asset processes and reporting, develops strategies for assessment and improvements

Selection Criteria: Experience in analysing complex information to support organisational strategy and/or performance improvement initiatives, tertiary qualifications in financial and/or economic discipline, strong Microsoft Excel modelling skills, good influencing, networking and regotation skills to deal with a range of internal and external stakeholders, ability to handle complexity, develop new or work with existing models, frameworks, systems and processes; a commitment to accept personal responsibility for the work of own role. Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (ECO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary position under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period up to 18 months, Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and additional information about the Department, Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Michelle Haerewa 8753 8747.

Information Package: Available online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact 1800 502 766 or email: elise.snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

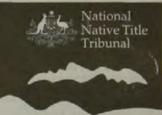
Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7486, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 23 March 2007.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Archer Point ILUA - QI2006/054 State of Queensland

Notification day: Wednesday 28 March 2007



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LOCALITY MAP Q12006/054

Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 126.8km² is located about 6km south of Cooktown as shown on the locality map. The agreement area is located about 150km north of Cairns

The agreement area covers as shown on the plans in Schedule 1 of the agreement

- Lot 34 on SP106905

- Lot 14 on SP189921

- Lot 17 on C15742

- Lot 10 on SP116568

- Lot 10 on SP14384

- Lot 13 on SP18992

- Lot 10 on SP171856

- Lot 7 on SP171858

The agreement area (alls within the Cook Shire Council local government area.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

State of Queensland, c/- Cape York Tenure Resolution Task Force, PO Box 937, CAIRNS QLD 4870

Adelaide Baird, Irene Bowyer, Sonia Doughboy, Steven Doughboy, Larissa Hale and Joyce Henderson on behalf of the Archer Point People, c/. Cape York Land Council, PO Box 2496, CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

- 4. Consent to and Validation of Agreed Acts
- 4.1 The parties
- (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts; and
- (b) agree to the validation of the Agreed Acts,
- to the extent that they are Future Acts.

[The agreement contains the following definition of 'Agreed Acts']

"Agreed Acts" means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement including -

(a) declaration by regulation of the Proposed ALA Area as transferable land and the issuing of a deed of grant to the Land Trust for the Proposed ALA Area under the ALA (the Aboriginal Land Act 1991)

[Proposed ALA Area means that area proposed to be held by the Land Trust under the ALA in accordance with clause 11 of the agreement and described as Let 4 on SP 171859, Lot 10 on SP171856, Lot 53 on SP18932 and Lot 7 on SP 171858 as shown on the plane in Scholule 2 of the agreement]

(b) dedication, use and management of the Proposed National Park Area as a national park under the NCA (the Nature Conservation)

[Proposed National Park Area' means that area

proposed to be dedicated as national park in accordance with clause 12 of the agreement and described as Lot 10 on AP 14384 and Lot 12 on AP 14378 as shown on the plans in Schedule 3 of the agreement)

(c) declaration, use and management of the Proposed Nature Refuge Area as a nature refuge under the NCA line Nature Conservation Act 1992]

Conservation ACL 1992.

(Proposed Nature Refuge Area A' means that area proposed to be declared as a nature refuge in accordance with clause 12 of the agreement and described as the Annan Ricer Nature Refuge as shown on plan PA308 in Schedule 9 of the agreement. Proposed Nature Refuge Area B' means that area proposed to be declared as a nature refuge in accordance with clause 12 of the agreement and described as Proposed Nature Refuge Area B on plan CNS06/060A in Schedule 10 of the agreement.

(d) deducation, use and management of the Proposed Reserve Areas as reserves for community purposes under the Land Act

['Proposed Reserve Areas' means those areas proposed Eroposia Reserve Artis mains tunis areas proposis to be dedicated as reserves for community purposes under the Land Act 1994 in accordance with clause 1: and being the land described as 10st 3 on SP171859 au the area contained within stations 28, 33, 27, 26, 28, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28 on SP171858 as shown on the plans in Schedule 5 of the agreement]

(e) dedication, use and management of the Proposed Resources Reserve Areas as resources reserves under the NCA like Nature Conservation Act 1992]

(Proposed Resources Reserve Areas' means Resources Reserve A and Resources Reserve B. Resources Reserve A and Resources Reserve B. Resources Reserve A manus the area proposed to be dedicated as a resources reserve under the NCA over lot 11 on AF14384 in accordance with clause 12 and us shown on the plan in Schedule 7 of the agreement. Resources Reserve B means the area to be dedicated as a resources reserve under the NCA over late 14, 15 and 16 on AF14378 in accordance with clause 12 and as shown on the plan in Schedule 7 of the agreement]

- (f) entering into the Conservation Agreem
- (g) Routine Activities
- (h) Advisory Activities, subject to clause 16.2 of this Agreement
- Agreement Activities, subject to clause 16.2 of this Agreement (j) dedication of the Proposed Resources Reserve Area and
- (k) granting of an Authority

[Authority means an authority granted in accordance with section 34(1) of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 over the Wind Farm Investigation Area. Wind Farm Investigation Area: means the area contained within Resources Reserve A and over which an Authority may be granted under the NCA for wind farm investigation purposes].

5. Right to Negotiate

To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [the Native Title Act] does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA - where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander (body)ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 28 June 2007.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns Qld 4870.

For assistance or further information contact Chris Harriss on free call 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the NNTT based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Natural Resources and Water, (Old). Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

All applicants must complete an Applicant Declaration form available on the College website and submit with their

Details of this position can be obtained from Mrs Lisa Hester 8364 8301 or thester@rostrevor.sa.edu.au or can be viewed on the College website www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSIN

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Clerk Grade 3/4 Southern & Western NSW HS Division Business Support Unit - Queanbeyan Temporary Full-Time Position No. 07DOH7129

Information Package: Available on-line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or telephone: (02) 6200 5820 or Email: hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

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MANAGER ASSETS

Senior Officer Grade 1 - Service Development Office of Community Housing Head Office, Ashfield - Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 07DOH7093

Total remuneration package valued up to \$135,505 per annum (salary \$113,961 pa - \$122,796 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave

Job Description: Manages the community housing asset portfolio, including portfolio supply and realignment, asset management planning, standards formulation. QA and major asset

Selection Criteria: Substantial experience managing capital supply program delivery, demonstrated understanding of risk management in an asset management environment, demonstrated financial and business management skills; tertiary qualifications in business management skills; tertiary qualifications in business management planning/strong commitment to working with NGOs as partners in achieving social housing outcomes; demonstrated ability to work as part of a management team, strong consultation, influencing, negotiating, conflict management and presentation skills. Common Selection Orfleria: Demonstrated ability in identifying and acting on issues that affect the implementation of Equal Employment Opportunity (EED). Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Mark Reader (02) 8753 8288. Information Package: Available on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Cindy Palmore (02) 8753 8280.

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: 23 March 2007

Combined Community Legal Centres' Group NSW (CCLCG) Aboriginal Legal Access Program (ALAP) Coordi Part-time (21 hours p/w)

This position was advertised in the Koori Mail on 26 February 2007. The closing date for this position is 5pm, Monday, 19 March 2007. Emailed or late applications will not be accepted. This is an identified Aboriginal and

For selection criteria and job description contact 02 9318 2355 or nswichilbric net au. Contact nerson: Alison Angarwal (Director, CCLCG)

NSW@HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

III STATEWIDE EDUCATOR - ABORIGINAL CHILD PROTECTION

Please visit the Area's webpage on www.wsahs.nsw.gov.au NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Apprentice Fitter & Machinist/ Metal Engineer

Please contact, Ross Clothier, Ph: 02 9676 1466.

LOCATION: Blacktown, Sydney

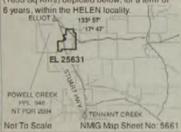
JOB DESCRIPTION: All aspects of fitting and machining plus welding of all metals - T.I.G and M.I.G - 1 machining centre and 2 C.N.C lathes - plus other machines for general engineering. Good opportunity for the right person. REQUIREMENTS: School Certificate, must have good mathematical skills, up to 18 years old, interest in engineering, some experience in engineering from school. We support a clean air environment - no smoking.

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 25631 sought by CROSSLAND MINES PTY LIMITED ACN 099 478 127 over an area of 500 Blocks (1633 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of



Exploration Licence 25709 sought by GOLD FX PTY LTD, ACN 114 195 345 over an area of 190 Blocks (623 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LANCEWOOD locality _#-BORROLOOLA



Exploration Licence 25616 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC. ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 19 Blocks (62 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality



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Exploration Licence 25617 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC. ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 77 Blocks (249 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



Exploration Licence 25462 sought by

the BATTEN locality.

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PPL 1051 NT POR 4319

185 over an area of 159 Blocks (522 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within

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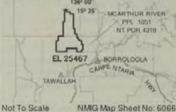
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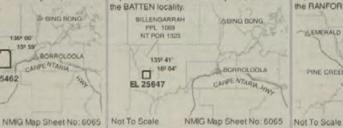
Exploration Licence 25621 sought by METEX RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 057 552 137 over an area of 79 Blocks (260 Sq Kms) icted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality. BORROLOGIA



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Exploration Licence 25647 sought by 185 over an area of 16 Blocks (53 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within



SEGUE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 112 ted below, for a term of 6 years, within the RANFORD HILL locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone

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

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the state that the act is one which altracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the

Notification Day: 14 March 2007

609 846 over an area of 3 Blocks (3 Sq Kms)



National Calendar

To list your events in the calendar, write no mor than two sentences with contact details to ema calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6822 2666. Send Sorry Day events to sorryday@ koorimail.com and NAIDOC Week events to naidoc@koorimail.com

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 30 March: Nominate for the Business Reconciliation Awards. 2007 marks the 40th anniversary of the referendum that saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to acknowledge Indigenous Australians as citizens. For details call (07) 3405 5215 or visit www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au

Until 15 April: The Museum of Contemporary Art is holding the first major survey of work by Giji artist Paddy Bedford. Visit www.mca.com.au for more

Until 21 April: Deadly Funny ATSI Comedy
Competition, Deadly Funny is a comedy program and
competition for Indigenous Victorians, developed and
run by the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Finalists are in the running to win \$1000 cash and a trophy. Registration is free and there is no age limit. Details call Tatia Sloley on (03) 9419 8837 or Claire Butler on (0411) 036 415. Registrations: www.comedyfestival.com.au/specialevents/ deadlyfunny

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.

14 March: Elders Sports Carnival at Campbelltown Sports Stadium from 9.30am-3pm. Open to all Aboriginal Elders around Sydney, or Aboriginal men and women aged 45 and over. Games, sporting activities, food, info stalls and so on. Details on (02) 4645 4902.

14 March: Elders yarn up for Seniors Week. Elders mini cultural festival. 10am-4pm at the Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo Street, Redfern. Free, lunch included. For booking or inquiries call (02) 9288 5713.

14 March: Dubbo Australian Idol Audition, Held at Dubbo RSL Club Resort corner Brisbane and Wingewarra St, Dubbo between 2-8pm. www.australianidol.com.au

15-16 March: Nungeena Aboriginal Corporation for Women's Business (Gawun Walbai). For Indigenous females aged 13-19 who want to have fun and learn about caring for children. Held at Nungeena, 60 Streek Road, Glass House Mountains. All meals provided and transport from Caboolture available. For details call Wendy on (0437) 534 606 or Terri-Anne on (07) 5438 7680.

16 March: Elders yarn up for seniors week: Elders Koori Karaoke and concert at the Yaama Café, 255 Wilson Street, Darlington. Free (tunch included). 12-3pm. Details: Donna Ingram on (02) 9319 7175

16-17 March: Narrama Multi Services Aboriginal Corporation exhibition *Koori Dreaming*, with a contemporary twist. To be held at its premises, 62 Queen Street, Moruya. Details call (02) 4474 5330.

16 March: Elders yarn up for seniors week. A day of entertainment, arts and crafts from 10.30am-4pm. 42 Dalton Street, Orange. Free, lunch included. Details call (02) 6361 4742 or (02) 6368 2438.

17 March: Black Harmony Gathering. Celebrate Cultural Diversity and the Elimination of Racism Day 2007. Fairfield Amphitheatre, Heidelberg Rd, Fairfield from 2-6pm. Details call (03) 9417 6777 or visit www.multiculturalarts.com.au

18 March: The Whitehorse Long Walk from Nangnak, behind the council offices in Whitehorse Road, Nunawading, to Blackburn Lake Information Centre. The walk will honour the work and leadership of William Barak and Michael Long and raise funds for the Sir Douglas Nicholls Indigenous Leadership Program, Start 9.50pm and walk at 10.30pm. Distance 2.7km. For complete details go to

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National Calendar

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the websites www.reconciliationvic.org.au or www.nichollsfellowship.net.au

18 March: An evening with Kutcha Edwards and band at the Brunswick music festival, Don't Tell Café, 420 Brunswick St, from 9-10.30pm. For details call (03) 9388 1460.

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

20 March: Northern Suburbs Association annual meeting, Held at Preston TAFE Indigenous Unit at 11am. Light lunch provided. Membership is vital so

sign up on the day. Details call Trevor on (03) 9404 4757 or (0401) 059 105 or email Trevor.Gallagher@rbg.vic.gov.au

20 March: Pathways and Barriers. To be held at the Rumbalara Football Netball Club rooms, Mercury Drive, Shepparton, from 1-2pm, A light lunch will be provided. RSVP by Friday 16 March. Details call Adeline Sze on (03) 8344 4605 or visit web www.cshe.unimelb.edu.au

21 March: Harmony Day – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

March 23: Kutcha Edwards band at Federation Square, Melbourne, from 8-9pm. For details call (03) 9719 7395.

26 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.

28-29 March: The MCA Djurali Youth Arts Careers Workshop goes for two days and is for Sydney-based Year 9-12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It provides 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

29 March: Men's business health information day on men's cancers, especially prostate and bowel cancer, for Aboriginal health workers and other health professionals working with Koori men. 9.30am-3pm at the Maya Healing Centre. This is a

men-only event.

Free with lunch provided. Grants are available to reimburse travel costs. RSVP by 23 March for

catering purposes.

Details call Peta Reynolds on (03) 9635 5316 or Ron Briggs on (0431) 538 230.

Indigenous Swimsuit calendar for young wom-aged 17-25 who are interested in promotional photography and modellion. Post transitional 31 March: Jinnalli Productions is hosting an ography and modelling. Post two photos (head and body shot) of yourself with your name, contact details and a paragraph about yourself to Jinnali Productions, c/- Bayswater Post Office, 85 Whatley Street, Bayswater, WA 6053.

4-29 April: Wanted: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorian residents for a new Indigenous islander victorian residents for a new morgenous comedy competition *Deadly Funny*. If you can tell a five-minute-or-less funny story or a couple of jokes and would like to be a stand-up comedian, see details at www.deadlyfunny.com.au 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 help 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

16-20 April: Marumali Healing Program for the Social and Emotional Well Being in Melbourne. The goal is to improve quality support to people who have been affected by removal policies and practices. For details call (07) 5590 5866.



NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

ARROY CYLLIMITED has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under cason 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Marray Groundwater Water Source Works Location: Lot 2 DP866954, Parish Nallam. County Cadell

Purpose:
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Written and signed objections (flav or e-mail is not acceptable, specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 11/04/2007.
Please quote the Application No. 694 (50WAS05887) on all correspondence.

GREGORY KENNETH DOMERTY has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval of Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source

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**Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 8898-3900.

**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 11/04/2007.

**Please quote the Application No. 698 (SOCAS05889) on all correspondence. Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5998-5990. (GAZ-484894)

**Linday J Holden, Serior Licensing Officer, Murray Murrambdoger Region Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 205, Densiquin NSW 2710

NATHAN CLACKSON has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in MOONEY MOONEY AND MULLET CREEKS GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

The application is for a 80×E with a pumping capacity of 1.1 litres per second on Lot 1//1027431 in the Parish of NARAFA, County of NORTHUMSERLAND for HORTICULTURE (hydroportics). Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 4904 2525.

Plemantha De Silva, Licensing Manager, Newcastle Office Department of Natural Resources, P Box 2213 DANGAR NSW 2309

Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007.
Hunter Valley Energy Coal Limited has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WURKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the HUNTER REGULATED. RIVER WATER SOURCE

The application is for a new PUMPING PLANT with a capacity of 200 libres per secon of existing works) at Lot 2//387021 in the Parish of BROUGHAM, County of DURHAM Any inquines regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 02 4904 2578. Written and signed objections (tax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 15/04/2007. Please quote the application number 675 on all correspondence.

Bruce Westbrook, Licensing Officer, Department of Natural Resources PO 80X 2213, Dangar, NSW 2309 Commencement Date: 14/03/2007, Closing Date: 14/04/2007, Section 14/04/2007, Section 14/04/2007, Section 14/04/2007, Sec

BARRY GRAEME MOORE has submitted an application for a water supply works approval und section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in HUNTER REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, 1 X SOMM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP for domestic use.

A DUMMA LCS INFORMS FOR INFORMATION COUNTY OF DURBIAM, for water supply to Lot 1/736963 in the Parish of DARLINGTON, County of DURBIAM.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 02 4904 2578.

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 516 on all correspondence.

Bruce Westbrook, Licensing Officer, Department of Natural Resources PO Box 2213, DANGAR, NSW 2309.

Commencement Date: 14/02/2007. Closing Date: 14/03/2007. set sexual

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, CI- 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.

> Exploration Licence 25657 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE over an area of 240 Blocks (673 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term

of 6 years, within the MACDONNELL RANGES

HAMILTON DOWNS PPL 1145 NT POR 4423

EL 25657

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Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 25350 sought by AGRICOLA RESOURCES PTYLTD ACN 111 720 597 over an area of 34 Blocks (69 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



WANSBONE MACKIE over an area of 137 ocks (407 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the UNDOOLYA locality.



Exploration Licence 25047 sought by

the JAMES locality.

NOVA ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 111 599 154

over an area of 238 Blocks (746 Sq Kms)

depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within

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EL 25047

Not To Scale

Exploration Licence 24547 sought by DEEP YELLOW LIMITED, ACN 006 391 948 over an area of 200 Blocks (606 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MACDONNELL RANGES locality.



NMIG Map Sheet No: 5550

Exploration Licence 25658 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE over an area of 333 Blocks (1047 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALCOOTA locality



Exploration Licence 25610 sought by ELKEDRA DIAMONDS NL. ACN 092 334 220 over an area of 10 Blocks (32 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WOODGREEN locality.

BARROW CREEK MOUNT SKINNER NT POR 704 1341 241 EL 25610 Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5753

Exploration Licence 25653 sought by SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 117 304 006 over an area of 225 Blocks (680 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ILLOGWA locality. INDIANA 135 33 23" 24" EL 25653 TOOD RIVER NMIG Map Sheet No: 5549 Not To Scale

Exploration Licence 25655 sought by SAMMY RESOURCES PTYLTD, ACN 117 304 006 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KELLY locality.

A PHILLIP CREEK PHILLIP CREEK 133" 52" EL 25655 A RED BLUFF NMIG Map Sheet No: 6050 Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5658

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 greats 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 Centrepoint 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

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 ication day

Notification Day: 14 March 2007

NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

DAVID ANTHONY STAR, GREGORY FRANCIS STAR and MICHAEL GERARIO STAR have submitted an explication for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section R2 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBRIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

at/adjacent to Lot 8/225796 in the Parish of MORTON, County of TOWNSEND FOR IRRIGATION

at/adjacent to Lot 8//225796 in the Parish of MORTON, County of TOWNSEND

Replacement approval aplication to include an additional bore.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700. Norther and signed objections that 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 guide the application number 582 on all correspondence Streen Webb, Resource Access Manager, Munay/Murrumbidgee Region Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, Lecton, NSW 2705. Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 14/04/2007. doi:10.1007/j. doi:10.1007/j.

ROBERT SHARE FRASER has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approved under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MUHRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

adjacent to Let 167/756457 in the Parish of YAMMA, County of URANA intigation

atrodiscent to Lots 165, 166 & 1671/756457 in the Parish of YAMMA, County of URANA

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Written and signed objections (fav 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 guote the application number 664 on all correspondence.

Stever Webb, Resource Access Manager, Murray/Murrumbidgee Region Department of Natural Resources, PO 80X 156, LEFTON, NSW 2705.

Commencement Date: 14/03/2007, Closing Date: 11/04/2007.

NUGAN FOOD SERVICES PTY LTD has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRIUMBIDGES DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a BORE on Lot 5/1106724 in the Parish of CAMARDOKA, County of COOPER for INDUSTRIAL USE on Lot 5/1106724 in the Parish of CAMARDOKA, County

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (tax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be looped with the Department before close of business on the 11/04/2007.

Please quote the application number 40WA404673 or all correspondence.

Solvier Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murrumbidgee Region Department of Natural Resources, PO BUX 156, Leetin, NSW 2705.

emencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007. cust

PATRICK MANCHS has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a bore on Lot 48/751681 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 48/751681, Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER. Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (tax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404671 on all correspondence.

Steven Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murrumbidgee Region

Department of Natural Resources, P.O.BOX 156, Lecton, NSW 2705 Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007.

Glen Angelo ANDREAZA has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRIUMSIDGES DEP ERROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a bore on Lot 100/751686 in the Parish of CAMARDOKA, County of COOPER for impalion on Lot 100/751686 in the Parish of CAMARDOKA, County of COOPER. Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700

whiten 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 17/04/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404667 on all correspondence.

Steven Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murray/Murray/Edge Region Department of Matural Resources, PO BOX 156, Leeton, NSW 2705. Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007.

CLEN ALAN AVENTI has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBLOGGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a BORE on Lot 95/7751886 in the Parish of CAMARODKA, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 95/7751886 in the Parish of CAMARODKA, County of COOPER.

INSULATION on Lot SS/751880 in the Parish of CAMARICINA, Country of CDOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directled to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (tax or e-mail is not acceptable), operating the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404675 on all correspondence.

Steven Webb, Licensing Manager, Marray/Morrushtidgee Region Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, Leeton, NSW 2705.

Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007. doi: NSW 2705.

MICHELANGELO and MARIA NARDI have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIGGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a BORE on Lot 92/751732 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE. County of COOPER for IRRIGATION on Lot 90, 92 and 93/751732 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700 Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on video occurred. Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be indiged with the Department before close of business on the 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number 409/4404665 on all correspondence.

Steven Worb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Marrumbidgee Region Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, Lecton, NSW 2705.

Department of Natural Resources, I Commencement Date: 14/03/2007 Closing Date: 11/04/2007

GUISEPPE & GIUSEPPA POLIMENI have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE OFEP CROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a BORE on Lot 230/751732 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE County of GOOPER for IRRIGATION on Lots 230, 231 and 232/751732, Parish of TENNINGERIE.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700. Any enquiries regarding the above should be denoted to the undersigned on 02:15 5:00700. Wentern and signed objections (fax or u-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be ledged with the Department before close of business on the 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA-06572 on all correspondence.

Steven Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murrainbidgee Begion Oppartment of Mahariel Resources, PO 80X 156, Leton, NSW 2705.

Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007

DUNNE ELIZABETH COLLINS has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the MINRRUMBIDGEE REQULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, for a PUMP on Lot 4/03/1076 in the Parish of WEREBOLDERA, County of WYNRARD for DOMESTIC supply to Lot 7/43/1076 in the Parish of WEREBOLDERA, County of WYNRARD 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 indiged with the Department before close of trusiness on the 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404670 on all correspondence. Steven Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murrumbidgee Region. Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, Leefon, NSW 2705

National

Native Title Tribunal

Commencement Date: 14/03/2007 Closing Date: 11/04/2007.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Victoria

LOCALITY MAP VI2005/002 - Dhuudhoroa Porepunkah Crown Land Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 0.39 hectares is located on the Back Porepunkah Road, Porepunkah as shown on the locality map. V12005/002 The agreement area covers Crown Allotment 1C, Section 5, Parish of Porepunkah. The agreement area falls within the Alpine Shire Council local government area. Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Kenneth A Stewart and Diana Travis on behalf of the Dhuudhoroa Native Title Group, c/- PO Box 431, North Melbourne Vic 3051.

Enzone Pty Ltd, A.C.N 097 827 435, 236-262 East Boundary Rd, East Bentleigh Vic 3165

State of Victoria, c/- Indigenous Land and Resource Policy Unit, Level 2, 8 Nicholson St, East Melbourne Vic 3002

The agreement contains the follow lanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National ve Title Tribunal

Porepunkah

1. Introduction

1.3 Upon registration of this Agreement, the Native Title Group [the Dhuudhovon Native Title Group being the persons who claim to hold native title in relation to the ILUA areal surrenders to the State [of Victorial any native title rights and interests which they may hold over the ILUA Aces.

This surrender is intended to extinguish any existing native title rights and interests over the ILUA Area.

6. Replacement of Future Act Procedure

- 6.1. The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in Part 2. Division 3, Subdivision P libe right to negotiate provisions of the NTA film Native Tule Act are not intended to apply to the grant of fee simple title to the proponent lenzone Pry Ltd or any other person who, from time to time, holds a legal or beneficial interest in the ILUA areal over the ILUA Area.
- 6.2 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties:
- agree to the surrender by the Native Title Group like Dhandhove Native Title Group! to the State lof Victorial of native title rights and interests over the ILUA Area;
- agree to the grant by the State of fee simple title under s.209(2) of the Land Act 1958 to the proponent in respect of the ILUA Area; and
- agree that the grant of fee simple title to the proponent in respect of the ILUA Area is valid.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 14 June 2007.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, by 14 June 2007.

Data statement: Agreement boundary data compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply.

For assistance or further information contact Erin McLatchy on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

DIANNE ELIZABETH COLLINS has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the MURROWABDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, for a PUMP on Lot 4/631076 in the Parish of WEREBOLDERA, County of WYNYARD for DOMESTIC supply to Lot 2/631076 in the Parish of WEREBOLDERA, County of WYNYARD.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700

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Written and signed objections flax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404670 on all correspondence.

Server Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murrambidgee Region Department of Natural Resources. PO 90X 156, Lecton, NSW 2705, Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007.

JULIANNE MAREE BOURNE has submitted an application for a WAITER
SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water
Management Act 2000, in the MURRIMBIDGER REQULATED RIVER WATER
SOURCE for a PUMP on Lot 1/1/10/25/03 in the Parrish of SOUTH WAGGA
WAGGA, County of WYNYARD for IRRIGATION on Lot 7//10/25/03 in the
Parish of SOUTH WAGGA WAGGA, County of WYNYARD.
Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on
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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 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number 40CA404660 on all correspondence.

Stevent Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murray/budgee Region Department of Natural Resources, PO 80X 156, Leeton, NSW 2705 Commencement Date: 14/03/2007, Closing Date: 11/04/2007, Journal

AUSTIN JAMES WILSON has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMRIGHE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a 800E on Lot 140/750885 in the Parish of GROCEL County of 800P for Religation on Lot 140/750885 in the Parish of GROCEL, County of 900P.

Withers and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying me grounds for the objection; must be lodged with the Department before closes of business on the 11/47/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404666 on all correspondence.

Sleven Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murrambidgee Region Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, LEETON, NSW 2705 Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007.

STEVEN JAMES and ALLISON MARKE WILSON have submitted an ag STEVEN JAMES and ALLSON MAREE WILSON have submitted an application or a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management. Act. 2000, in the LOWER MURRILMBROGEE GEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a BORE on Lot 50/750899 in the Parish of PETER, County of 80 YID for IRRIGATION on Lot 50/750899 in the Parish of PETER, County of 80 YID. Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 2009 530 YID.

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Written and signed objections dax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number 40MAAPA655 on all correspondency.

Steven Webb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murrambidge Region Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, Leeton, NSW 2705 Commencement Date: 14/03/2007, Closing Date: 11/04/2007, agramment

PETER DAMIEN JOSEPH TUDHEY has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRILAMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 37 x 80/RES.

altraspacent to Lot 80/750892 in the Parish of ELICHBAH, County at 80/10 attraspacent to Lot 81 1/105/2964 & 41/750895 in the Parish of

MULBURRUGA, County of BOYD.

For Impation: 40 significant to Lot 41/750895 in the Parish of MULBURRUGA, County of BOYD.

at/adjacent to Lot 48, 58 & 76/750900 in the Parish of PUCKINEWY. County at/adjacent to Lot 49/750882 in the Parish of Ell-GINBAH, County of BOYD,

at/adjacent to Lot 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 58, 69, 70, 78, 79, 93, 94, 95, 96 8, 97/750882 in the Parish of ElLGINBAH, County of BOYD,

Application for an amended Water Supply Work Approval to include an additional bore on: Let 1://1052964in the Parish of MULBURRIUGA, County of BOYD

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned or 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 11/04/2007. Please quate the application number 700 on all correspondence.

Steven Wiebb, Licensing Manager, Murray/Murrumbidgee Region Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, Leston, NSW 2705.

Commencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007. designs

FRANCESCO BRUND and Others have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 x BORE at a Secret to Lot 158/751703 in the Parish of GOGELDRIE, County of COOPER For Irrigation: at/adjacent to Lot 158/751703 in the Parish of GOGELDRIE County of COOPER

wies regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned or Any inquiries of the control of the

Written and signed objections (lax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of husiness on the 11/04/2007. Please quote the application number

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager, MURRUMBIOGEE REGRIN Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, LEETON, NSW 2705 rencement Date: 14/03/2007. Closing Date: 11/04/2007. Account

MURIAY VALLEY

William Alsea JOHNSTON and Weedy Margaret JOHNSTON have submitted
an application for a Water Supply Works and Water Use Approval under
Section 9.2 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray
Works: 1 x Bore
More 1 x Bore

Works Location: Let 30/756258, Parish Boyes, County Townsend

Purpose: Impation and Stock Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersighed on (03) 5898-3900.

(M) 5989-5940.

Written and signed objections (tax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 11/4/2007. Please quote the Application No. 707 (50CAS05890) on all correspondence. (SA2-864899)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Natural Resource Officer, Murray Murrumbidgee Region, Department of Natural Resource PO Box 205, Dentiliquin NSW 2710.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS (PETROLEUM)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, cf- Department of Primary industry, Fisheries and Mines. GPO Box 3000 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) that applications have been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, Exploration Permits (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the Petroleum Act (NT) as follows.

Applications to which this notice applies:

E TENNANT CREEK

KUNUNDO

Onshore Exploration Permit 129 sought by
MERLIN ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 081 592 734
over an area of 149 Blocks (11,750 Sq Kms)
depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the MBUMBUNNA locality



Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the Petroleum Act, gives the person to whom it is Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the Petroleum Act, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including(but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801, or Centrepoint Building 40-50 Smith St Mat, Darwin NT 0800.

Centrepoint Building 40-50 Smith St Mall, Darwin NT 0800.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2. Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Notification Day: For the purposes of section 29(4) of the NTA, the notification day is 14 March 2007.

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M**

TAKE NOTICE that TERMITE RESOURCES NL ACN 112 036 398 ('Termite Resources') of Level 2, 28-42 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth, Western Australia 6005 proposes to undertake mining operations on an area within Exploration Licence numbered 3518 held by Goldstream Mining NL ACN 009 129 560 and over Mineral Claims 3744, 3745, 3746, 3747, 3748, 3749, 3750, 3751, 3752, 3753, 3754, 3755, 3756, 3757, 3758, 3759, 3760, 3761, 3762, 3763, 3764, 3765, 3766, 3767, 3768, 3769, 3770, 3771, 3772, 3773, 3774, 3775 and 3776 in which a mining lease has been applied for ('Land'). Termite Resources has served Form 27 Notices on all relevant parties in accordance with section 63M of the South Australian Mining Act 1971.

The proposed mining lease is located in the Caim Hill area, out of Hundreds Billakalina and Coober Pedy, block 1269, Mount Penryhn. The proposed mining lease is approximately 80.29 square kilometres, being the area generally bounded by Australian Geodetic Datum 1966 coordinates as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude -29°16'57.2844" and longitude 135°4'44.6592", then east to longitude 135°9'42.6528", north to latitude -29°16'44.2848", east to longitude 135°12'42.1632", north to latitude -29°16'20.9604", east to longitude 135°15'12.9636", south to latitude -29°18'20.2788", west to longitude 135°11'37.6548", south to latitude -29°18'47.2752", west to longitude 135°8'23.6544", then southwest to latitude -29°20'43.2636" and longitude 135°8'23.6292", then west to longitude 135°8'44.6592" and north to the point of commencement longitude 135"4'44.6592" and north to the point of commencement.

Termite Resources proposes to commercially mine the area referred to above. The nature of the proposed mining operations to be carried out on the Land is mineral production operations to recover magnetite, copper and gold from magnetite ore with a copper/gold concentrate by open cut mining. The area is subject to Native Title Determination Applications SC95/7 Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Native Title Claim and SC98/2 The Arabunna Peoples Native Title Claim.

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 relation to the Land to which this notice relates, Termite Resources 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

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponent, Termite Resources, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months of the initiation of these negotiations. Termite Resources and any native title party or parties 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 the mining operations on the Land. conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:

Termite Resources NL Attention: Mr Geoff Wallace, Company Secretary

evel 2, 28-42 Ventnor Avenue West Perth WA 6005

The Vaice of Indigenous Australia

NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, Cir. Department of industry and Reson 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
59/1169	Graduitie Arikatel NL	MM2/67	4528.68Vu	58km Wily of Paynes And	Lat 29'04' Long 117'08'	1000
63/956	Avoca Resources Ltd	NO1856	11905,1200	33eu NETy of Norsenan	Lift 31 55" Long 122 00	Dirdes
83967	Avoca Resources Ltd	NO1/67	10190-217m	49km NE'ly of Nomemon	Lat 81°54' Long 122°02'	Durde

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals

Notification day: 14 March 2007

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 temphone (08) 9222-3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 25

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
21/651	Noble Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	168.84ha	18km S'ly of Cus	Lik 27°35' Long 117'54	Oue .
45/2594	Shane Bran Kelo	114.99ts	62km NETy of Nuttagine	Lat 21"34" Long 190736"	BisLPibbis
45/2618	MR Milwood Pty Ltd	9.6%	26m NETy of Marcin Bay	List 21 TOP Long 719745	East Pittons
45/2627	De Grey Mining Ltd.	23.42ha	74km SW ly of Marble Bay	Litt 21 '27 Long 119 '06'	Ent Pitras
45/2628	Trafford Resources Ltd	35.34ha	85km Wily of Marble Bar	Lift 2 1102 Long 118'56'	Emelors
45/2629	Trafford Resources Ltd	18.1ha	86km Wily of Marble Bar	List 21702' Lang 118'65'	Sel Pibra
47/1222	Opus Exploration Pty Ltd	51,33ha	60km Elly of Rosbourne	Lat 20'55' Long 118*19'	Port Hedand Town
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NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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Kangaroos bouncing back

Cup could provide a significant opportunity for a young player trying to establish a name for himself. In many respects it can be the same for any club going through a rebuilding process in the hope of becoming a contender in the main game

One might argue that this is the case for the Kangaroos, who have not only been most impressive in the pre-season games but have also shown there is still significant room for

The Kangaroos' list suggests a bright future as long as consistency can be achieved as coach Dean Laidley tries to re-establish the

club as a major player in the premiership race.
The club's playing stocks were cleaned out at the end of last season after poor results saw the team finish 14th.

The one positive of this end-of-season purge is that Roos fans are likely to see a

fierce battle for places in the senior side. Whether this battle provides the catalyst for improvement or leads to continued frustration is the issue for all the suffering fans who long

for a return to the glory days of the 1990s.
Importantly, the Kangaroos have retained a
solid core of experience, with Glenn Archer,
Adam Simpson, Brent Harvey and Shannon Grant back for another year to provide crucial

leadership and stability.

Archer is the type of player who can never be underestimated – he has the respect of his peers and opponents alike.

The evergreen defender played all but six

games in 2006 and his passion will provide great support to Dean Laidley as he tries to fast track his young list.





With Sydney Swans star Michael O'Loughlin

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Among this list I am looking forward to seeing Eddie Sansbury complete his transition to a regular player. Drafted from SANFL club Central District as a mature-age recruit before the start of the 2004 season, he has yet to win a regular berth with the Roos

A midfielder/forward, he played just 10 games in 2005, equalling his total in 2004. He played seven senior games last year and is likely to face stiff competition for a midfield role in 2007, his fourth year with the Roos.

I believe this could be the year he cements

a regular spot

Lindsay Thomas will be striving for similar

recognition after being taken by the Roos with pick 53 in last year's NAB AFL Draft. He comes from the same club in country South Australia (Mallee Park) as former Kangaroos star Byron Pickett and plays crisp, instinctive football that will place him in

Another bolter could be Djaran Whyman who finds himself on the 2007 Kangaroos seniors list after a solid year with North Ballarat in the VFL. Agility and speed are two of Whyman's main strengths and after a hard pre-season, he appears to be a front-runner for round-one selection.

A significant amount of focus will be on the continued development of Daniel Wells. Over the past four AFL seasons this talented first-round draft pick has proven he can play consistent football at the highest level. There is little doubt that this season, with a squad full of young up-and-comers, Dean Laidley will most likely be asking more of the talented youngster and hoping he can graduate from consistent to

I remember his promise in 2003 when he emerged as a contender for the Rising Star Award as being simply thankful for the opportunity to play in the big league. Daniel had been playing in the WAFL for the Perth Peel Thunder when he became eligible for the

His selection as the number-one pick jolted him into the spotlight as one to watch in the new generation of footballers. He needs to look back on his early experiences if he is to take the next step to a leader in his club.

At the time, being not just a new player, but also so young was an intimidating experience

at times as he made the jump from WAFL to AFL. The intensity is so quick - it's a whole new game," Daniel said at the time.

Fortunately, he had a lot of support and encouragement from his team-mates. pretty nervous at the start of the season. The older players made me feel welcome and they come up to you to see how you're going.

he said.

Daniel needs to remember the significance of this support in a stellar debut season in which he picked up the club's 'best first-year player' award and an AFL Rising Star nomination.

He now needs to play a similar role himself

 leadership is not measured by age alone
 As important as his punishing defence and pin-point kicking has become for the Kangaroos, Daniel now needs to show that he has the potential to lead the side into the

He has already proved himself the kind of player who can turn a game in a heartbeat and single-handedly become the difference between victory and defeat.

He's already been earmarked by fans as the future of the club, and rather than see this as the weight of expectation he should accept it as a challenge to help take himself to the next level.

Experts are not tipping the Kangaroos to make the eight this year. However, the Shin-boners fans will have the chance to witness new talent and the promise of a new beginning. Hopefully Daniel Wells will be leading them

from the front

Until next time - Keep Dreaming!

Perseverance is key

ESPITE losing to a late intercept try in the Charity Shield match against St George-Illawarra Dragons at Telstra Stadium, there was a lot to like about our team Souths' performance in the last hit-out before the premiership proper starts.

Don't get me wrong - the boys still felt the sting of defeat after the match and, as a professional side, we will not accept the excuse of 'we played well but got beaten by a better team on the day'.

This team will not accept defeat in any form and, although it may be unrealistic to expect to win every game, we will run onto the paddock for each game expecting to win.

It was pleasing to feel that special bond in defence that comes about only if each member of the team is committed to each

Attacking combinations will come as we get to understand each other's style of play and adjust to coach Jason Taylor's game

In defence, however, despite the fact that you have patterns and approaches for each situation, the major component for success is a desire to tackle.

More importantly, you have to have the confidence that the player inside you and outside you has the same commitment and

When you gain that special confidence, you believe that you are all playing for each other and the total sum effort of the team becomes greater than the sum of the

The great coach Jack Gibson always said to give him a player who could tackle because anybody could score a try!

Having confused you and me with my theories of team spirit and defence, I would simply encourage you to come to Souths' first games against the Roosters at Aussie Stadium and the Parramatta Eels at Telstra

We aim not to disappoint you! Having said that, I must admit to having

thoughts about two of my opponents after the game against the Dragons.

No player likes to see another player injured and put out of the game for a long

Having gone through the pain and effort of pre-season training it is particularly frustrating to be injured one game before the start of the premiership.

So it was disappointing to hear that such a great of the current game as Mark Gasnier has been put out for at least most of the season. One can barely comprehend how such a bad injury came out of such an innocuous tackle.

The one positive to come out of the situation is that it may provide former Rabbitoh Richie Williams with a first-grade debut for St George-Illawarra in next week's historic clash with the Gold Coast Titans.

While Gasnier has undergone surgery on a torn pectoral muscle, Dragons coach Nathan Brown has to decide between Williams and former Wests Tigers utility Rangi

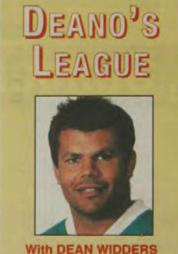
"I'm ready for it," Williams is reported as

Tve been waiting for something like this to happen for me to get my opportunity for a

'If I do get the jumper I'll make the most of it. I'm a bit nervous replacing Gaz but I'm pretty confident I can do the job."

The 21-year-old is on a contract worth about \$50,000 a year - compared with Gasnier's \$450,000 each season.

But I am certain he would consider giving up the money just for the chance to live his dream in front of what is expected to be a



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sell-out crowd at Suncorp Stadium. Rangi Chase and Brad Davidson are other

Dragons youngsters in line for Gasnier's position.

I have followed Richie's progress for a while and he is a flamboyant player, highly skilled and without fear. A gifted playmaker from Narcoma, on the NSW south coast, he has been highly rated for some time and got his chance to play first grade only after Gasnier withdrew from the Dragons' opening trial against the Bulldogs due to the flu.

With Gasnier returning for the Charity Shield, Williams played premier league at including one from a sensational 20m run that made three defenders look like they were trying to catch a shadow. He also showed a deft short kicking game, with one chip nearly resulting in a try to Chase, who was ruled off

According to Brown, only discipline and work ethic stand between Williams and an illustrious NRL career. Williams left Souths looking for an opportunity after he felt he was

blocked from reaching the top grade.

His decision to knuckle down at the
Dragons has obviously paid off for him. It took
me back to my early days at the Roosters
when I was cut at the end of the season and had to beg for a chance to play for nothing on

had to beg for a chance to play for from an 'opportunity contract'.

I work harder for that opportunity for no income – much harder than when I thought I had made it on a scholarship.

It is a lesson I have applied each season since. Success only comes for those who have worked for it.

have worked for it.

Williams has backed his talent and has worked hard to achieve his current dream. But he – and any other aspiring player – would do well to listen closely to the message in Nathan Brown's final words about Richie's prospects.

"Richie has got miles of talent," Brown said. "If Richie Williams doesn't make it, it

won't be from a lack of talent. He's got a few

things to work on." No matter what we have achieved or how far we have travelled, we all still 'have a few things to work on'.

You need a work ethic to maintain success. Talent alone is not enough.

In Richie's case, perseverance has been the key. I wish him well if selected and hope his continued perseverance leads to a

'You need a work ethic to maintain success. Talent alone is not enough'

Inglis is vital to Storm's chances



Craig Bellamy is punting on the talents of Greg Inglis to guide his

fancied side to the National Rugby League title in 2007.
The Storm were runaway minor

premiers last season - losing only four regular season games – but fell at the final hurdle, beaten 15-8 by Brisbane in the grand final.

With explosive pace and exceptional evasive skills, Inglis was the club's top try-scorer last season as a fullback and centre. and also starred at Origin and Test level on the wing.

While Inglis has conquered every challenge thrown at him in his short career, the 20-year-old must now take on the role as the Storm's key playmaker

Replacing London-bound veteran five-eighth Scott Hill, he will have to adjust from being a receiver to a creative provider of good ball

Bellamy said he was confident Inglis could handle the new position with his usual aplomb.

"He seems to be able to handle

most things on the footy field pretty well," the coach said.

'He's more experienced now. He's been through an Origin series and a Tri-series and he handled those okay in different positions at those levels. I can't see why he



Bellamy did not agree with any concern that the Storm could blunt its sharpest attacking weapon by moving Inglis to five-eighth.

"You can't win, because last year at times he was criticised for not seeing enough of the ball," he

'We want to see him get a bit

more ball than he probably had last year when he was playing in

"If it's a problem, then we've got other options

Bellamy believed Inglis would handle the extra defensive load, and said he could call on Cronulla. recruit Russell Aitken, who had

The bookmakers agree that Bellamy has the side to improve on last year's remarkable season, and go one better to take the NRL premiership.

Opening the season against the Wests Tigers, they start the



WENDELL SAILOR

Dumped, but he's still hot property



Wendell Sailor being courted by National Rugby

even though his drug suspension from rugby union has 14 months to run.

Sailor, suspended for two years and dumped by Super 14 side the NSW Waratahs after testing positive to cocaine last year, said he had received offers from NRL clubs about making a rugby league comeback once his ban was lifted.

The 32-year-old dual international is suspended until April 2008.

But Sailor said he had already received interest from NRL and European clubs and was determined to make amends for the way his rugby career ended.

Interested

"I have had a couple of NRL clubs that have asked and been interested, but I won't name them," he told

Sydney radio 2KY.
"I will not finish my career
the way I did last year."
Sailor said he had come

to terms with his punishment after a tumultuous 2006 which included a suspension for a drunken incident in South Africa

"I didn't have my best year last year obviously, with South Africa and the drinking thing and I have got to cop that and I'm willing to cop that," he said. "I have got to be accountable for my own actions.

The former Brisbane Broncos winger says he will continue to work in the community to correct his mistake and will keep training, possibly with boxing champion Anthony Mundine, in the hope he can resurrect

a professional career. "The one thing I want is the Super 14 to go quickly, because once that is over I'm still training now but I'll probably train as a semi professional," he said - AAP

Dragons, Stingers favoured



All fired up ... Doomadgee Dragons players gather around the team bus. They are in line for a fourth successive title this season in the Mid West Queensland rugby league competition.

By North Queensland writer ALF WILSON



Six teams will again contest the 2007 Mid West Queensland rugby league competition, with last year's grand finalists Doomadgee Dragons and Normanton Stingers likely to be powerhouses again.

The competition looks set to start on April 14, according to Mid West official Les Carter, with the other teams being Hughenden, Cloncurry, Julia Creek and Richmond.

"Our draw is still only a draft at this stage, but we are in the process of finalising it, and the comp should start on April 14," he said.

Reports indicate that Hughenden, Cloncurry, Richmond and Julia Creek will all field stronger outfits this season. Many have recruited players transferred to their outback towns with Queensland Railways of other Government departments.

Teams in the competition have to travel long distances to get to games and roads are often closed

and teams can get stranded in wet weather.

Normanton Stingers can look forward to the new season with confidence after a strong showing in their

inaugural attempt last year.

The Doomadgee Dragons won their third Mid West Rugby League grand final in succession last September when they beat the Stingers 30-26 at the neutral town of Julia Creek. Normanton led 20-12 at half time in a game that

featured lots of attacking flair and strong defence.

Players of the final were Dragons centre Charles Toby, backs Max Peters and Glendon Connolly and forwards Chris Ned and captain-coach Travis Fraser.

NRL sides ready



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HILE most experts have installed Melbourne Storm as early favourites for the Telstra NRL Premiership, I can't help but feel that the opening game of the season between the Brisbane Broncos and the North Queensland Cowboys might well be replayed as the grand final come the end of the season.

Although I can understand Melbourne's early favouritism, I am yet to be convinced that they have the forward pack to perform in the finals series, and also have reservations

about moving Greg Inglis to five-eighth. The Cowboys appeal to me on a number of levels, but the major reason for my support is that they will be driven by the intense disappointment of last season.

They will not have the same weight of expectation this season, but they will still have the benefit of recent grand final

Cowboys

Four key players will have a huge impact on the Cowboys' hopes this season. Matt Bowen has had an injury-free

off-season and should return to his attacking best once his confidence is restored.

He will benefit from a Johnathan Thurston who is knocking on the door of stardom after a compelling Tri-Nations series.

His absence for a major part of last season condemned the Cowboys to a position outside the eight.

The imminent return of Ty Williams is another added bonus for the team, and if he can fill the centre position and find the form that gained him Origin selection, then I believe the side will have all major positions covered.

The signing of Jason Smith is the final factor, with his guile and experience certain to take the pressure off Thurston and

It is a potent combination of creativity. vision and speed that could see them lift the trophy come October.

They may also have had some help 'up front' with the likes of Carl Webb and Justin Smith also showing great early season form.

Broncos

This does not mean I am discounting the Broncos, as they remain a classy and professional side across the paddock.

The big question to be faced by the team is whether they can achieve the great



Sam Thaiday in action for Queensland. He will rise to the challenge to fill Shane Webcke's shoes for the Broncos.

heights of last season without Shane

I have little doubt that Sam Thaiday is ready to fill those shoes. His meteoric rise last season to State of Origin, grand final winner and Australian representative means his progress in the toughest position of all has been fast-tracked. I feel confident that he has the maturity and character to deal with the challenge

Outside Darren Lockyer, the most dominant performer for the Broncos last year was Justin Hodges. I believe he has the opportunity this year to stamp himself as the premier centre in the game. He will be critical to the Broncos' chances of retaining

Melbourne

This brings me to Melbourne Storm, who are probably the most well-drilled outfit in the whole NRL

They will be in contention come finals time, but I still have a question over their

capacity to take that final step Greg Inglis is a rare talent who undoubtedly has the ability to play anywhere in the back line. This means he will be a success if he is moved to five-eighth to replace the departing Scott Hill.

It will be a qualified success, however, because it will be much easier for defences to nullify Inglis' attacking brilliance closer to

It will also place additional pressure on him to create for others rather than just following his natural instincts:

Melbourne will be there in September but I can't quite see them taking the title.

Bulldogs

The Bulldogs are the only other side I am going to include as absolute certainties for the finals, with the club's imposing tradition being my main reason for this support.

Let's not forget that the Bulldogs were 40 minutes away from last year's grand final before Justin Hodges turned the tide of the game early in the second half.

A major factor in the club's return to premiership contention will be the fitness and form of Willie Tonga. Tonga has had an horrendous run with

injuries over the past two years and is yet to

reach his true potential.

I remember describing him as Meninga-like after his State of Origin debut and it would be great to see him coached by the great man for Queensland in this year's series.

Rabbitohs

Outside of the top four there are two sides that have captured the imagination of the broader league public - the resurgent South Sydney Rabbitohs and the new boys on the block in the Gold Coast Titans.

Given its historically strong link with Indigenous communities, the once mighty Rabbitohs have taken on a new lease of life under the ownership of Peter Holmes a Court and Russell Crowe.

Confidence and leadership are two important qualities, and the Rabbitohs have imported these qualities in spades with the likes of Dean Widders, David Peachey and David Kidwell

Peachey and Widders will have a strong impact on the emerging group of Indigenous youth, with the likes of Nathan Merritt, Yileen Gordon, Beau Champion and Germaine Paulson the main beneficiaries.

Watch also for Shannon Hegarty to return to something close to representative form with the abundance of quality players now surrounding him.

Joe Williams will be under intense pressure in the key halfback position, but he undoubtedly has the ability to perform. This year will be critical for his future career but, for once, he will have the luxury of playing behind a quality pack.

Gold Coast

Speaking of forwards, the Gold Coast Titans have surprised many with the quality of their form in the trials.

The forwards have performed admirably but what has surprised many has been the injection of Preston Campbell off the bench into the hooker role

His early form has been a revelation to many, although I can remember writing about Preston's cameo performance at

John Cartwright, being the astute coach he is, has obviously stored this in his memory bank and has decided to utilise Preston's talents in a position where he will be difficult to contain.

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Scott Prince has already shown why he was such a key signing for the new franchise, with his masterly control and astute kicking game ensuring the Titans will be competitive every time he is on the field.

Watch for the likes of Chris Sandow and Change Weller to get their congritually at

Shannon Walker to get their opportunity at some stage during the season.

Dragons

The St George Illawarra Dragons will be one of the more interesting teams to watch this year given the high turnover of senior talent from their squad.

This will not necessarily be a negative thing given that it will give others the

opportunity to step up to the plate. Richie Williams may be one case of this given the unfortunate injury to Mark Gasnier. A creative player who has shown great promise in the lower grades, he may finally get the chance to prove his wares in the top grade. If he does it will be a case of a young player persevering to achieve his dream

A Souths junior who struggled to get a look in, Williams backed his talent and took his kit to the Dragons in pursuit of an opportunity. He will be one of many who will need to shine if the Dragons are to make a dent on the competition

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Cronulla

Meanwhile, the Dragons neighbours in the Sutherland Shire are adapting to the new style of coach Ricky Stuart. Stuart will instil a mental

toughness into the Sharks squad that has been sadly missing in recent seasons, but it is difficult to see him improving the club's performance too dramatically in the first season. He is probably the best-qualified coach to solve the continuing issues that Brett Kimmorley and Adam Dykes have in the halves.

There is scant Indigenous talent at the club, and that is perhaps another reason why the Sharks will not be major contenders this year!

Roosters

Stuart's previous club - the Sydney Roosters - may also struggle in what they claim to be

They appear to lack the necessary firepower in the forwards to be true contenders in

They have a forward pack heavy on age but light on speed and agility and it will take all the experience of coach Chris Anderson to overcome this issue.

This will also be a critical year for Jamie Soward. The opportunity is there for him to cement the halfback position, but there is plenty of opposition with the likes of Josh Lewis and Mitchell Pearce also pressing their claims.

One player certain to entertain is Amos Roberts who – no matter where the Roosters end up on the table - is certain to finish somewhere in the top try-scorers for the season.

With the return of Anthony Minichiello, I hope Anderson – himself a former great winger – will allow Amos the luxury of settling

into one position this year. Funnily enough, I believe Minichiello is better suited to wing, with Amos a natural fullback - but that's why I watch most of my football in front of the TV in my slippers sipping cocoa rather than from the coach's box!

Parramatta 4 8 1

My old club Parramatta will also be interesting to watch this season, with both the introduction of a new coach (Michael Hagan) and an interesting array of characters for him to handle.

Some predict that 2006 Rookie of the Year Jarryd Hayne will play fullback this year, which will mean the four key positions – hooker, halfback, five-eighth and fullback – will be occupied by volatile

Don't get me wrong. All of the above are great talents capable of turning the game through an act of individual brilliance. It is also fair to say, however, that each of them is



MILTON THAIDAY ... Can make a huge difference for the Knights.

also prone to lose their cool on

It will be interesting to observe how Michael Hagan and the club's player leadership team deal with these issues

Waiting patiently in the centre will be the dynamic Timana Tahu, whose return from injury is eagerly anticipated.

The highest level of praise I can pay this supreme athlete is that he would have kept Greg Inglis out of the Australian side if he had been This is meant to be the highest compliment to both players.

Penrith

Further down the M4 Motorway, the Penrith Panthers have not had the most settled of pre-seasons. but I am certain they will put all these distractions behind them once the season proper starts.

John Lang took the Panthers to

a premiership and is one of the great guys in the game, but I believe that the team was ready for a change in direction.

Matt Elliot is the right man for the club

It will be interesting to see how Rhys Wesser survives without his 'soul mate' in Preston Campbell to create unexpected opportunities for him.

Nevertheless, like Amos Roberts, I expect him to be among the top try-scorers in the league this year.

Michael Gordon will not be far behind, as he is developing a reputation as being one of the

most clinical finishers in the game It is great to see Craig Trindall

still being given the opportunity to perform at the highest level. Craig would be the first to agree that he would like to have his time over, but he still remains one of the most intuitive footballers I have seen.

Canberra

Elliot will still have a soft spot for his previous club in the Canberra Raiders, who will have to cope with a mass exodus of senior players whose experience is irreplaceable.

Nevertheless, they have made one astute buy with the appointment of the unheralded Neil Henry as coach

Henry is a players' coach with the ability to extract the best from his charges. His quiet, unassuming manner will be a benefit as he tries to mould a talented group of youngsters who are still largely unknown to the wider rugby league

The name Goodwin is synonymous with attacking rugby league, and in young Bronx Goodwin we have a player with the potential to match his old man 'Lord Ted' in the excitement stakes.

I will also be waiting to see whether Thom Learoyd-Lahrs has recovered from his chronic back injury and is ready to fulfil his potential. He has already shown he is capable at the highest level.

Wests Tigers

Wests Tigers are another club that had a disappointing season last year, but I cannot quite see



BENJI MARSHALL ... A tough job to do for Wests Tigers.

them returning to their glories of

two years ago.

Despite the successful return of Benji Marshall from injury, I still see him as too young to carry the expectations of a more seasoned player like Andrew Johns.

The other factor to consider will be the absence of Scott Prince. Prince was 'ying' to Benji's 'yang' and I doubt whether Scott's value to Marshall's meteoric rise has ever been fully appreciated.

Sea Eagles

The Sea Eagles are another side I struggle to warm to, despite the presence of my old team-mate in Des Hasler as coach.

They will miss the inspiring presence of Ben Kennedy and will need the returning Jamie Lyon to play a key role for the team.

Unfortunately, despite his success in Super League in this position, I cannot see him being a force at five-eighth.

I like the look of Brett Stewart and am still anticipating big George Rose to give me with the type of entertainment only the big men can provide.

Newcastle

This brings me to the Newcastle Knights and the introduction of coach Brian Smith to the club's

Despite what people might think because of all the media speculation, I firmly believe that Smith and Andrew Johns will have too much respect for each other

not to join forces for the betterment

Indeed, I believe they will have a positive relationship that will make the Knights a dark horse as long as 'Joey' stays on the field.
A fit and confident Milton

Thaiday will make a huge difference to the attacking prowess

Brad Tighe is another I believe who may emerge to be the replacement for Mat Gidley in the

Warriors

I leave my final comments for the New Zealand Warriors who will be without their 'bruz-cuz' in Brent

Webb this year.
People often ask me what it would be like to have a mainly Aboriginal side in the competition

The Cowboys and the Rabbitohs go close given their current line-ups, but I always have a sense of brotherhood when I visit the Warriors.

They have a strong sense of team and commitment and they are the team that I believe will improve the most this season.

If they make any of the big games watch out, because the Warriors are a side that are

capable of anything. Steven Price and Rueben Wiki provide the most formidable leadership in the team.

So let's bring on season So let's bring on season just see Carl Webb lining O let's bring on season 2007. up Sam Thaiday for the first hit of the year.

I can't wait!

Our men set for

The 2007 AFL season starts at the end of this month. Here, football writer PETER ARGENT, takes a club-by-club look at this year's contenders.

Adelaide Crows

Aboriginal players: Andrew McLeod (260 AFL games), Graham Johncock (109).

Season Expectations: The AFL clock starts to tick past the window of opportunity for this group of players at the Adelaide Football Club to collect another flag. One of the club's trademark players,

Andrew McLeod, after his performance as captain of the All-Stars, will be a key player to watch. Keeping McLeod's aging body sound will be vital to his performances in 2007. Now with more than 100 senior games,

Mallee Park product Graham Johncock will be expected to take more leadership roles in detence this season. A courageous and creative player at 24, he is in the prime of his

Expected Finish: In the finals, but must make an impact this year. The current playing group, which has lost the penultimate game of the year in the latest two seasons, may have passed up their chance of premiership glory if they don't take the title in 2007.

Player to watch: Graham Johncock. This defender is key player in the Crows' starting 18, and now he needs to curtail his kamikaze approach on the ball and to show more leadership and authority in his game.

Brisbane Lions

Aboriginal players: Ashley McGrath (83), Anthony Corrie (rookie – 31), Rhan Hooper (11), Chris Johnson (252), Jason Roe (15), Albert Proud (0).

Season Expectations: The final Fitzroy player of the Lions list, Chris Johnson, now is in the twilight of a superb career. His leadership will be important for the young defenders at the club.

McGrath will look to join the 100-club this season, being noted for his hard chasing and strong tackling in his small-forward role

Rhan Hooper has decided to return to the club and continue his embryonic career after stopping training for a period during the

Jason Roe has more than fulfilled expectations and the club will expect further growth from the athletic defender.

Albert Proud, a hard-working and skilful mid-fielder, was a member of Queensland's successful Under-18s football team last year and may get opportunities as the season

After being demoted last year, Anthony Corrie was given a lifeline by the Lions, being collected as a rookie.

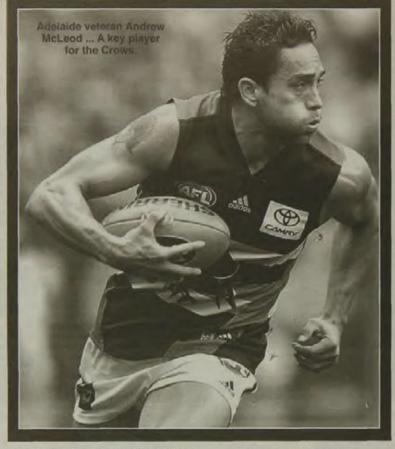
Expected Finish: Bottom four. The changing of the guard at the Lions will continue during 2007.

Player to Watch: Jason Roe. This former Collingwood rookie has taken time to understand the commitment required, but took massive steps last year and will be a key player in the Lions defence.

Carlton Blues

Aboriginal players: Eddie Betts (40), Andrew Walker (55), Joe Anderson (0), Clinton

Season Expectations: Still in the heart of a long rebuilding process, Carlton will be looking for continued improvement from young players like Eddie Betts and Andrew Walker Walker played all 22 games in the Blues colours last winter and will play a vital role around the ball. Betts, last season's 'goal of



the year' winner, now needs to be fit enough to

take on roles further up the ground.

Joe Anderson is a Darwin lad who already has had experience against men and is a skilled defender. Clint Benjamin is a West Australian recruit who has all the physical attributes to be a star and should get his opportunity during the season.

Expected Finish: Bottom Four. Another

rebuilding year for the Blues.
Player to Watch: Andrew Walker. From the Bendigo Under-18s, he is a talented young on-baller who will be an important component in the Carlton resurgence.

Collingwood Magpies

Aboriginal players: Leon Davis (115), Chris Egan (24), Shannon Cox (0), Brad

Season Expectations: A forward who showed more consistency in 2006 (before injury), Leon 'Neon' Davis will be looking for an explosive 2007, having an impact and kicking goals all season.

The balanced and agile Chris Egan will be looking to build on cameos he has produced over the past two years

Athletic, quick and skilful, Shannon Cox has already played senior VFL football with Williamstown and is capable of becoming a key position player.

Noted for his classy ball disposal, Brad Dick was an important member of the West Australian Under-18s last year. He is expected to spend most of the winter with the Magpies' AFL affiliate.

Expected Finish: The Magpies have the potential to play finals - but should finish just outside the eight.

Player to Watch: Shannon Cox. This young talent has the capacity to hold down centre-half-back. He comes to Collingwood with big raps. If he gets opportunities, Cox could be one of the young finds of the season

Fremantle Dockers

Aboriginal players: Jeff Farmer (221), Antoni Grover (108), Roger Hayden (58), Des Headland (129), Michael Johnson (36), Troy Cook (184), Clayton Collard (0), Calib

Season Expectations: Along with the Bombers, Fremantle have the highest number

of Indigenous players in their squad. The Dockers have a good diversity of Aboriginal players. But a major threat to the Dockers' success this year will be a lack of discipline. Already during the quarter-final round of the NAB Cup, the trio of Jeff Farmer, Michael Johnson and Dean Solomon were reported. Farmer now will not start his season until round seven.

Antoni Grover, Roger Hayden and the improved Michael Johnson are part of a strong defence, while Lions premiership player Des Headland will add ball-carrying and goal-kicking ability to the on-ball contingent at the club. Farmer is a key up forward and if he can kick three to five goals regularly this will be a great help for a serious premiership contender this year

Expected Finish: They are definite top-four finishers. The Dockers have the player group to go all the way.

Player to Watch: Michael Johnson. This versatile back man has the athleticism and ball-reading ability to become a marque defender in the AFL. Still only 22, if his body is kind to him he can become a 10-year defender

Essendon Bombers

Aboriginal players: Courtenay Dempsey (5), Richard Cole (60), Patrick Ryder (9), Andrew Lovett (33), Nathan Lovett-Murray (56), Leroy Jetta (0), Dean Dick (rookle), Alwyn Davey (0).

Season Expectations: There a are number of exciting young talents under Kevin Sheedy's tutelage at Bomber-land Andy Lovett and Nathan Lovett-Murray

Andy Lovett and Nathan Lovett-Murray need to continue their growth in the game. The rookie pair of excitement machine Leroy Jetta and Alwyn Davey will be expected to get plenty of opportunities, with their

ingthing pace and goal-kicking ability.
Tall options Courtenay Dempsey and Patty
Rider got their first taste of top level in 2006
and now have a good base to work from.

Former Collingwood footballer Richard Cole, after only four games last year, is looking for a strong winter and performed solidly in the Aboriginal All-Stars match.

Expected Finish: Bottom eight. Coaching elder statesman Kevin Sheedy has many

young talents who need more experience and game time at the top level.

Player to Watch: Leroy Jetta. If this young playmaker can play the same game as he produced at under-18s level, Jetta will be a special player in the Krakouer mould. He is a dashing and creative footballer who is looked

Geelong Cats

Aboriginal players: Travis Varcoe (0), Mathew Stokes (9), Nathan Djerrkura (0), Liam Bedford (rookie).

Season Expectations: Last year, Mathew Stokes and Travis Varcoe's selection in the 2005 National Draft ensured every team has an Aboriginal contingent on their rosters. Stokes, a mature-age selection, had an impact in a couple of games last year, while Varcoe, after shrugging off the problems with a foot injury, finished with 15 games in the VFL, including the grand final. The young wingman from South Australia showed flashes

of brilliance, but needs to find consistency. Nathan Djerrkurra is a courageous inside player with ball-getting ability, strong evasive skills and an uncompromising attack on the ball. While the Northern Territorian may not get the opportunities this year, he is a player

Still only 18, Claremont footballer Liam Bedford is certainly a project player and will be expected to spend the year in Geelong's

Expected Finish: Top Eight. This side has

the potential to do anything, but as last year showed, they can implode quickly.

Player to Watch: Matthew Stokes. A late starter by AFL standards, Stokes displayed plenty of promise in his first year at the top level. From the Palmerston Football Club in Darwin, then moving to Adelaide, this strongly built goal-kicking small man is a talent. built goal-kicking small man is a talent

Hawthorn Hawks

Aboriginal players: Lance Franklin (34). Mark Williams (72), Chance Bateman (75). Season Expectations: Winner of the

club's leading goal-kicker award for the past two years, fast-leading and strong-marking forward Mark Williams will again be the Hawks' spearhead in 2007. He has the potential to become the first Indigenous player to kick 100 goals in an AFL season, if he can find consistency for a full season.

Buddy' to his friends, Lance Franklin is the prototype for the footballer over the next decade. 2018 strong and with the ability to

decade. Tall, strong and with the ability to dominate a game and kick a match-winning score, he now needs to turn potential into

performance.
Chance Bateman is a first-choice member of Hawthorn's midfield and will be looked upon to give his team plenty of drive and run. Expected Finish: Bottom eight. Hawthorn will improve this year, but just how much is the

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AFL season '07

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big question. Somewhere between ninth and 12th is my tip. Player to Watch: Lance Franklin. He has

already shown signs of being one of the power forwards of the AFL competition. The sky is the limit for this young man. By the time his career has finished, Franklin could rival Dermott Brereton as the Hawks' best

Kangaroos

Aboriginal players: Daniel Wells (84), Eddie Sansbury (27), Djaran Whyman (0), Lindsay Thomas (0), Matt Campbell (rookie), Season Expectations: Noted as a club

which always gives 110 per cent because of their 'Shin-boners' heritage, the Kangaroos have potentially the best Aboriginal footballer ever to don the club's blue and white colours. Daniel Wells is a game-breaker off half-back and now needs to deliver his awesome brand of football consistently. His small bursts of brilliance need to become more sustained.

Eddie Sansbury, a premiership player in the SANFL in 2005, has struggled to cement a

the SANFL in 2005, has struggled to dement a regular spot in the Kangaroos' line-up and this is a pivotal year for him.

Lindsay Thomas showed his goal-kicking potential for South Australia in the national Under-18s competition last year and has a chance of making an impact.

Promoted off the rookie list, Djaran

Whyman is an exciling prospect in the same mould as Thomas, as is rookie-listed small man Matt Campbell from Alice Springs, via North Adelaide

Expected Finish: Bottom Eight. A critical season for the Kangaroos, but whether they have the potential to compete with the big guns in questionable.

Player to Watch: Lindsay Thomas.

Another product of the Mallee Park Football
Club in Port Lincoln, Thomas has already
displayed plenty of potential with a four-goal
effort in his debut NAB pre-season cup match.

Melbourne Demons

Aboriginal players: Aaron Davey (64), Byron Pickett (195), Matthew Whelan (123), Isaac Weetra (0), Daniel Hayes (rookie). Season Expectations: Stealth-like in his movements, Aaron Davey is an impact player who drifts in and out of games up forward

who drifts in and out of games up forward and could be used more productively as a mid-fielder in 2007.

Dual premiership player Byron Pickett should join the AFL's 200-game club early in the season and his hard running and tackling style is important for the Demons' success.

After playing only lyinger football with the

After playing only junior football with the Port Adelaide Magpies last year and going on the Indigenous tour of South Africa, Isaac Weetra is going to take a couple of years to mature into an AFL footballer. He will get more opportunities in 2008 and 2009, as will the rockle-listed Daniel Hayes from Eastern

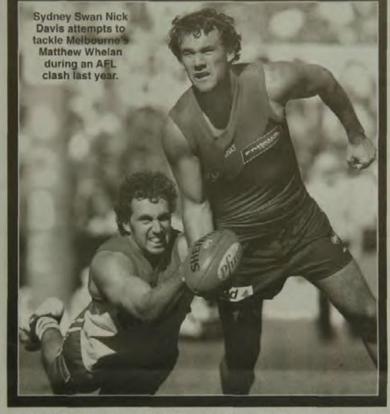
Expected Finish: Top Eight. Melbourne should certainly compete in the first week of the finals, but it's hard to see them playing in

the ultimate game.

Player to Watch: Aaron Davey. A super-quick small man. Davey has the ability to do the freakish. Running down opponents, kicking great goals or creating opportunities from nothing, he can perform the amazing. He has the brilliance to be a key component in the Demons' charge to a long-awaited premiership

Port Adelaide Power

Aboriginal players: Peter Burgoyne (184), Shaun Burgoyne (104), Daniel Motlop (58), Danyle Pearce (29), Nathan Krakouer (0).



Season Expectations: There is no doubt that Power coach Mark Williams had a strong affinity with the Aboriginal contingent at Alberton.

Danyle Pearce will have a tougher winter this year than his first full season's effort, which culminated with the NAB Rising Star Award. He will be talked about - and tagged more diligently by opposition coaches. It will be important for the quicksilver small man to

De important for the quicksines shall man to adapt quickly.

Peter Burgoyne, after making just 10 appearances last winter, is fit and primed for a big season, as is little brother Shaun. Both are keys to the Power's chances this year.

With captain Warren Tredrea expected to have limited input, Daniel Mottop will be

needed to step up and be a goal-kicking option this year. This is a make-or-break season for the small forward.

A nephew of the tamed Krakouer brothers, Nathan is lightly framed and like all members of the extended family is intuitive in front of

Expected Finish: A rebuilding year. The Power will do well to be in the running for a top-eight position.

Player to Watch: Shaun Burgoyne. He's a Rolls-Royce of footballers with the ability to win games and collect the competition's most-coveted award, the Brownlow Medal, Burgoyne is a superstar in the making. He has all the attributes, skills and is an intuitive footballer who is pleasing to watch

Richmond Tigers

Aboriginal players: Andrew Krakouer (93), Richard Tambling (33), Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls (4), Carl Peterson (0). Season Expectations: Drafted in 2000.

Andrew Krakouer is now 24 and will be looked upon by the Tigers coaching staff as an integral and productive member of the forward line this season. He has dealt with a number of off-field issues during the pre-season and needs to put these behind him. Richard Tambling, like Krakouer, is

mainly a small forward with the ability to tear a

Getting his first taste with four games last year, 188cm, 81kg utility player Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls will be expected to evolve

Having already played 10 games in the WAFL in 2006, Carl Peterson is a smart footballer from the Kimberley who is a natural athlete. But he will need to add some bulk to

his slight fame.

Expected Finish: The Tigers will finish somewhere between eighth and 12th and be knocking on the door of finals participation.

Player to Watch: Richard Tambling. This

lad from the Top End now has three years in the system and is ready to have a big impact

St Kilda Saints

Aboriginal players: Raphael Clarke (22),

Season Expectations: Both the Clarke brothers spent most of last season dealing with injuries and will be hoping for more playing time this year. Xavier played only 13 matches during the 2006 winter, while Raphael competed in just five games. The brothers, from the St Mary's club in Darwin, are athletic and skilful, having plenty to offer

are amend and skind, having plenty to offer the Saints over the next five years.

Expected Finish; Final eight. The Saints have a real chance to be around at the business end of the finals.

Player to Watch: Raphael Clarke. While his 2006 season was affected by leg muscle injuries, if fully fit the younger of the Clarke siblings will be an integral player for new

Sydney Swans

Aboriginal players: Michael O'Loughlin (247), Adam Goodes (186).

Season Expectations: Both regarded as match-winners by their coaching staff. Koori

Mail columnist Michael O'Loughlin and 2003-2006 Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes are keys to the success of the club.

O'Loughlin, who debuted back in 1995, is the only current member of the Swans squad who has played in three grand finals and although in the twilight of a brilliant career, is still a damaging forward who needs to be watched

Goodes has achieved every accolade a footballer would dream of - premiership glory in 2005, Brownlow medals and club 'best and fairest' awards. Goodes seems set to become a member of the AFL's 200-club In the middle

Expected Finish: Top Four. The Swans will again be a challenger for the title.

Player to Watch: Adam Goodes. A dual

Brownlow Medallist now and one of the stars of AFL football, Goodes is expecting to have another stellar season.

West Coast Eagles

Aboriginal players: Ashley Sampi (78), David Wirrpunda (171), Season Expectations: A player with an ability to do the mercurial, Ashley Sampi struggled with fitness and form during 2006 and missed out on the Eagles premership success. An important year in his football life, Sampi needs to step up to regain his position in the side's starting 22. Now 23 and having previously won the 'mark of the year', Sampi has a lot to ofter if he can focus on

playing football. Having played at the top level since 1996, Having played at the top level since 1996, David Wirrpunda's experience and leadership is a significant part of the West Coast club's road to success. He has been a model of consistency over the past five years in the blue-and-gold colours.

Expected Finish: Top four. Last year's premiers have been able to deal with off-field issues and still play flag-winning football.

Player to Watch: David Wirrpunda. Now the longest serving player at the West Coast Eagles, his creative ball movement from defence has been a strong component in the

defence has been a strong component in the Eagles' game plan for more than a decade.

Western Bulldogs

Aboriginal players: Cameron Faulkner (17), Josh Hill (0), Malcolm Lynch (0), Brennan Stack (0), Jarrod Harbrow (rookie).

Season Expectations: From having just one Indigenous player (Cameron Faulkner) last year, this has been increased by four with draft and rookie selections in 2006.

Josh Hill is another talented teenager from

Claremont, noted for his aerial ability, but needs to build on his light frame. Brennan Stack is also from the Perth club.

He is a medium-sized goal-kicking forward who is also lightly built and was collected as the Bulldogs' number-three choice.

After being on the Aboriginal tour of South Africa, Malcolm Lynch had an injury-interrupted 2006 and was selected as much on his efforts for New South Wales in the 2006 Lightly of the proposition of the control the 2005 Under-18s championships as anything else. Like many of his Indigenous contemporaries, he is an athletic, intuitive

Forward with good goal sense.

Rookie Jarrod Harbrow has played for

Queensland and Victorian Country at age level
and is another selectee who is deadly
accurate around goals.

Expected Finish: Final eight. The Doggles will be the big improvers in 2007 and have an engine room which will compete with the best The only concern is the team potential to find a strong goal-kicking target up forward. Player to Watch: Cameron Faulkner.

Collected back in the 2002 draft, Faulkner is in a critical year of his football life. This could be a watershed season for the lighting-fast small man



After the biggest week of his life, Australian surfing rising star Dale Richards had a chat to the Koori Mail about the events which have propelled him into the national spotlight.



His dream is to be the first Indigenous world surfing champion. Now Tweed Heads-based 19-year-old Dale Richards is well on the

way to achieving just that, becoming the first Australian Indigenous surfer to compete in a professional event on the World Surling Tour after winning the Quiksilver Pro trials event

A subsequent loss in the competition opening rounds has not dented the young Aboriginal man's enthusiasm. "I didn't realise I was the first

Aboriginal surfer to compete on the

tour," Richards told the Koori Mail.

"But it is a great privilege and honour to be the first of my race to achieve this.

"I hope this inspires some little Kooris to get out on a surfboard."

Richards beat a 48-man field to collect the wildcard

berth in the Quiksilver Pro event. The lean and fresh-faced surfer with a wide smile then took on some of the best in the world in his initial appearances on the highest stage

In his inaugural heat, he was

Aboriginal teen makes history as surfing p

matched up against Andy Irons, then followed this up with a contest against eight-times world champion Kelly Slater.

"It was a great experience competing against Andy (Irons) and Kelly (Slater),

Originally from Ipswich, near Brisbane, Richards said that as a boy he would come down to the Gold Coast every weekend and surf. He has been

the boogle board. By 10 he was on

"From day one we all knew Dale was going to be competent," Helton said.
"Watching Dale surf is like watching

the Krakouer brothers play Aussie rules or the Aboriginal players in rugby

"He is an instinctive and intuitive surfer with his own unique style - with all these qualities showing out in the

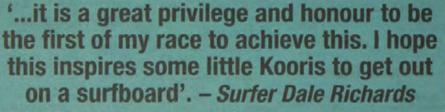
final of Quiksilver event."
Helton believes that with strong coaching and the right support, Richards has the capacity to become one of the world's elite surfers. But he says the young star still has much to

learn about wave selection. Richards said his media exposure had been 'a little all-consuming'

"I've received a lot of support from my family and friends, as well as Quiksilver and Diverse surfboards and I

would like to acknowledge their

help," he said. Richards talks about the Coolangatta Contingent' -surfers like Mick Fanning, Dean Morrison and Joel Parkinson - as mentors and people he looks up to in



the relaxed Thomas said.

"I look at it as a normal heat of a normal tournament.

"After the second round Kelly congratulated me on my effort and said that I'd surfed well, although I

around the beach since before he started walking

Kirra Surfriders Club member Ray Helton, who was heavily involved in Richards' development, said that by the time Richards was five, he was out on



his chosen field. But he concedes he still needs to become physically and mentally stronger and to get used to the crowds

Dale Richards spoke with Peter Argent

Knockout hit North-west competition y division

Up to four rugby league 'Knockouts' could be played this October long weekend

The likelihood of one united event seems remote, with rival groups pledging to hold their own events. In the latest developments:

 Merritt-Patten Redfern club and Northern United have signed a deal to hold a Knockout – seen by many as the legitimate event – in Lismore this year. There is also talk of allowing Queensland teams to compete, albeit under strict rules.

 The NSW Aboriginal Sports Inc (the State Body) formed to oversee the Knockout, has vowed to press ahead with a Knockout – which it says is the sanctioned, legitimate event – at Port Macquarie on the same weekend.

 David Peachey is expected to hold event at Dubbo in central-western NSW on the same weekend.

 Carwoola Warriors chief Pat Lock says he will be holding talks to have a knockout league event for southern NSW teams over the long weekend. Merritt Patten and Northern United

signed their deal this month, opening the way for a Knockout back in the bush.

Both clubs say Lismore is the rightful Knockout, with Merritt Patten securing the traditional rights to host the game after winning the event for the third consecutive year last October.

Club spokesman Ricky Lyons has urged all clubs to come to Lismore for the event, played over three days

"As last year's winners, we have the right to host the event," he told Koori Mail.

'As such, we are pleased to be able to bring it to Lismore and host it there.

"Lismore is a great venue, and we have support from local Elcders, the council, police - everyone we need to ensure another successful event.



At the Lismore Knockout signing are Merritt-Patten official Ricky Lyons (third from right) and Knockout co-ordinator Phil Hall (right) and Northern United officials, from left, Chris Binge, Grantley Creighton, Laurie Mercy, Russell Kapeen, Les Roberts, Darrell Creighton and Steve Roberts

Northern United spokesman Grantley Creighton agreed, saying all was in place for a big event.

"We are proud that we have followed the spirit and tradition of previous Knockouts," he said.

Northern United is pleased with all the arrangements, and we will work closely with Merritt-Patten to ensure the event is the success we know it will be

"We expect more than 40 teams, and there has been plenty of interest from Queensland sides. I urge them to contact the organisers quickly so we can take a closer look at this.

"Having the Knockout in Lismore is an honour for us and the whole community.

But State Body spokesman Danny Thorne, who says league legend Arthur Beetson is supporting his group, said all was in hand for a Knockout at Port Macquarie. "We have everything in place and expect more than 50 teams," he told Koori Mail.

"Our body was formed to control the

Knockout, and that's what we will do." An organising group meeting will be held in Port Macquarie on March 24, to

which all delegates are invited.
Pat Lock says his side – and others from southern NSW – will not travel to either venue and will look to form their own competition.

Southern NSW is missing out, and that's something we aim to address," he said. "We will be meeting, probably in Canberra, in the next few weeks and we'll see what happens from there."

David Peachey could not be contacted, but it is understood he will press ahead with his own competition in Dubbo over

step closer



rugby league competition may yet go ahead - but in a limited form. A group led by Goodooga man Michael Anderson has been pushing for a competition, tentatively titled the

Aboriginal Nations Super League, that was to cover all of northern NSW.

But it now appears a smaller competition covering north-west NSW centres is likely.

Anderson and officials from the NSW Aboriginal Anderson and Sports Incorporated (ARLSI) and the Country Rugby League met last week to discuss the competition; with details expected to be finalised this week. No further information was available as the Koori Mail went to press.

ARLSI official Danny Thorne confirmed the

talks had been positive, and that a competition probably would start

early next month. There had been concern over the structure of the competition and its governance and insurance coverage

The new competition, if it proceeds, will include open, under-15 and under-18 sections.

Anderson, who said the proposal had been sparked in part by racist elements in rugby league



DANNY THORNE

administration, said he was very pleased with the outcome last week. "There has been an enormous amount of effort from both parties and what appeared to be a

confrontation really wasn't in the end," he said.
"There was a bit of necessary bloodletting in getting to this point but the important thing is we've come to a positive resolution.

"In the end what we want to do here is get our kids playing football and getting our communities back heading in the right direction, and I think we took a major step towards that."

The CRL said many differences had been resolved and league officials committed to working to ensure there were rugby league opportunities in



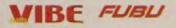




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Second title for Mundine

Soliman no hope against he Man



Mundine settled the score against Sam Soliman in brutal fashion and earned a second WBA super middleweight world

title with a stunning knock-out victory at the Sydney Entertainment Centre last week

In a devastating display of speed, power and precision punching, Mundine dominated the fight until knocking Soliman out for the first time in his long career in the ninth round. Then in farcical scenes at the end of the fight, hangers-on poured into the ring, which collapsed in Soliman's corner due to the weight.

But it mattered little to Mundine, who himself collapsed to the ground in tears and celebrated a second world crown after knocking Soliman to the floor three times in the ninth round of the scheduled 12-round bout.

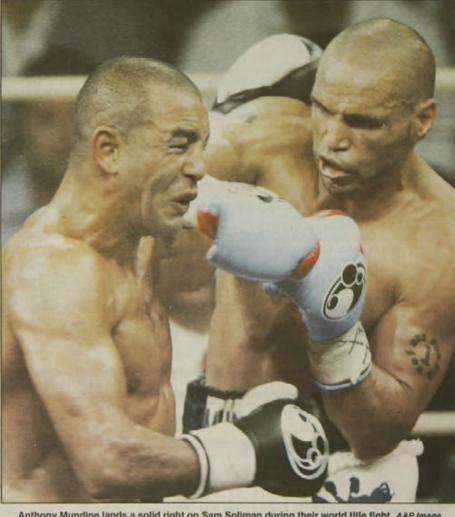
Controversy has followed the pair ever since Mundine won a split points decision in their first bout in Wollongong during 2001 but The Man left little doubt who was the better boxer in front of a near-capacity crowd.

"I told you I'm the best man," he said.

"I just want to say to all my fans, I love you. To all my critics, you can call me 'two-time'. I knocked his ass out man."

Mundine, whose record has improved to 28 wins and three losses, said he wasn't sure what the future held, signalling a possible change of division or

even a return to rugby league "I'm looking at going up to



Anthony Mundine lands a solid right on Sam Soliman during their world title fight. AAP Image

middleweight and see what the future holds for me," he said. "I might even come back to St George and put on the number

It began to unravel for Soliman as early as the second round, when Mundine sent him to the

canvas with a stinging right hand. From that point on Soliman was merely trying to avoid the inevitable

He acknowledged Mundine caught him with a sweet shot in the second round before pledging

to add to his fight career.

"(Being knocked out) is part of the sport," he said. "I know that I can come back

again strong, I promise. I'm an Aussie battler."

By the fifth round, sections of the crowd began chanting 'Sammy' in an effort to lift their charge, but there only ever looked like being one winner

After a stinging right to Soliman's left temple followed by another crisp left to his opponent's head in the sixth

round, Mundine began goading the Victorian and raised his right

arm when the round ended. There was little doubting Soliman's courage as he produced his best moments in the seventh round, but the majority of his punches were doing little damage to a supremely confident Mundine.

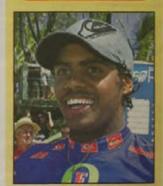
It all came to a shattering end in the ninth round, beginning with a lightning quick left-right, left-right combination and ending with Soliman down and out. - AAP

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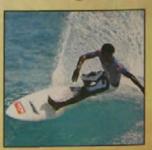


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