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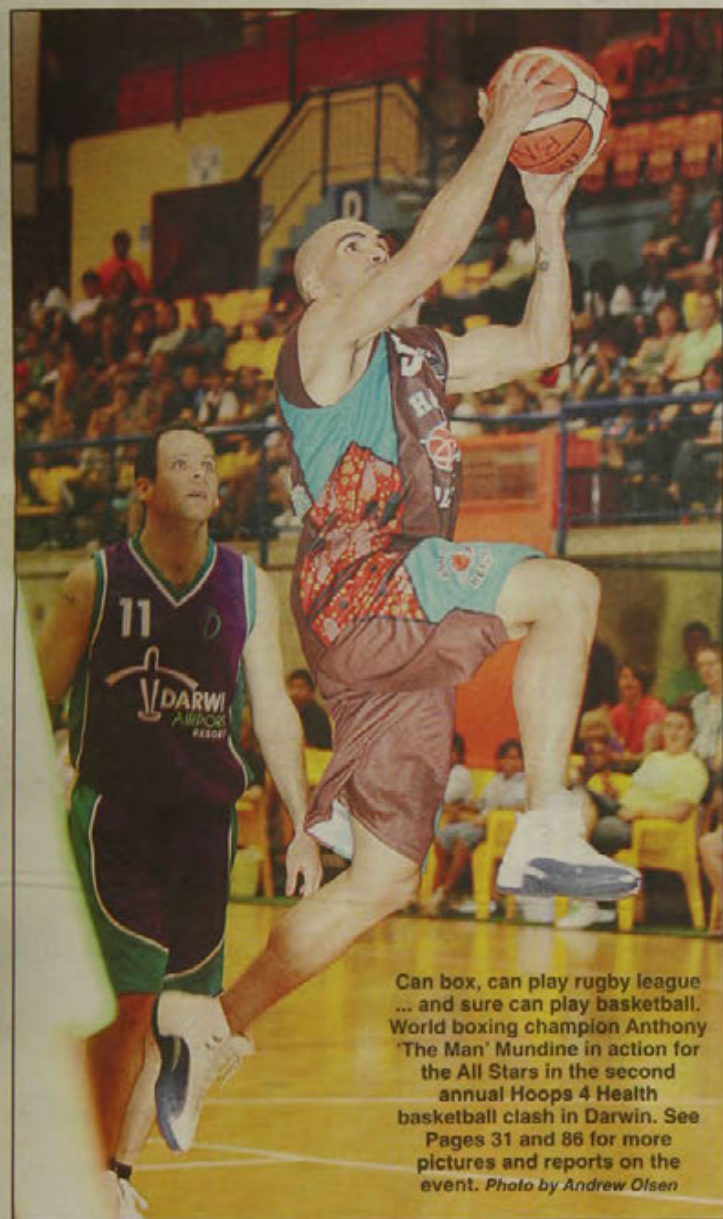
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Can box, can play rugby league ... and sure can play basketball. World boxing champion Anthony 'The Man' Mundine in action for the All Stars in the second annual Hoops 4 Health basketball clash in Darwin. See Pages 31 and 86 for more pictures and reports on the event. Photo by Andrew Olsen

Give us more time

Town camp hard line anger



Give us more time. That's the plea from residents of poverty-hit Alice Springs town camps

after they were given a Federal Government ultimatum - decide within one month if a promised \$50 million upgrade of housing and basic services is worth giving up their land for at least 99 years.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough set down the deadline, saying he was 'frustrated that after so long there has been no physical progress made to relieve conditions in the town camps'.

But the camp residents, represented by the Tangentyere Council, say they need more time - perhaps three to six months - to make such a momentous decision.

Mr Brough's hard-line



Speaking out ... Town Camp resident Mervyn Franey with Tangentyere chief executive William Tilmouth in the background and, below, Minister Mal Brough.

position drew cries of coercion from Tangentyere, an accusation from Federal Labor representatives of holding Indigenous people to ransom, and murmurs of blackmail from many in the Indigenous community.

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Back row, from left, Daniel Boney, Richard Williams, Shane Close, Christine Close holding Ronald Close. Middle row, from left, Azaria Boney, Brandon Boney and Michael Close. Front row, from left, Nathaniel Ord, Adina Moran, John Moran, Richard Boney and Alex Williams.

I have three brothers and three sisters. One of my sisters has been in Sydney for the past six years. We're trying to get her to stay home in Muli Muli.

I have a large extended family, but my direct family were all born and bred in Muli Muli.

My mum comes from a family of 14, and I have five kids, three girls and two boys. They are Jacob, 2, Kayla, 8, Shane Jnr, 10, Kyisha, 13, and Sharaya, 16. My wife John does a great job as a mum and a wife.

In this photo, I'm with some of my family that I don't get to see all the time. The kids grow up real quick, don't all the kids?

We get together mainly around Easter, to have a party and have a yarn.

It sometimes is a handful having a big family, but I love them all very much.

The benefit of having a big family is that you have a lot of places to stay. You also have a lot of places to go and explore instead of stopping in the one place all the time. It gives you the chance to travel.

Also, my kids get together with their cousins so they can build the same strong bond as me and my cousins. That's very important.

We are over the moon about the recent Githabul native title claim, because we now get to look after things and it will create a lot of opportunities such as employment.

Family is very important because they are there all the time when you need them. They are there through the hardship

and those times when you are depressed. I try to be a teacher to my family.

I work as a carpenter, and build homes at Muli Muli.

My daughter made me proud recently when she went and did her work experience at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.

I regularly go hunting with my boys for kangaroo, while the ladies make damper. We have to travel far to get the roo that we need. We don't just get any kangaroo, it is a certain species that we hunt. It is more tender and soft.

I have also taught my boys how to clean a kill. We also go out fishing and turtle diving in the river.

I try to teach my kids to respect each other and to be good.

OUR CHILDREN



It's not every day you get to meet a world champion. That's why these Darwin kids are all smiles as they get to know world boxing title-holder Anthony Mundine. 'The Man' was in Darwin for the annual 'Hoops 4 Health' basketball game designed to spread a good-health message to people in the Top End. Mundine and other top athletes took time out with local kids as part of the visit. Reports - Pages 31 and 86.

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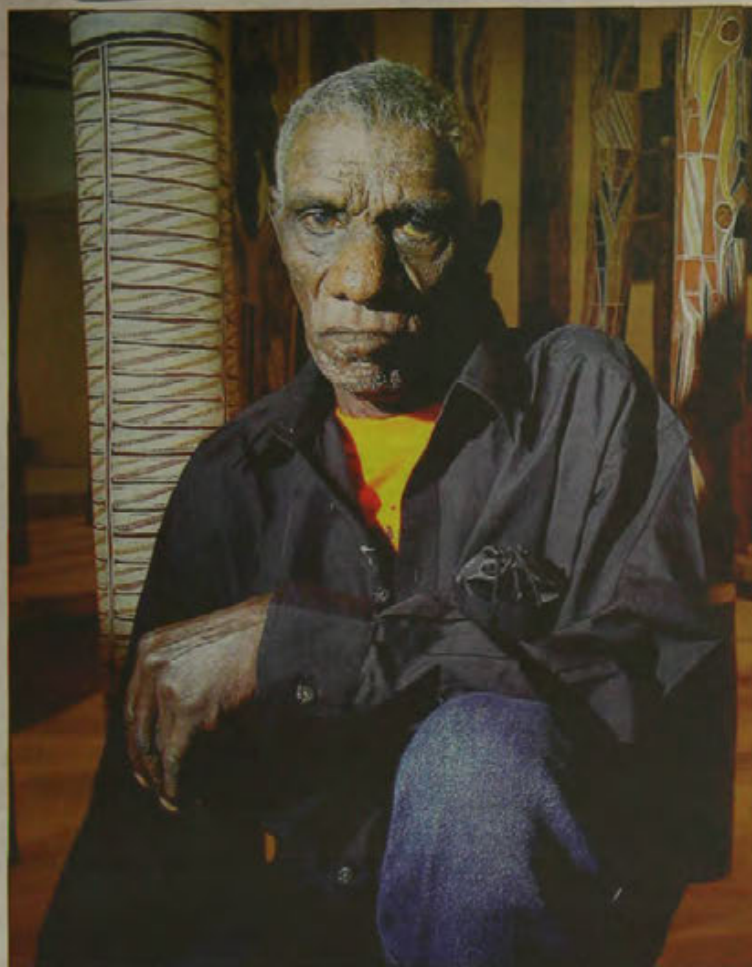
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Partnership exhibits art's best

Aboriginal artist Philip Gudthaykudthay, 82, a senior artist from Ramingining, Central Arnhem Land, will be one of the oldest living artists to exhibit at the inaugural National Indigenous Art Triennial announced at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra last week. The exhibition marks a joint partnership between the Gallery and BHP Billiton. See Page 59 for details of BHP Billiton's \$500,000 investment in the Triennial.

Burrup to be listed, but...

By KEN BOASE



Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull says the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia's Pilbara

will be listed on the National Heritage Register by the middle of the year, but some industrial development will be allowed to proceed.

Mr Turnbull visited the Burrup on 17 April to inspect the impact that industrial development is having on ancient Aboriginal rock art and petroglyphs, some of them dated at 20,000 years old. He has held discussions with energy giant Woodside Petroleum which will be allowed to continue with the development of its onshore gas processing plant at Pluto Site A and Pluto Site B, which contain many hundreds of rock art paintings and petroglyphs.

Local Aboriginal and environment groups have cautiously welcomed the decision to list the site on the Heritage Register, but are frustrated at the reluctance to immediately move all industry to an alternative site to prevent any further destruction of rock art.

Ngaluma Elders' spokesman Roger Barker said the listing would not prevent Woodside moving more rock art with the forced co-operation of local Indigenous groups as the company completed the development of its gas processing plant.

'...we never wanted the projects to go ahead but we knew it was going to go ahead anyway so we work with them rather than have that stuff destroyed'

"The rock art has just been moved into a section of the Pluto lease," Mr Barker said. "It's set down as a conservation area. We never wanted the projects to go ahead but we knew it was going to go ahead anyway so we work with them rather than have that stuff destroyed."

Community advocate Robin Chapple, who works with the

Minerals Policy Institute, said shareholders at Woodside's annual general meeting in Perth on 19 April had voiced concerns about the destruction of rock art.

Mr Chapple said Woodside directors told shareholders the company had no choice but to continue the development of its gas-processing plant on the current site, despite other cleared sites being available.

"When asked why they were not going to the already cleared land, they proffered very quickly the view that they would love to go there but the Government was not allowing them to, and was forcing them to go to areas that contained a large number of rock art," Mr Chapple said.

"The Government is paranoid of anybody doing something to protect rock art because it sets a precedent for any future developer that may go there."

WA Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said Mr Turnbull was not doing enough to protect the ancient rock art of the Burrup, and the National Heritage listing should go ahead immediately.

"What we're still concerned about is the delay and that it looks like the Pluto site won't go on the list. We're deeply concerned because of the art that will be lost," she said.

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Unsung heroes



The contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander war veterans and the treatment they received upon their return to Australia will be commemorated today (Anzac Day) with the inaugural Coloured Diggers March in Sydney.

Indigenous men and women have fought courageously for Australia in all world conflicts but many returned home to find their bravery, service and sacrifice barely recognised, and to face a continuation of the White Australia Policy.

Some returned home to find that while they had been away fighting for their country, their children had been taken from their home and placed in institutions.

Today's Redfern march has ruffled the feathers of the Returned Services League (RSL) which has not endorsed the event and would prefer Indigenous war veterans took part in the broader yearly Anzac parade in Sydney.

"It's unfortunate they don't feel they will get the attention they need at those services," RSL national president Bill



DAVID WILLIAMS

Craws told Fairfax newspapers last week.

But Indigenous Vietnam War veteran David Williams feels differently.

"When you're serving, things are pretty equal," he told Fairfax. "It's when you get back that it gets hard on the black Digger."

"We need more people to recognise the contribution they made and the situation they

faced when they got back."

Defence Minister Brendan Nelson said last week that whether Indigenous Diggers marched with official Anzac Day parades was a matter for the RSL and Indigenous returned servicemen and women, but he hoped the issue would not cause division in the veteran community or the wider population.

Today's march and commemorative service builds upon last year when Aboriginal church leaders and non-Aboriginal people in Redfern conducted a special Anzac Day memorial service at Crossroads Aboriginal Ministries.

The program for today is:

Noon-12.05pm, gather at The Block, Redfern; 12.05-12.15pm, Welcome to Country; 12.15-1pm, march to St Saviour's Anglican church, Young St, Redfern; 1-2pm, Commemorative Service, St Saviour's Church; 2-3pm, informal gathering and refreshments, St Saviour's Church; 3-4pm, special viewing of The Coloured Digger exhibition, Damien Minton Gallery, 61-63 Great Buckingham St, Redfern; 4pm, finish. - with AAP

The Coloured Digger

During World War II, Sapper Bert Beros wrote a special poem called The Coloured Digger about one of his comrades, Private West. His poem was one of the inspirations behind the inaugural Coloured Diggers March.

He came and joined the colours, when the War God's anvil rang.
He took up modern weapons to replace his boomerang,
He waited for no call-up, he didn't need a push,
He came in from the stations, and the townships of the bush.

He helped when help was wanting, just because he wasn't deaf;
He is right amongst the columns of the fighting AIF.

He is always there when wanted, with his Owen gun or Bren,
He is in the forward area, the

place where men are men.

He proved he's still a warrior, in action not afraid,
He faced the blasting red-hot fire from mortar and grenade;
He didn't mind when food was low, or we were getting thin,
He didn't growl or worry then, he'd cheer us with his grin.

He'd heard us talk democracy - They preach it to his face.
Yet knows that in our Federal House there's no one of his race.

He feels we push his kinsmen out, where cities do not reach,
And Parliament has yet to hear the Aborigine's maiden speech.
One day he'll leave the Army, then join the League he shall,
And he hopes we'll give a better deal to the Aboriginal.

Sapper Bert Beros was a non-Aboriginal soldier in World War II. Written about an Aboriginal soldier, Private West.

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Harry Thorpe, a World War I hero

This year is the 90th anniversary of the World War I battles of the Western Front in Belgium and France.

It also is 90 years since Aboriginal infantryman Corporal Harry Thorpe was decorated for bravery at the Battle of Pozieres.

Harry Thorpe was born at the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Mission Station near Sale, Victoria.

He married and worked as a labourer before he enlisted in the AIF at Sale on 12 February 1916, and embarked on 4 April 1916 aboard HMAT Euripides from Melbourne.

He joined the 7th Battalion in France in July 1916 and became an accomplished front-line infantryman.

In his first action, Thorpe went into the terrible fighting at the battle of Pozieres and was soon seriously wounded.

The following year he was again wounded in action on the Hindenburg Line, but was able



Aboriginal soldier and war hero, Corporal Harry Thorpe.

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to rejoin the battalion in time for the third battle of Ypres.

Thorpe was a brave soldier and distinguished himself during the successful capture of Broodseinde Ridge on 4-5 October 1917. There, he showed a disregard for danger in leading his men in the mopping up of enemy dugouts and pillboxes.

For this he was recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal, although he received the Military Medal, 'for bravery in the field', instead.

The 7th Battalion fought in the Flanders region until mid-1918, when it returned to the Somme to join the rest of the Australian Corps in the great August allied offensive.

Corporal Thorpe went into the battle of Lihons on 9 August, but during the fighting he was seriously wounded in the stomach.

Stretcher-bearers reached him, but his wounds proved to be fatal and he died shortly afterwards.

He is buried in the large Heath Cemetery near Harbonnières, with his friend William Rawlings, another Aboriginal soldier who won the Military Medal, and who was also killed on the same day.

The cemetery is just a few kilometres from where Corporal Thorpe fell.

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Setting the record straight

Clarification

We would like to correct and clarify a number of points relating to the 'Visit by Western Desert dancers should help the Eagles soar' story in our 28 March 2007 edition. Fred Grant is from the Tjuntjuntjarra community in WA's Spinifex country, not Ngaanyatjarra; and the Warlawarru Turku dance is from Spinifex country rather than Ngaanyatjarra. Ngaanyatjarra Elder Mantjantja Roberts was referred to incorrectly as Robert Mantjantja, and Elder Belle Davidson

(also known as Karrika Davidson) was referred to incorrectly as Belle Davidson Karika. We apologise for any offence or confusion these errors may have caused.

Correction

The 'Wage fight pays off' story in our 28 March 2007 edition incorrectly referred to the successful Wujal Wujal claimant as Marie Foster. It should have said Marie Creek. We apologise for any confusion this error may have caused.

The ANZ banking on reconciliation



"Everyone has been asking me 'whose fault is it?' And my thought on that is who cares whose fault it is? Who's going to do something about it?"

So said one of Australia's most senior banking figures last week, leading the push for the business community to help bridge the divide between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

As part of the launch in Melbourne of the ANZ Bank's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), bank Chief Executive Officer John McFarlane announced what are regarded as the most significant Indigenous employment targets for any leading Australian company.

The ANZ plan commits the bank to the recruitment of 300 young Indigenous trainees by 2009, merit-based promotion of 20 Indigenous employees to management positions by the end of 2014, expansion of its financial literacy and inclusion programs for Indigenous communities, and Indigenous cultural awareness training for its staff.

Mr McFarlane said that despite Australia having enjoyed its longest-ever period of continuous economic growth over the past 16 years, the well-being of all Australians had not improved equally.

"In addition to our 17-year life-expectancy gap, Indigenous Australians are four times more likely to be unemployed, six times less likely to complete tertiary education and almost three times less likely to own their own home," he said.

"I'm aware that there have been some years of relative progress in areas such as education participation and in primary health; that is good but it's clearly just not enough."

"I don't think that we alone can do this; in fact I don't think the ANZ alone as a bank should try and do this. I think we should get all of the banks engaged, as we have in financial literacy."

"If we don't set targets, we're not going to achieve them. You can't hide from a public target, so we're putting our targets out there."

With 50 young Indigenous trainees Australia-wide already, ANZ is riding the crest of a wave of heightened business consciousness championed last month by both Prime Minister John Howard and the country's peak business body.

Mr Howard and Business Council of Australia President Michael Chaney wrote to Australia's top 100 companies – the 'big end of town' – encouraging them to develop and pursue individual RAPs.

The plans are the brainchild of lobby organisation Reconciliation Australia (RA) and about 100 of them are now either under development or in place around the country.

The contents of Mr Howard's letter to big business appeared in the Australian newspaper last week, with the PM describing RAPs as a way for 'all sectors of the community to take responsibility and work towards overcoming Indigenous disadvantage within our spheres of influence'.



ANZ Chief Executive Officer John McFarlane, Singleton branch trainee Zabowie Mills, Tamworth branch trainee Joshua Riley, and Reconciliation Co-Chair Jackie Huggins were in high spirits at the launch of the ANZ's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).



ANZ trainee Zabowie Mills (second from right) shares her experiences with guests at the ANZ RAP launch including Reconciliation Australia Chief Executive Barbara Livesey (far left) and, beside her, Dick Estens of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

The Prime Minister's Department also wrote recently to all Australian Government agencies asking them to prepare RAPs

before 27 May this year.

The significance of that date will be lost on few Indigenous Australians, as it is the

40th anniversary of the referendum which saw more than 90 per cent of eligible Australians vote to acknowledge Indigenous Australians as citizens and to give the Commonwealth Government power to make laws regarding Indigenous people.

Many people are viewing the anniversary as a time to reflect on how much – or how little – progress Australia has made during the past four decades towards equality for the first Australians.

The Prime Minister appears anxious to put a positive spin on the milestone, saying in his letter to business that the RAP program 'will ensure that the anniversary of this historic vote is meaningful and forward-looking'.

The suggestion of blame for life-expectancy gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and other depressing statistics was deftly sidestepped last week by the Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough.

The Minister denied the Government's letters to business and its own agencies amounted to an admission that the Government had not done enough.

"Far from it," he told the ABC. "I think this is a recognition that people have to keep this

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'Big names' to have say on reconciliation



Ever wondered what reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians means to Aussie musicians, sportspeople, actors and other influencers? You'll have a chance to find out next month when Reconciliation Australia (RA) launches a national television and print campaign to commemorate the milestone 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum on 27 May.

Musician Missy Higgins, actor Leah Purcell, AFL footballer Michael O'Loughlin and actor Michael Caton will play lead roles in the ads which will direct Australians to a web-based 'community-driven conversation space'. There, a whole bunch of Australians from different backgrounds and with different opinions will talk frankly about reconciliation, the hopes and challenges, myths and barriers, who's responsible and where our country has achieved and failed so far.

Actors, athletes join campaign

These include scientist Tim Flannery, entertainer Adam Spencer, educator Raymattja Marika, former Australian of the Year Gus Nossal, singer Deborah Conway, VJ Fuzzy Agolley, opera singer Deborah Cheetham, footballer Adam Goodes, ANZ CEO John McFarlane and more.

Reconcile.org.au is a partnership between RA and - working pro bono - advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi and film director Tim Gibbs.

Later in the year, reconcile.org.au will also feature music ambassadors for reconciliation. Keep reading the Koori Mail for news on which of your favourite musicians will be a part of it.

There are big plans for the referendum anniversary weekend in about a month's time, including a *Their Spirit Still Shines* commemorative event at Parliament House in Canberra starring surviving members of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) who led the campaign, an NRL Reconciliation match in Brisbane between the Cowboys and the Bulldogs, the AFL Indigenous Dreamtime round with themed matches across the country, a commemorative rally and open-air concert in Adelaide, and an historic three-day forum at Bowral, NSW, of 50 Indigenous and non-Indigenous high-achievers aged under 40.

"The anniversary provides a significant opportunity to demonstrate to Australians everywhere the kind of respectful relationships on which success is founded," says Reconciliation Australia.

"If Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians working side by side in the referendum campaign 40 years ago could achieve such a resounding result, imagine what we can achieve today."

A film crew records ANZ Chief Executive John McFarlane sharing his personal views on reconciliation for inclusion on the 'community-driven conversation space' reconcile.org.au

ANZ is banking on reconciliation

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uppermost in their minds and that business, many business people have said to me 'we have tried in the past to employ and we have failed in the Indigenous area and we want assistance, we want to know how to do that better', he said.

But Mr Brough had no qualms about laying responsibility at the feet of the now-defunct Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

"The very simple answer is that because of the fact that ATSIC was in place for the majority of that time, quite frankly, the Government's direction was hamstrung because everything went through an organisation that has been proven to be not only ineffective but it's also been proven in many cases to have been corrupt and

inept," he said. "Now, with the demise of ATSIC, we are moving in extraordinary ways in which to address these issues."

Queensland Democrats Senator and Indigenous Affairs spokesman Andrew Bartlett welcomed the approaches to business by the Prime Minister and BCA.

"However, the Federal Government shouldn't kid itself that badging these initiatives as 'practical reconciliation' will absolve them from their responsibility to deliver justice for Indigenous Australians," Senator Bartlett said.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokeswoman Jenny Macklin attended the ANZ launch and was more upbeat.

"We all need to do much more to train Indigenous people and get them work-ready. That's exactly what ANZ is planning to do,"

she said. "It's great to see more and more businesses engaging in a real and meaningful way with Indigenous disadvantage."

"Australian companies like ANZ have raised the bar on what's possible when business focuses on Indigenous employment."

Reconciliation Australia Co-Chair Jackie Huggins said at the launch that it would be understandable for some Indigenous Australians to be cynical about RAPs, but she hoped they would give them 'a go'.

"Oh yes, I would say that things have been started and things have failed but we've got to think of new solutions and work out constructive ways to manage to co-exist - in this case in a particularly competitive workplace, this high-rolling business of

banking and finance," she told the Koori Mail.

"It's embryonic; it is the first time that a corporate such as this has done a Reconciliation Action Plan and we hope that other banks will follow."

"The very positive response to the action plan program suggests that Australians are well and truly ready to take concrete action and be held accountable for making real, measurable progress in achieving the original vision of the referendum campaigners."

"The idea is that once we have a critical mass, it will be clear to every Australian what they can do to close the life-expectancy gap and progress the vision of all those Australians who voted YES forty years ago."

New Opportunity in 'Keeping Culture Strong'

Expressions of Interest Wanted for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board New Strategic Proposals

Yes, We Want Your Ideas!

A new opportunity has been announced by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board of the Australia Council for the Arts. Expressions of Interest are invited from Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and organisations to make a long term positive difference in the cultural landscape for Indigenous arts.

What is this About?

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board of the Australia Council for the Arts is calling for new multiyear proposals in the following strategic areas:

- Artists in Work - aimed at boosting Indigenous employment in the arts through traineeships, scholarships, employer incentives and general positions in the arts sector
- The Other Side of the Coin - aimed at protecting Indigenous cultural and intellectual property in the arts
- Showcasing the Best - aimed at internationally profiling high quality art, and creating international opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and their artistic practice

Why?

Your proposals will help shape the cultural landscape for Indigenous arts. We want to achieve the best results for Indigenous artists and Australia's arts. We will ask you to highlight in your strategic proposal some of the following:

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- How this will achieve change over time

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The Australia Council for the Arts is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body.



Speaking at the Tangentyere General Council meeting held in the Alice Springs Todd Mall on Wednesday were, from left, NT Housing Minister Elliot McAdam, NT MP Allison Anderson, fourth-generation town camper Barbara Shaw and town camp resident, Daniel Forrester. Photos courtesy Tangentyere Council

Fears raised over camp ultimatum



The residents of poverty-stricken town camps on the outskirts of Alice Springs say they need

more time to decide if a promised \$50 million Federal upgrade of housing and basic services is worth giving up their land for at least 99 years.

And they say governments should support an ongoing role for town camp residents and their representatives in any new arrangements if they're serious about improving living conditions and social cohesion.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough says he will withdraw the funding offer unless it is accepted within a month by Tangentyere Council's membership of housing associations representing the 18 town camps.

He says he visited Alice Springs a year ago to develop a plan involving town camps 'becoming just like normal suburbs' with opportunities for home ownership, public housing and municipal services.

"I am frustrated that after so long there has been no physical progress made to relieve conditions in the town camps," the Minister wrote to Tangentyere on Wednesday.

"I expect that the men, women and children that live in the town camps are even more frustrated. They have waited long enough."

Tangentyere Council was set up in the mid-1970s to

help secure better living conditions for Aboriginal people living on the fringes of Alice Springs, especially through some form of legal land ownership. It succeeded in obtaining special purpose leases over 18 parcels of land, and these have since been converted to leases in perpetuity.

Currently, about 3500 people live in the town camps, about 2000 of them permanent residents. But the camps have become mired in high levels of crime, overcrowding, and drug and alcohol abuse.

Mr Brough had originally insisted the residential areas of the town camps be relinquished to the NT Government in return for 'normalising' the camps.

The headline position drew cries of coercion from Tangentyere, an accusation from Federal Labor representatives of holding Indigenous people to ransom, and murmurs of blackmail from many in the Indigenous community.

The Minister later agreed to allow the town camp leaseholders to instead sub-lease the residential areas back to the NT Government for 99 years without condition.

But he refused to negotiate with Tangentyere about management arrangements for any public housing in revitalised town camps, saying the NT Government would manage such public housing.

A Tangentyere General Council meeting held in the Alice Springs Todd Mall on



Tangentyere Council Vice-Chairman Mervyn Rubuntja addresses the meeting as William Tilmouth looks on.

Wednesday passed a motion rejecting the original condition.

"This is our land, and these are our homes. If we lose our land, we lose everything," an Anthepe Town Camp member said.

The Council also resolved to urge the Federal and Northern Territory Governments to negotiate a set of arrangements that would:

- Deliver adequate access to basic services such as power, water, sewerage, street lighting, telecommunications, roads and stormwater to all town camp residents.

- Deliver adequate housing to all town camp residents, which will allow for privately owned and affordable rental housing.

- Allow town camp residents to maintain a key ongoing role in new housing management arrangements.

- Guarantee the ongoing funding of Tangentyere to provide municipal and housing management services until new negotiated arrangements are in place.

Tangentyere Executive Director William Tilmouth said the Council's members did not want to go down an 'all or nothing' road until they felt fully informed.

"We welcome the fact that (Mr Brough) is prepared to change tack, and we will work in partnership with him," he told media. "But he has got to be aware that there are some fears and apprehensions about the model."

Mr Brough said he was still hopeful that his offer would be accepted.

"It will now be up to the individual leaseholders of each separate town camp to decide whether to participate and seek a share of the \$50 million on offer to upgrade the town camps," he said in a statement.

"... However, this cannot be an open-ended offer. Those leaseholders wishing to participate need to indicate their agreement within one month, or allocated funds will be spent elsewhere."

"The Federal Government will respect the wishes of leaseholders. Funds will not be forced on town camps that do not want improvements in housing and services, but will be provided to those that do."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma says the Federal Government could be in breach of international human standards if it attempts to coerce the community to accept its offer.

"You have the right to come up with your own solutions, based on local knowledge and local need," he wrote in a letter read out at Wednesday's Tangentyere Council meeting.

"Under international human rights obligations, the Australian Government has a responsibility to obtain our free, prior and informed consent to any policy or proposal that affects us."

"It is our right to freely determine our economic, social and cultural development. Government must come to the table and treat you as equals and as partners."

Opposition Indigenous Affairs Spokeswoman Jenny Macklin said she was very concerned that the Federal Government was 'holding Indigenous people in Alice Springs to ransom over town camp leases'.

"Clean water, housing and electricity are services all Australians, including Indigenous Australians, should enjoy," she said. "Federal funding for these essential services should not be conditional on the type of lease their land is on."

A spokesman for Tangentyere Council told the Koori Mail on Friday that the Council was writing that day to Mr Brough pleading for more time.

"It is very difficult to negotiate a lasting agreement with 18 communities in one month," he said.

"We completely welcomed the initial announcement of the money. It is just the conditions attached to the announcement that we want to negotiate."

The Tangentyere Council executive will meet this week to decide on further action.

'I am frustrated that after so long there has been no physical progress made to relieve conditions in the town camps. I expect that the men, women and children that live in the town camps are even more frustrated. They have waited long enough.' — Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough

This land is theirs ... all 230,000 hectares

Story and photos by
CHRISTINE HOWES



We have looked across the table into eyes which sometimes didn't see us - read the words on a statement from the Eastern Kuku

Yalanji people about the long, hard and painful struggle for their land in far north Queensland.

But after 13 years of negotiations, the struggle has paid off with the signing of a bundle of 15 Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) accounting for 230,000 hectares of land covering much of the Wet Tropics Area from Mossman north to the Daintree and the Bloomfield River catchments.

In an emotional ceremony at Wujal Wujal Aboriginal community on 11 April, during which Qld Premier Peter Beattie acknowledged '200 years of bad policy', many spoke tearfully of Elders who had not lived to see the agreement signing.

"We wanted to see this done for our future and our old people," Eastern Kuku Yalanji Elder Eileen Walker said.

"We want to go back to our country and do what we want to do."

Create jobs

Kuku Yalanji spokesman Peter Wallace said his people also wanted to create jobs and empower their young people 'so they can come behind us'.

"We want to invest in our younger people so that they can take over later on and hope they learn their culture more and learn where they come from so they can empower themselves and take on the challenges of what's ahead of them," he said.

"It was a bit emotional but a really good day. I looked back and thought of the Elders, my uncle and so many other Elders I've been with who taught me everything so

it's good to come to this point."

The Cape York Land Council identified the agreements as 'the most complex native title package yet produced in Australia'.

CYLC Chair Michael Ross said there was still a long journey ahead, but the Land Council would continue to offer its support.

"With this agreement the road has become smoother now," he said.

"The people of Cape York have been standing behind the Kuku Yalanji people for the past 13 years since they lodged their native title claim and on their behalf I congratulate Yalanji people on their success."

Premier Beattie paid tribute to the original native title claimants, the CYLC and local and Aboriginal Shire councils which were involved in what he also described as a complex process.

"It has been a very long process as well," he said.

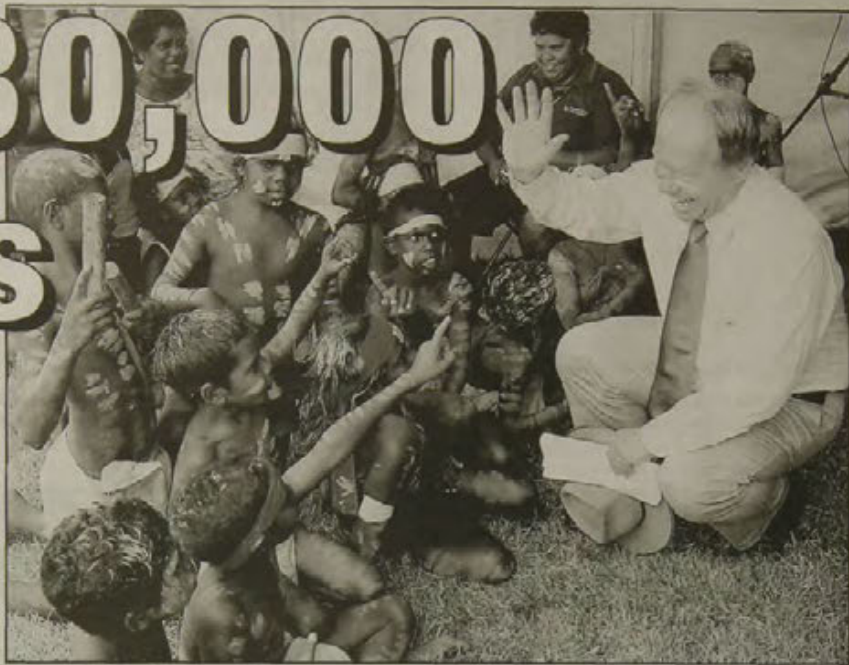
"Today, as a result of so many people's hard work and commitment, we are gathered to celebrate the most significant ILUA ever struck in Queensland. It is the most significant and to all of you, you should be congratulated."

"We'll be recognising the rights and ownership of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people, we'll also be protecting 79,000 hectares of land in new national parks and we'll be putting traditional owners in control of their land."

"But I do need to say to you, and it would be remiss of me if I didn't, we've had over 200 years of bad policy, you all know that."

"What we have to do as a government in partnership with everyone gathered here and elsewhere in the State, is try and build a new future."

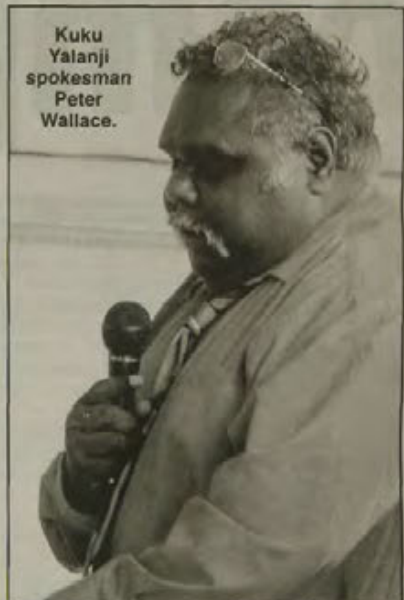
"Unfortunately, we can't turn back those 200 years of bad policy, but what we can do is make sure that we reach agreements like this that pave a new future - a new future for Indigenous Queenslanders and that's what we are determined to do."



Premier Peter Beattie and young members of the Wujal Dancers at the signing ceremony.



Marilyn Wallace and Christine Friday.



Kuku Yalanji spokesman Peter Wallace.



Cape York Land Council Chairman Michael Ross and Qld Premier Peter Beattie at the ceremony.



Kuku Yalanji negotiating team members with Premier Beattie and other government officials.

WA death in custody of Carl Woods: Protesters' demand for action

Story and photos by KEN
BOASE in Perth



About 300 people have attended a vocal rally in Perth to call for a full independent investigation into the death in police custody last year of Aboriginal man Carl Woods.

The April 13 or 'Black Friday' rally, which later marched upon the office of West Australian Premier Alan Carpenter, marked the one-year anniversary of Mr Woods' death shortly after his arrest in April last year for an alleged home invasion.

The angry crowd met in the Supreme Court gardens in the city centre to hear several speakers before marching on the office of the Premier to deliver a letter listing family concerns and demands.

Mr Woods' death was investigated by the WA Police Major Crime Squad and Internal Investigation Unit, and a full report has been handed to WA Coroner Alistair Hope, who is expected to hold an inquest in September this year.

Many people at the protest rally expressed anger that a wider investigation had not been held, and there were unanimous calls for the arresting officers to be stood down until an independent investigation could be carried out.

Nyoongar Elder Ben Taylor gave the Welcome to Country address at the rally, paying his respect to Mr Woods' family, still grieving over his death.

"The jails are full and they're going to build more jails for our people. We've got to fight for justice and bring those to account for what they've done," Mr Taylor said.

WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee Chairman Marc Newhouse said more than 20 years had passed since the release of 120 recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody that investigated 99 Indigenous deaths in police and prison custody.

"It is an absolute national disgrace that a quarter of a century later, following the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, this is still happening," Mr Newhouse said.

"And in particular the

'Carl's battered and bruised body was not of one who had been arrested; it was of one who had been subjected to a brutal and callous attack.'

recommendations relating to arrest and imprisonment of people as a last resort.

"This clearly was not the case in relation to Carl Woods. The Watch Committee is calling for the police officers involved be stood down immediately from operational duties."

Aboriginal lawyer Hannah McGlade gave voice to the many placards being carried at the event, comparing the death of Mr Woods with that of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island, in Queensland, in 2004.

"On Palm Island, the Aboriginal people believed that rioting against the police was the only way that they would get justice," Ms McGlade said.

"And it's to the credit of the Woods family that there has been no retaliation, notwithstanding the way that they have also not had equal access to justice.

"The WA Coroner is now faced with the task of determining the circumstances of Carl Woods' death, and we call upon him to do so without fear or favour."

Accountable

Woods family spokesman Mervyn Eades said the WA Police Service should be accountable for the actions of the arresting officers.

"A report from the long investigation that has taken a full year has just arrived at the Coroner's office," Mr Eades said. "Justice is what we are asking.

"Carl's battered and bruised body was not of one who had been arrested; it was of one who had been subjected to a brutal and callous attack.

"This was coming from those who were sworn in to protect and uphold the law. It is about time they too were made accountable and stood up. They should be humane and accept responsibility for their own actions."

Uniting Church Aboriginal minister Reverend Sealin Garlett told of his experiences following Mr Woods' death.

"I prepared him for burial, and I stood next to him before I put him in a coffin and I held his finger and I stroked his brow," Mr Garlett said. "And I asked him 'Uncle, what happened?' He was a strong man. He should have been still here. The monarch do not have any God-given right to kill our people."

On the day of the rally and march, Premier Carpenter was away in Canberra for a State and Territory leaders' meeting with the Prime Minister. After the crowd waiting outside his building for more than two hours, it was ironically a police officer who eventually persuaded Deputy Premier Eric Ripper to accept the Woods family's letter of concern.

Emerging from the meeting, Mr Eades and Mr Newhouse said they were satisfied that Mr Ripper would communicate their concerns to the Premier, and a further meeting has been scheduled for early June to report on progress.

"The Deputy Premier undertook to convey to the Police Minister the issue of the standing down of police officers from operational duties in these circumstances," Mr Newhouse said.

"What will also be conveyed is the notion of police investigating police and the inappropriateness of that, as well as some other concerns so he's also going to be speaking to the Attorney-General."

In response to the rally and protest, WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan declared he would not be standing down the officers involved in Mr Woods' arrest, saying that at this stage he had 'seen no evidence that the officers had acted inappropriately'.

"They are entitled to my full support and I have no intention whatsoever of standing them down from active duty," the Commissioner said.

"It's the Coroner's role to examine all the circumstances surrounding Carl Woods' death and police cannot comment further on the detail of the police investigation."



The rally marching along Saint George's Terrace in Perth to the office of WA Premier Alan Carpenter.



Nyoongar Lawyer Hannah McGlade speaking at the rally.



Nyoongar Elder Ben Taylor giving the Welcome to Country address at the rally.



● LEFT: Part of the crowd at the protest rally, flying black balloons in remembrance of all those who have died in police custody.



Community Elder Sealin Garlett, with a banner comparing Mr Woods' death with that of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island, in Queensland, in 2004.



Woods family spokesman Mervyn Eades.



DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse.

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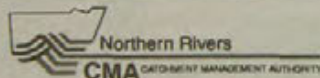
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Legal service promise to Woods family

Story and photos by
ELIZABETH MURRAY



The Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) has pledged a senior criminal barrister

to represent a grieving WA Aboriginal family at the inquest into their son's death in custody a year ago.

Carl Woods, 33, died in Perth last April shortly after being arrested and 'subdued' by police.

About 300 people marked the recent anniversary of Mr Woods' death with a vocal rally demanding that police officers involved in his arrest be stood down pending an independent investigation.

Paying an independent forensic pathologist to attend and oversee the post-mortem examination on Mr Woods' body last year exhausted Humphrey Woods' and Berona Winmar's life savings and the family's full participation in the impending inquest hinged on the Katanning family securing a barrister.

The Perth Coroner's Office is understood to have told the Woods family it would not proceed with the inquest until the family has adequate legal representation.

There had been some doubts as to whether funding issues would allow ALSWA to brief a barrister - especially an external one - for the family.

On Friday as the Koori Mail was going to print, a Woods family representative said they were still awaiting written confirmation that ALSWA would arrange a barrister for them.

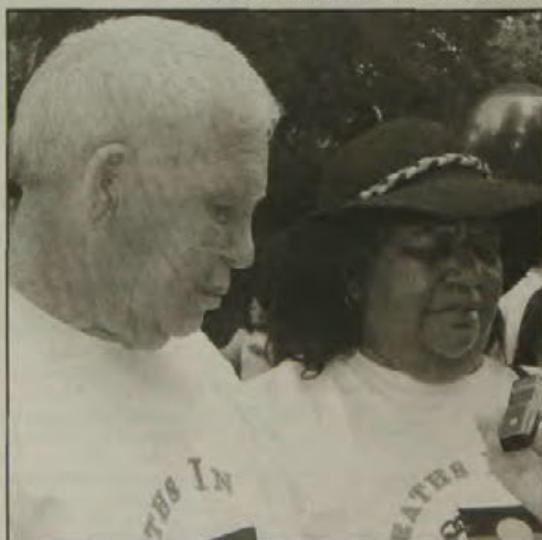
However, ALSWA Director of Legal Services Peter Collins wrote to the Koori Mail on the same day advising that, notwithstanding funding issues that always had to be considered, the Woods matter was 'of such importance that ALSWA has recently assured the Woods family that they will be represented at the inquest by a senior criminal barrister with experience in appearing at inquests'.

And ALSWA chief executive officer Dennis Eggington said the legal service wanted to allay any community concern over funding, saying it would offer the family the best representation possible.

Mr Collins wrote: "A senior criminal solicitor from ALSWA will instruct the barrister at the inquest. I note that a date has not yet been fixed for the inquest.



Mask-wearing protesters at the recent rally in Perth.



Humphrey Woods and Berona Winmar show the strain of the last year.

"ALSWA will do all it can to seek to achieve justice for the Woods family and to ensure that all relevant issues, especially in relation to the role of police in Mr Woods' death, are properly ventilated at the inquest."

In September 2006 a preliminary report from the Coroner advised that although blunt trauma was evident in the autopsy, the most likely cause of Mr Woods' death was heart

disease. Delays in toxicology tests were blamed for the 12-month wait for the police report, which subsequently cleared arresting officers of any wrongdoing despite the apparent physical injuries Mr Woods sustained before dying.

The WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) took the unusual step of printing flyers for the recent rally that bore photos of Mr Woods in the mortuary. The

photos showed apparent injuries to Mr Woods' face.

In 2005, the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department reallocated DICWC WA's annual funding to ALSWA, forcing the watch committee to operate independently, with office space donated by Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and staffed by volunteers.

At the time, DICWC spokesman Marc Newhouse voiced concern about the potential for ALSWA to take over the group's systemic advocacy due to the restrictive nature of government funding that 'places tighter control over a group's actions and investigations.'

He said the 2005 funding cuts that saw the closure of watch committees all around Australia reflected a 'diminished commitment by the Government to the implementation of the 339 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC)'. John Boersig, Assistant Secretary of the Indigenous Law and Justice Branch at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's office, advised the Koori Mail that legal representation for families in coronial proceedings of people who had died was a priority under the terms of contracts with all Indigenous legal aid service providers.

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Justine Saunders loses battle with cancer

Praise for one of our greats of TV, stage



Justine Saunders in her heyday.

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Australia's Indigenous and arts communities are mourning the death of Aboriginal screen icon Justine Saunders who lost her long fight with cancer on

15 April. Tributes have flowed for the 54-year-old Queensland-born actor who lit up the cinema and stage for three decades.

Ms Saunders was a member of the Woppaburra people, from the Kanomie clan of Keppel Island.

Her roles in films such as *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith* in 1978 and *Fringe Dwellers* in 1986 earned her respect and many awards, including NAIDOC Aboriginal Artist of the Year in 1985, a Medal of Australia for her service to the performing arts and national Aboriginal theatre in 1991, an Australia Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Red Ochre Award in 1999 and a special Lifetime Achievement Award at the Deadly Awards in 2006.

Her last acting role was the stage play *The Last Cab to Darwin* in 2004.

Executive Director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts unit at the Australia Council for the Arts Lydia Miller described Ms Saunders as a pioneer in the Indigenous performing arts.

"She was a pioneer who blazed a trail for future generations in the theatre, film and television industry through her tireless commitment, courage and passion combined with beauty, grace and a fierce determination," Ms Miller said.

"Not only that, she was a glamorous 'star' and the 'Grand Dame' of the theatre and film. She was generous with younger

Justine Saunders accepting her Lifetime Achievement Award from Ernie Dingo at the 2005 Deadly Awards.



performers and took them under her wing and nurtured them into the industry."

Ms Miller said Ms Saunders' challenging of the prevailing clichés and stereotyping of Aboriginal people had altered forever the

way Aboriginal people were portrayed on screens and stages.

"She never took 'no' for an answer and pursued her belief that Aboriginal people could and should be portrayed on our

national screens and stages with dignity and compassion. She challenged stereotypes and inspired other generations to create and interpret their characters and roles with humanity," Ms Miller said.

"It also enabled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to see themselves within the public space of our cinema, television and theatre instead of being invisible.

"Justine has enabled future generations to reap the fruit of her labours because we now have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers in roles that are about ordinary people, whether they are performing as an Indigenous person or as a character in an Australian story, regardless of their cultural background.

"This achievement is phenomenal when you consider that it has been achieved in her lifetime. She passed the torch to future generations to keep that light shining brightly and it is our cultural responsibility and duty to keep that flame burning eternally."

Bangarra Dance Theatre Director Stephen Page said Ms Saunders had been a great supporter of him and his talented siblings.

"She was like an aunty to us and a great follower of our works," he said.

"She was just a legend. She played everyone that was stereotypical, but played them as her own. She was a great teacher and educator, and mentor.

"It must have been hard being on her own, especially in the television shows *Number 96* and *Prisoner*, to be such a minority, but she had a tough skin, like goanna skin. She broke down boundaries and has passed it onto the next generations."

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this monitoring.

We are also looking at how to make the best use of
government resources in delivering criminal justice services
in remote Indigenous communities.

Public hearings will be held later this year, and key people will be
invited to attend to have their say in person.

The inquiry will result in a public report and recommendations
for reform.

Who can make a submission to the inquiry?

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Nyoongar Elder Cedric Jacobs.



SWALSC CEO Glen Kelly

Court hears Perth native title appeal

Story and photos by
KEN BOASE



An appeal has
begun against the
Federal Court's
ruling last
September that
native title exists
over the Perth
greater metropolitan area.

The WA and Federal
Governments, as well as minor
litigants such as the WA Fishing
Industry Council (WAFIC), are
appealing the decision by retired
Justice Murray Wilcox granting
title over more than 6000 square
kilometres of land in the Perth
region.

The WA Government has
argued that the decision was
flawed because Nyoongar
people never belonged to
one society, were separated
into different groups at the
point of contact in 1829, and
groups had different laws
and customs and spoke
different languages.

The State claimed that
'the people of Albany could
not understand people in
Perth', and traditional links
to the land had been broken
by settlement.

South-west Aboriginal Land
and Sea Council (SWALSC)
Chief Executive Officer Glen
Kelly said the single Nyoongar
claim, which included the Perth
native title decision, was a claim
for communal native title for the
Nyoongar people.

'The part of it that was heard
is a portion of that broader
communal claim. We're saying in
court that there is a Nyoongar
society with a body of common
law which it operates under
today and is in accord with what
it operated under at
sovereignty,' Mr Kelly said.

'The State and
Commonwealth tactics seem to
be to try and guide the court to
specific questions about the
Perth Metropolitan area, and in
our view that's the next stage of
either negotiation or litigation.'

'At the moment all we're
trying to say is that there's a
Nyoongar society with a body of
law and custom and in our view
the claim over Perth is part of
that wider claim. If that is upheld,
it will be then up to us to work
through our laws and customs to
say who has rights in the Perth
metro area.'

Mr Kelly said it was very
difficult to sit through the first

**'What they're attempting to
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couple of days of the appeal,
particularly with the State more
so than the Commonwealth,
because the points raised were
de-humanising and, for many
Nyoongar people who had
attended the court, very
offensive.

'What they're attempting to
do is attack the fundamental
basis of Nyoongar people's
identity and to say that it doesn't
exist, it never existed, and it's
very difficult for people to cope
with,' he said.

'They seem to be relying on
evidence like Tindale's map and
arguing that these were

hermetically sealed cultural units
that were independent of each
other and that is incorrect.

'We're saying that that is not
the case, that there's a group of
people throughout the
south-west called the Nyoongar
people, and that word was
recorded even before
sovereignty from the garrison in
Albany, and all of the Nyoongar
people have always interacted,
intermarried, shared each
other's country and negotiated
for various rights with each
other.'

Mr Kelly said the
Commonwealth's appeal
seemed to be more in line with
scrutinising precedents,
whereas the State's appeal
was about attacking identity,
and society and attacking
findings of fact.

Perth Nyoongar Elder
Cedric Jacobs said that for
the State to argue that
Nyoongar people were not
one single group was as
ridiculous as suggesting that
English people were not one
nation of people.

'If you go to England
where all of this has come
from, you find the different
pockets of England and different
towns and cities where people
speak their own dialect and
some of them did not
understand each other readily,
even though they are all
regarded as English,' Mr Jacobs
said.

Mr Kelly said he remained
confident of a positive outcome.
'You can't be arrogant about
this and think that it's going to be
an easy defence because it's not
... but we remain confident.'

The appeal hearing finished
on Friday. The judgment is
expected to be handed down in
about six months.

Wright on short list for award



Aboriginal author Alexis Wright has been named as

a finalist for Australia's most prestigious literary prize, the Miles Franklin Literary Award.

Four vastly different books about Australian life, written by four authors at varying stages of their careers, were announced as finalists in Sydney last Thursday.

One of Australia's best known authors and previous Miles Franklin winner Peter Carey is among the finalists for the \$42,000 prize with his novel *Theft: A Love Story*.

Gail Jones, who made the shortlist in 2005 for *Sixty Lights*, is again among the finalists for her most recent work, *Dreams of Speaking*.

Deborah Robertson,

author of *Careless*, and Alexis Wright, with her novel *Carpentaria*, made the short list for the first time.

Ms Wright, a member of the Waanyi people from the Gulf of Carpentaria, said that while she had never written to win awards, it was a thrill to receive the recognition.

Description

"I hope this short list means more people pick up the book; it's a book of our time, it describes the Australia of today," Ms Wright said.

"It also shows something of our Aboriginal people, of us as human beings, not just what you hear in the Press, this idea that all we represent are government policies and programs."

The four short-listed finalists came from a long

list of eight authors, selected from the 55 entrants for this year's award.

Now in its 50th year, the award began as a bequest from the author Miles Franklin.

Previous winners include famed Australian authors such as Patrick White, Thomas Keneally, Ruth Park, Tim Winton and Elizabeth Jolley.

Last year's winner was Roger McDonald's novel *The Ballad of Desmond Kale*.

Three of this year's finalists, Ms Wright, Ms Jones and Ms Robertson, will now embark on a tour of Tasmania in the lead-up to the winner being named on June 21.

Carey is also among nominees announced this month for the \$144,000 second Booker International Prize for fiction.



Alexis Wright at last year's Queensland Writers' Festival.

Report details housing crisis

Sniffing death of boy, 12



A boy aged 12 has died after sniffing petrol in a remote

Northern Territory community.

It is believed the youngster may have found the petrol in a car abandoned at Hermannsburg, west of Alice Springs, before the Aboriginal community adopted non-sniffable Opal fuel, ABC Radio reported.

Northern Territory police spokeswoman Hayley Dwyer said the boy's body was found at Hermannsburg on 14 April.

"Initial investigations indicate that the death is non-suspicious, but inquiries are continuing and on completion a report will be prepared for the coroner," Ms Dwyer said. - AAP



Almost one in three houses in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities need extensive repairs or should be demolished, a new report says.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' latest study into the state of Indigenous housing has revealed some disturbing figures.

It shows that infrastructure in many Indigenous communities is extremely basic and thousands of homes need extensive work but are still being lived in.

The report focused on 1187 Indigenous communities across Australia, of which 85 per cent were in very remote areas.

Most were very small, with

- 31% of properties need major repairs
- Infrastructure improving, but still basic
- Distance from schools a big problem
- Poor access to internet highlighted

almost three in four having fewer than 50 people.

Indigenous housing organisations managed 21,758 individual dwellings for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders across these communities.

About 31 per cent of the permanent dwellings require major repairs or replacement - up by 4 per cent since the last report in 2001.

The report showed that infrastructure in Indigenous communities was improving, but was still basic in most areas.

The nearest primary school was more than 25km away from 42 per cent of the communities, while three in four communities were more than 25km away from the nearest high school.

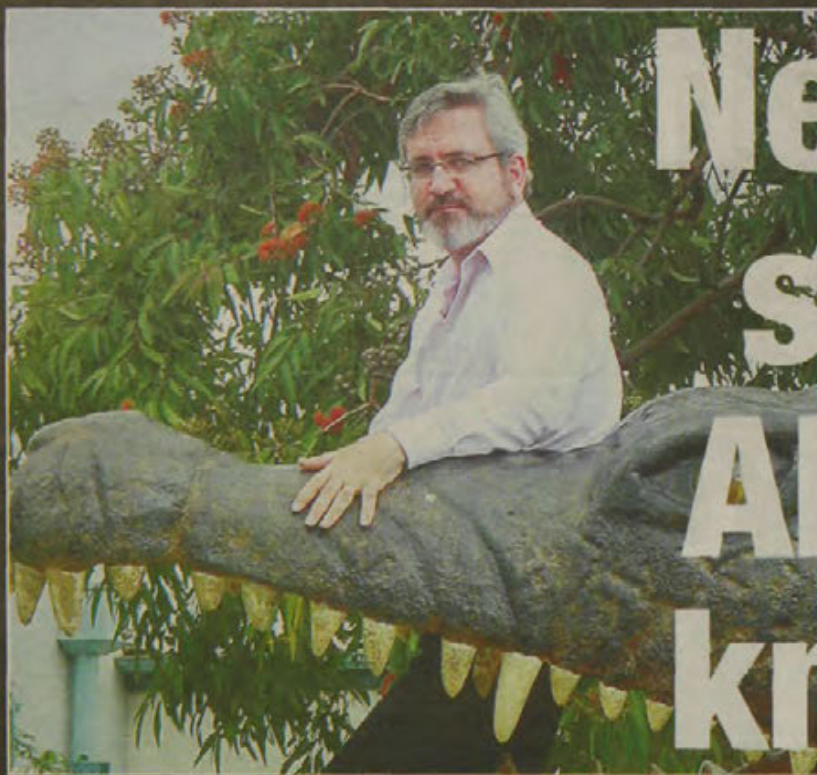
Only one in 10 of the

communities had public access to the internet. "Access to the internet within Indigenous communities is becoming vital to ensure delivery of services, particularly in education and health, and to keep abreast of technological advancement," the report says.

There was a slight improvement in the number of communities with access to a public telephone - 53 per cent in 2006 compared with 49 per cent in 2001.

Less than one-quarter of communities were connected to their State's electricity grid, with one in three communities getting their power from a generator.

And bore water was the main source of drinking water for 58 per cent of communities. - AAP



Senator Andrew Bartlett at Cape York.

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Senate Inquiry backs more funds for Indigenous areas

By CHRISTINE HOWES
in Cairns



A Senate Inquiry report released last week has recommended that all levels of government give greater priority to Indigenous knowledge and participation in the management of national parks. The report *Conserving Australia: Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas* also recommended that funding to the Indigenous Protected Areas program be increased substantially.

The Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee accepted more than 200 submissions to the Inquiry and heard evidence from every State and Territory over more than 12 months.

Committee former Chair, now Deputy Chair, Senator Andrew Bartlett said the report was now a tool that people could use to bring pressure on governments to act.

Senator Bartlett, who is also the Australian Democrats Indigenous Affairs spokesman, said he particularly wanted governments and the community to take note of the recommendations around Indigenous participation in land and fire management.

Speaking in Cairns the day after the report was released, he said that was a message which came through strongly in submissions received from the Wet Tropics and Cape York regions of far north Queensland.

"One (recommendation) that I'd particularly like to draw attention to is that all levels of

government put a lot more energy into involving Indigenous people and traditional owners in land management and fire management, but management more broadly," he said.

"In this region, whether it's the Wet Tropics or Cape York, you've got the traditional owner groups that are there doing everything possible to be engaged and to get involved.

"(It's) a matter of that expertise, cultural knowledge and environmental management knowledge that's there and it's just cutting off our nose to spite our face to not access it."

Senator Bartlett said comparatively small

'You're only talking a few million dollars for massive flow-on benefits and the flip side is, if you don't do that management on country, then invasive species do get away and ferals get away'

investments in resourcing management strategies would have long-term benefits.

"One of the other recommendations in the report, which was reinforced by another recent Inquiry, was about giving more resources to Indigenous Protected Areas, which are more Central Australia, South Australia and in the west," he said.

"They are huge areas that use CDEP labour for land management which is producing great results but it's just being done on the cheap because they are basically

exploiting Indigenous labour.

"You're only talking a few million dollars for massive flow-on benefits and the flip side is, if you don't do that management on country, then invasive species do get away and ferals get away. Particularly with climate change pressures you could lose a lot."

Senator Bartlett said it was easy for urban residents to think national parks on Indigenous land meant protection but experience showed that land management was not always as good as it should be.

"If you don't have people on country, especially if you have people that were on country who have been pushed off, it

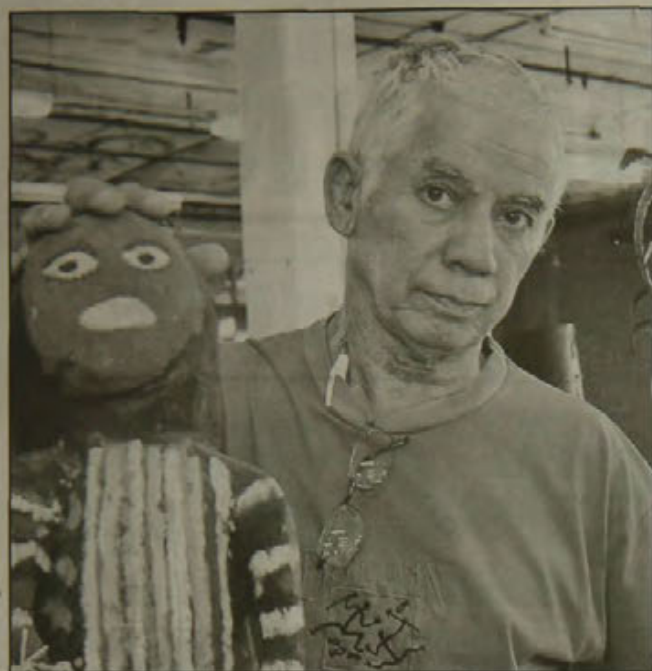
actually can be a problem in terms of managing the land and ecological values," he said. "I guess the modern urban mindset is that people bugger up the land and the way to protect it is to push all the people off, whereas what we should realise from the reality of Indigenous management of the land is that they are part of the ecosystem and part of managing it."

"When you actually have people on country in a managed way you get better ecological results, it's part of the balance."

"So it's critical from an ecological point of view as well as all those wider issues of traditional owner access to country to facilitate that."

"It's pretty clear in the evidence to the inquiry we're not doing that terribly well yet, just starting to do it."

"I see my role as welcoming it where it's happening and encouraging it to happen further and recognising it does mean some resourcing. That resourcing would be an investment and bring a lot more fruit down the track."



Gordon Syron prepares for next month's auction.

Syron art collection is going to auction

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



What is believed to be the biggest Aboriginal-owned collection of Indigenous art in Australia will go under the auction hammer in Sydney early next month.

The auction is expected to dispose of more than 1000 artworks, souvenirs, history, artefacts and other cultural items after artist Gordon Syron was forced to liquidate his Black Fellas Dreaming Gallery.

Mr Syron, who suffered a financial setback after artwork at the Gallery's premises in Bangalow, in northern NSW, suffered water damage, estimates the extensive collection to be valued at \$1 million.

He said he would be sad to see the collection go, as it had been 30 years in the making, but it was unavoidable.

Still, he's hoping that it might be bought in its entirety by a single buyer and kept together.

He says that while he understands the collection comes from a private business, it is too historic and valuable collectively to be split up, so he is circulating a petition to shore up support.

"It was a sad day deciding that we had to sell, we wouldn't be selling if we could help it," Mr

Syron told the *Koori Mail*.

"The reason for the auction is that it was very difficult to make a living out of Aboriginal culture.

"We've contacted a few big financial groups like Richard Branson and Russell Crowe to see if they are interested in buying the collection and keeping it as a whole.

"There aren't too many collections of this size that are put together by Aboriginal people from an Aboriginal perspective.

"If it is somewhere else in bits and pieces, it will have a different perspective."

Musician and activist Michael Franti has signed the petition to keep the collection together.

"It is very important for the self-esteem for Aboriginal people, as in that it is a record of history from Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people," he said.

"We can't keep sweeping the history under the mat."

Artists in the collection include Emily Kngwarreye, Clifford Possum, Gabrielle Possum, Gordon Hooke, Michael Nelson Jagamarra, Malcolm Jagamarra, Gordon Syron, Bronwyn Bancroft, Robin Nganjmirra, Djawida Nadjongorle, Lily Sandover, George Milipirru and Lily Karadada.

• The auction will take place at Bonhams & Goodmans auction from 7-9 May. Contact Mr Syron on 0421 031 392 for details.

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

Annette Peardon –
member of the Stolen Generations

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

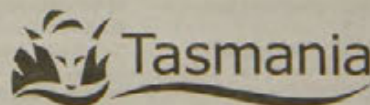
That same day, the Tasmanian Government's Stolen Generations Bill was passed unanimously in the Lower House – a triumph for the cause of Aboriginal reconciliation in Australia, and illustrative of the humanitarian leadership shown by our small State in addressing what is one of the most shameful aspects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

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

Tasmania says sorry

The Tasmanian Government will make a payment to eligible Aboriginal people who were removed from their family between 1935 and 1975 for a period of 12 months or more as a result of active intervention by the State Government. Children of deceased members of the Stolen Generations can also apply.

Applications must be received by 15 July 2007. Full details, including all eligibility conditions, are available at www.dpac.tas.gov.au or by calling 1300 654 583.



Stadiums opened



The physical and social wellbeing of residents of Badu and Warraber Islands in the Torres Strait is set to improve

following the official opening of their new multi-purpose sport stadiums over the Easter weekend.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chair Toshie Kris said the TSRA was pleased to support both communities by co-funding Badu's \$414,191 Jack Ahmat Stadium and Warraber's \$1.02 million Aka Gin Gin Multi-Purpose Centre in partnership with the Queensland Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation.

"TSRA recognises that our remote location, combined with expenses associated with travel, often disadvantages individuals and groups from the region to participate in regular sporting events," said Mr Kris.

"This limits opportunities for community members to take part in competitions and can hinder their ability to practise and develop their skills.

"It is therefore important that infrastructure within the region is of a good standard, to encourage communities be involved in activities on their own home island, which will promote their social and physical wellbeing.

"Both new sporting facilities will provide opportunities for Badu and Warraber communities to participate in a healthy lifestyle by taking part in



The new sports stadium on Badu Island.

regular sporting activities as well as being modern venues to host social, recreational and cultural events."

The Jack Ahmat Stadium was officially opened on 5 April and houses indoor basketball and volleyball courts, a kiosk and kitchen area, store rooms plus change rooms.

The Aka Gin Gin Multi-Purpose Centre was opened on 7 April. It contains a sport and recreation office, two volleyball courts, one basketball court, an amenities block and has the capacity to seat up to 100 people.

"These projects were completed through the Sport component of TSRA's Social and Cultural Development Program, which aims to assist the Indigenous people of the region to lead independent and healthy lives," Mr Kris said.

"The program works towards providing services and projects that will improve quality of life, as well as increase access to appropriate infrastructure and boost participation in social and cultural activities."



From left, Badu councillors Charlotte Tamway, Chairman Jack Ahmat and Richard Bowie with Torres Strait Regional Authority Chair Toshie Kris at the opening of the Badu stadium.

Acting parts in Aussie movie 'epic'

By ALF WILSON



Many Indigenous men, women and children from the Bowen and Burdekin regions of central and north Queensland are expected to score paid jobs as extras in Baz Luhrmann's new film, *Australia*, to star Hollywood favourites Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman.

Australia will be partly filmed in Bowen, which has a large Indigenous population, along with the Burdekin, which centres around the towns of Home Hill and Ayr.

Luhrmann, who directed the hit film *Moulin Rouge*, met with Bowen Mayor Mike Brunner in February about his latest project which will see Bowen transformed into 1940s era Darwin once

filming begins on 14 May.

The \$40-million movie is to be an epic adventure along the lines of past blockbusters *Gone With The Wind* and *Casablanca*.

It is a story of an English aristocrat Lady Sarah Ashley (Nicole Kidman) and her unlikely partnership with a cattle drover played by another Australian star in Hugh Jackman.

The pair have to fight to save her cattle station from falling into the hands of local beef barons as Darwin tries to survive the threat of World War II Japanese bombing.

Indigenous men, women and children have been targeted as extras for roles as horse riders, drovers and other minor parts.

Bowen Mayor Mike Brunner said that Aboriginal children would be used as extras for scenes which involved the wartime

Darwin jetty.

"There were a lot of Indigenous children around the jetty and also they want Aboriginal stockmen. This is exciting for the region," Cr Brunner said.

Extras casting agent Renata Blaich told north Queensland media that people of all nationalities were welcome to apply for the roles and that thousands of extras would be needed.

"Indigenous people and Filipinos are welcome to apply so as to recreate the multicultural mix of Darwin at the time. No experience is necessary and there is no learning of lines," she said.

Castings were done in Bowen early this month and at Rugby Park, Ayr, on 14 April.

"All you need is enthusiasm and reliability. No experience is necessary. We need your height, chest, waist, hip, shoe

and hat size," an advertisement in the Ayr Advocate read.

Of the 200 people who turned up for the Ayr casting, about one-third were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

The casting staff that night went to the popular Black River Rodeo near Townsville where they looked at potential extras and star doubles.

Actor Russell Crowe was originally touted to star in the movie and cried when he read the script.

Crowe visited the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island in July 2004 when touring with his band and stayed the night, proving popular with locals.

Cr Brunner said he intended to ask producers to allow Bowen to have a premiere of the movie at the local Summer Garden Theatre.

Fraser and O'Donoghue to focus on Aboriginal concerns



A month out from the 10th anniversary of the Bringing Them Home report, the co-patrons of the new Stolen Generations Alliance, former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and inaugural Chair of ATSIC Lowitja O'Donoghue, will assess the impact of government and community responses to the report.

In Melbourne tomorrow, 26 April, the high-profile pair will propose initiatives to respond better to the concerns of the stolen generations and of the

wider Indigenous community.

The Bringing Them Home report, detailing the forced removal of Indigenous people from their families, was tabled in Federal Parliament on 26 May 1997.

The Federal Government responded in December 1997, putting \$63 million over four years towards a few of the report's recommendations, principally counselling for the Stolen Generations and expanding the Link-Up services which are bringing together family members separated by the removal policies.

More than two-thirds of the report's recommendations were ignored.

The Australian community responded differently. Nearly one million people signed Sorry Books, and hundreds of thousands took part in events on Sorry Day, 26 May 1998.

Since then, the Journey of Healing has enlisted thousands in community initiatives to overcome the tragic impact of the removal policies.

But much remains to be done, and countries with a similar history such as Canada are showing what can be done.

Mr Fraser and Professor O'Donoghue will outline proposals that would transform conditions for many thousands of Indigenous Australians.

Professor O'Donoghue will also speak at a commemoration of the tenth anniversary in the Great Hall of Federal Parliament on Thursday 24 May. Also speaking will be Tom Calma, HREOC's Indigenous Social Justice Commissioner, and historian Henry Reynolds.

Meanwhile, the Stolen Generations Alliance has had a change of Chairperson. Debra Hocking has had to resign from

the position following her appointment as Director of Tasmania's Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

Former South Australian ATSIC Commissioner Brian Butler has been elected in her place.

"I am grateful for this opportunity to give leadership in a matter about which I feel deeply and passionately," Mr Butler said upon his election last week.

Chair of the Kimberley Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation Mark Bin Baker was elected Deputy Chair.

Further information: www.sgalliance.org.au

High noon for Indigenous radio in Perth



HANNAH MCGLADE

Story and photo by KEN BOASE
in Perth



The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) will consider the allocation of the licence for the 100.9FM radio frequency in Perth tomorrow, April 26, more than six months after the WA Aboriginal Media Association (WAAMA) ceased broadcasting on the frequency.

It is understood that several community groups outside Perth's Nyoongar community have applied for the licence, but a number of Nyoongar individuals and community organisations have written to ACMA appealing for the licence to be returned to Aboriginal hands.

The Nyoongar Radio Action Group (NRAG), headed by lawyer Hannah McGlade, has spent three years trying to convince government authorities that the Aboriginal community of Perth needs a radio station that truly represents the broad interests of the community.

"We want to see the licence come to the Perth Aboriginal community and we need to formally establish the new Nyoongar Media Association (NMA) in Perth," Ms McGlade said.

"We know from the past difficulties with WAAMA that we need to have an

organisation that embraces good governance and is representative of the Perth Aboriginal community, so the NRAG has discussed the possibility of a consortium of the key Aboriginal organisations in Perth.

"Some of the organisations that we understand may be interested in being part of a new structure representing the NMA are the Aboriginal Legal Service, the South-west Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, Derbarl Yerrigan, Marr Mooditj

broadcasting funding in Perth, and the NRAG had developed a business plan outlining a number of objectives to achieve broad and proper representation and good governance. They included an independent news and current affairs service to address issues of importance to Aboriginal people and recognise connection with Indigenous people nationally and internationally, the revival and maintenance of cultural identity and language, and the promotion of local and national Indigenous musicians.

'We want to see the licence come to the Perth Aboriginal community and we need to formally establish the new Nyoongar Media Association (NMA) in Perth' – Lawyer Hannah McGlade

Health College, Yirra Yaakin, PEEDAC, Abmusic and the Alcohol and Drug Service.

"Interest from each of these organisations was expressed at an NMA meeting but we need to formalise that interest."

Ms McGlade said that an expression of interest was made to the Federal Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA) to administer Indigenous

Ms McGlade said that the NMA would also oversee the employment and professional development of Aboriginal people at all levels of the organisation, including management, production, broadcast and administration, elements that were lacking in the last several years of WAAMA.

A number of individuals and private organisations have also written to ACMA urging the return of the radio licence to the Perth Aboriginal community.

The Indigenous Business Institute (IBI), representing 30 members with wide private business interests in Perth, has also pointed out to ACMA the importance of maintaining local Aboriginal media organisations to promote business opportunities in Western Australia.

"Most of us in the IBI are active Aboriginal business people in the community and the return of a radio licence would be a big tool for us to use to promote not just ourselves but opportunities for the whole community," said IBI Chairwoman Sarina Jan.

"It would also be important for government and private departments and agencies to take up the responsibility of properly promoting their services and programs direct to the Aboriginal community."

Ms McGlade urged the Nyoongar and wider Aboriginal communities of Perth to unify behind whoever was successful in retaining the broadcasting licence.

"It's really time for the Aboriginal community of Perth to let their views be known to ACMA now that they will be deciding on the future of the licence," Ms McGlade said.

A spokesman for ACMA said that the organisation would issue a media statement after its board meeting to inform the community of its decision.

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PBC meeting was a first



Corporations established to represent successful native title claims around Australia have met together for the first time.

The Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC) came together in Canberra to discuss aspirations for their native title lands, their communities and their future generations. Many PBC members are from remote locations around Australia.

The 11-13 April meeting was hosted by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

The native title holders travelled from centres including Balgo, Kununurra, Roebourne and Kanpa, in Western Australia; Haywood, in Victoria; the Torres Strait Islands, Kuranda and Aurukun, in Queensland; Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, in the Northern Territory; and Byron Bay, in New South Wales.

AIATSIS Native Title Research Unit Manager Dr Lisa Strelein said the purpose of the meeting was to gather dispersed PBC members to gain information and influence the development of key government policies and programs that affect native title land.

Federal Government department officials met with the native title holders to discuss how



Delegates at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC) meeting in Canberra.

their programs related to PBCs and their future aspirations.

Participants focused on developing partnerships to promote the health and well-being of their community, taking care of cultural heritage and country, research, economic development, and developing education and employment programs.

AIATSIS said many of these aspirations urgently required more attention from government, and there was significant progress in

identifying how government could work more effectively in partnership with PBCs.

Mualgal PBC (Moa Island, Torres Strait) Chairman David Bosun said the meeting provided insights about struggles that other PBCs had faced, 'which helped to overcome your own struggles'.

More than 20 PBCs are in the Torres Strait and they have been able to get some land and sea management funding, but they still face administration burdens

placed on PBCs by the Native Title Act.

The meeting highlighted the controversy that has surrounded the long-standing dispute between the States and Territories and the Federal Government over who is responsible for the funding of PBCs. The lack of funding for the management of native title lands is a problem faced by business and governments who want to work with native title holders.

Information sessions were also

provided on the programs of the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Attorney-General, the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations, the Department of Education, Science and Training, Indigenous Business Australia, the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, the Department of Environment and Water Resources, the Department of Communications, Information, Technology and the Arts, and the Indigenous Land Corporation and the programs.

Alum Cheedy, from the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, said 'it was good to talk to government, to talk direct with the relevant departments'.

AIATSIS said the major issue now was empowering PBCs to access government programs and make them work for their communities in a meaningful way.

A key concern raised by PBCs was their desire for independently managing the native title lands they have fought for and how that relates to the native title representative bodies.

Jasmine Campbell, who is employed by the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation, thinks the Federal Government should develop a strong direct relationship of trust and confidence in PBCs.

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Budget program grows



A program that is helping families on Cape York in far north Queensland to manage their budgets expanded last week with the

opening of a new office in Cooktown. Opening the new site, Federal Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said the Family Income Management (FIM) program was a great example of partners working together to help Indigenous Australians and had already proved a success in the north Queensland region.

"The program has gone from strength to strength since its beginning in 2001. It is now delivered to eight communities across six sites in Cape York and provides support for about 700 Indigenous people," he said.

"There are examples of Indigenous people using FIM to help them save for a home, while others have used it to help manage rent payments and meet the costs of private schooling for kids.

"The importance of financial literacy to these communities cannot be understated. It is a fundamental plank to helping build the independence of



Minister Mal Brough with some of the members of the FIM team from around Cape York at the Cooktown FIM office launch. Pictured are Emma Burchill, Ange Nathan, Julie Buchanan, Jenni Gibson, Megan Paulke, Roberta Henning with Zaven, Rebecca Creek, Lynette Liddle, Rhianna Hart with Delanka and Reggie Jackson with Madison. Roberta Henning helped the Minister cut the ribbon officially opening the Cooktown FIM office, in recognition of Roberta and her family recently buying a home in Mossman.

individuals and communities, which can then be used to help deliver better outcomes in housing, health and education.

"Most importantly, financial literacy gives people hope for the future, a means to achieve their goals and objectives for

themselves and their kids."

Mr Brough said the program was working so well in places like Coen, Aurukun and Mossman

Gorge that the Government had committed \$16.6 million over four years to support its continuation on the Cape and to fund two new sites, the first of which is Cooktown and to support other family and financial management programs in the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

He commended Westpac for its work in increasing financial literacy among Indigenous people, and acknowledged the continued support of Cape York Partnerships to FIM.

Noel Pearson, whose Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership supports the program, has previously rejected suggestions that the FIM system takes responsibility away from Aboriginal people.

"Family Income Management is not a community welfare pooling or voucher system but rather, it is about family-budget management – something that mainstream families do because they have the facilities and support services to do it," he said in a 2001 paper.

"It is aimed at building responsibility at the family level, reinforcing family responsibility and encouraging personal income management. And it can be done on a completely voluntary basis."

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"Everyone has been asking me 'whose fault is it?' Who cares whose fault it is? Who's going to do something about it?"

ANZ Bank Chief Executive Officer John McFarlane at last week's launch of the ANZ's Reconciliation Action Plan aimed at helping to close the life expectancy and other gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Unquote

None 'll come, then the lot 'll

Thump 'n' shake the tomato sauce bottle, none 'll come and then the lot 'll. It has been a bit like that in the Tangentyere Council's 20-year quest to get governments to address the appalling living conditions of Aboriginal people in Alice Springs town camps.

There's no problem with 'sauce' – we could all use more of that – but the way and speed at which it is introduced must be handled skillfully. And it may not be worth having if some other essential ingredient has to be sacrificed – the essential ingredient in the current town camps debate being control over land. It is easy for the Federal Government to ask glibly 'Don't you want a share in \$50 million in housing and infrastructure funding to help fix up these godforsaken places?'

Of course the 18 housing associations that make up the Tangentyere Council want a share. But asking them to trade hard-fought-for land tenure for at least 99 years, and compelling them to do so at an uncomfortable speed, is a bit rich if not unconscionable.

So is trying to freeze Aboriginal voices out of the management of any new arrangements. It is certainly in line with the Government's questionable push towards mainstreaming, illustrated most recently by proposals to de-fund urban Indigenous housing organisations, but experience worldwide tells us that the best solutions are those that engage and involve those who suffer the problem most.

It is understandable that the Minister



OUR SAY

is getting antsy. Being a military man, he likes to get in, fix problems and move on. And there's a lot to be said for that; we're all sick of reading and hearing news of overcrowding in crappy housing and disastrous health outcomes.

But this is a complex situation and ultimatums are generally unhelpful when the people on the other side of the table are already pretty much on board.

The Tangentyere Council is not made up of out-of-touch fools. Many of them live in the town camps, and they have welcomed the Federal Government's intervention in what is essentially a Territory Government responsibility. But they are understandably fazed at the 'take it now or leave it forever' approach being taken. An extra few months after 200-plus years of neglect shouldn't be too much to ask.

Talking tough at this point, while perhaps understandable given the frustration that everyone feels, is largely pointless. If a solution that benefits all, not just some, of the 18 town camps can't be found, when Mr Brough moves to a more coveted or senior portfolio or takes up some glamorous diplomatic posting overseas, the people of the Alice town camps will still be mired in poverty.

A Yarn With...



Jessica Mauboy
Singer
Darwin, NT

Favourite bush tucker?
I love kangaroo meat. The first time I tried witchy grubbs, oh my God that was the best.

Favourite other food?
I love my rice and my meat. I am a big meat eater. Get me a T-bone and I'll eat it all.

Favourite drink?
Orange juice.

Favourite music?
I love urban funk.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Soccer and basketball.

Favourite holiday destination?
It would have to be back at home in Darwin.

What are you reading?
I read a lot of Girlfriend, but at the moment I am reading a book called *Body Piercing Saved My Life*, by Andrew Beaujon.

What are you watching?
Rugby League.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
The experience of Australian Idol.

What do you like in life?
Really communicating through music.

What don't you like?
Passing away.

Who would you most like to meet?
Oh my God, Cathy Freeman.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Ernie Dingo and my dad.

Who or what inspires you?
A lot of music inspires, up-and-coming music and also Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston. Just growing and listening to them has really inspired me.

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Creating dreams



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

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Johann Wolfgang Von Goeth once said: "To think is easy. To act is difficult. To act as one thinks is the most difficult." The pleasant walk into town from my fringe camp community to the local cinema in rural Queensland in the 60s and 70s was one of the highlights of the week for me as a youngster.

I was absolutely thrilled to be breathing in the cool evening summer air as I strode with purpose beside all my cousins under the watchful eye of our parents 20 paces behind on the three-kilometre trek into town.

It was problematic for my fringe camp Elders that Indigenous people had to enter the cinema through a damp, unevenly lit alley way with no cover, to shield us on wet evenings, to assume our seats to the extreme front of the cinema.

An extra thick rope hung precariously on metre-high poles parallel to the first 20 rows stood as the permanent demarcation line that blacks dared not cross.

Just so that no uppity blacks got ahead of themselves, the bigoted proprietor ensured there was no ambiguity in his segregation rules by strategically placing reserved slips on all seats beyond the roped-off section.

I never thought to question my parents of the necessity for the white paper slips on seats when the cinema was obviously well below capacity.

I guess I didn't fully comprehend the immense power that the rope and the reserve slips wielded in their aesthetic simplicity until I entered secondary school as a teenager and looked rearwards in search of my white friends from my class.

I suspected that something was amiss but tolerated this draconian practice that I later discovered was ritually enforced

nationally by white men who loathed us, but ironically still found ways to take our money and keep us separated from their people.

I did get to yarn with some of my white friends during intermission, but on most occasions, time was not an ally to me as I waited impatiently in line at the adjacent café to purchase the obligatory bottle of Coke and theatre snacks to gulp down in time for the second half of the evening's entertainment.

On hearing the high-pitched five-minute warning bells, I'd cease conversation with my white friends to return to the cinema through an entrance that had dramatically different décor to theirs.

Once inside, I'd assume my uncomfortable seating and forget the prejudiced ways of others to allow my mind to roam free in the open prairie of a western movie (John Wayne and Clint Eastwood) or the camouflaged dugout of a European war movie (Glenn Ford and Audie Murphy).

It wasn't until Sydney Poitier entered the big screen in *To Sir, With Love* (1967) that I dared to dream of a life away from the despair of racist rural Queensland.

Sir Sidney Poitier KBE (born February 20, 1927), today an Academy Award-winning Bahamian American actor, film director and activist, broke through as a star in acclaimed performances in American films and plays, which, by consciously defying racial stereotyping, gave a new dramatic credibility for black actors to mainstream film audiences in the Western world.

In a classic scene from *To Sir, With Love* Poitier's character Thackeray stresses the importance of self-respect to his students; if they don't care about themselves, they're never going to care about anybody.

Accordingly, he takes them on a field trip to the nearby Victoria and Albert Museum. The school opposes this, anticipating a riot. There is none.

All of Thackeray's students conduct themselves the way he has treated them: Like young adults.

A day later, Thackeray receives a job offer from a local engineering company. After due consideration, he plans to resign from the school following the graduation of the senior class he's been teaching.

The faculty says they'll miss him a lot; after all, Thackeray has accomplished so much with those youngsters in so little time, a feat none of the other teachers dreamed possible.

Pamela asks Thackeray to dance with her at the senior prom, which he does. Later another student, Barbara Pegg (Lulu, in her first film), performs a song she has written with him in mind: *To Sir, With Love*. He is deeply moved by this.

It wasn't until last year when I heard Australian Idol runner-up Jessica Mauboy, a beautiful 16-year-old Indigenous Northern Territory with an amazing voice (who my family thought should have won) sing Lulu's *To Sir, With Love* on television that the movie by the same name flooded my memory of that distant past.

I now listen to that track on Jessica's

recently released album *The Journey* on my car stereo most mornings as I drive to work.

Such is the appeal of that song to me and my family that I'll seek an audience with Aden Ridgeway, Chairman of the NAIDOC Committee, to put in a special request to Jessica to sing that song at the NAIDOC Ball in Darwin on 13 July this year.

Should Jessica perform her wonderful rendition of Lulu's song, I'm sure I won't be the only person from my era sitting in the audience with a few tears in my eyes.

I still have an insatiable love affair with movies and today I get to sample quite a variety of them by accompanying my family to movies: 11-year-old daughter Jayde to her movies *Are We Done With* and *Meet*

questions from the comfort of their theatre chairs and listened intently to the responses of the directors and producers.

For the past 12 months of intensive training and mentoring by esteemed representatives from the Australian Film Commission - Erica Glynn and Catherine Marciniak and expert advice from David Jowsey (ABC TV) and Julie Overton (FFC), I will get to experience that myself when I participate in this year's Message Sticks Festival at the Opera House on the weekend of 4-6 May.

From a creative team consisting of my wife Rhonda (Director), Daryl Sparkes (Producer) and me (Producer/Writer), we were able to produce a 26-minute



Stephen Hagan and wife Rhonda with a prop from *Nigger Lovers*, a documentary written and produced by Stephen and directed by Rhonda. The 26-minute film will premiere at the Message Sticks Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House from 4-6 May.

the *Robinsons*, 14-year-old son Stephen to his movies: *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and *Mr Bean's Holiday*; and *Dream Girls* and *Because I Said So* with my wife Rhonda as well as attending the obligatory action movies: *Blood Diamond* and *300* with my father Jim and brother Lawrence.

Although I've been a big consumer of movies since my fringe camp days back in the 1960s and 1970s in Cunnamulla, it wasn't until 2005 that I got the notion that I would like to try my hand at actually making one.

In May that year, after a highly charged launch of my first novel *One Man's Stand* by Senator Aden Ridgeway at the Sydney Writers' Festival before family and distinguished Indigenous and non-Indigenous authors, I decided to wander around to the Opera House to watch Message Sticks.

Message Sticks is one of Australia's most popular film festivals that is open to the public and allows them to view the world through the eyes of the best Australian and international Indigenous film-makers.

From the moment I saw *Djarn Djarn*, directed by Wayne Blair, and other outstanding short films and documentaries, I was hooked. I loved the informal way host, curator and film-maker Rachel Perkins invited the Indigenous directors and producers on to the stage immediately after the premiere of their films and engaged them about their creative journey.

The audience got involved and asked

documentary with a controversial title of *Nigger Lovers*.

I was lucky in that Rhonda and Daryl have had the experience of seeing their documentaries and films on the small screen previously and were able to assist me in navigating my way through uncharted waters with, I hope, a creditable end product.

Sadly, this year will be tinged with melancholy on the passing of one of Australia's best Indigenous female actresses, Justine Saunders, on Sunday 15 April.

But knowing the artistic crowd Justine has left behind, I'm sure there will be celebrations of a different kind to assist them through the difficult times ahead during the Message Sticks Festival.

Justine was best known for her roles in Fred Schepesi's 1978 movie *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith*, where she co-starred with Tommy Lewis, the 1981 TV mini-series *Women of the Sun*, with Mawuyul Yanthalaway, and the 1986 movie *The Fringe Dwellers*, with Ernie Dingo.

Justine's last acting role was in 2004, alongside Barry Otto in the stage play *The Last Cab to Darwin*.

Both Justine Saunders and Sidney Poitier brought great joy to my life through their wonderful history of acting credits.

I'm sure during the course of their illustrious careers, unlike the Cunnamulla theatre proprietor, they would know first-hand what Johann Wolfgang Von Goeth was intimating when he said: "To think is easy. To act is difficult. To act as one thinks is the most difficult."



ATTENTION NGIYAMPAA NATION

NSW Native Title Services invites people identifying as Ngiyampaa, Ngemba, Wangaypuwan, Wongaibon, Wayilwaan or Wellwan to attend a meeting to discuss native title issues relevant to your country. NTS will present the results of preliminary anthropological and historical research at the meeting.

Date: 5-6th May 2007

Venue: Cobar Services Club
Marshall Street, Cobar

Time: Saturday 9:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am - 1:00pm

If you require details about travel, accommodation or meal assistance please contact the Dubbo office of NSW Native Title Services on 02 6882 5788 or freecall 1800 111 844 by 27th April 2007.



Queensland Government
Queensland Health

Special Invitation
Celebrate Heart Week
Tuesday 1st May 2007
1:00pm to 3:00 pm

At the new Inala Hall (Inala Civic Centre) next to the Inala Library, Cnr of Corsair Ave & Wilraway Pde. Inala Public Information sessions by the Heart Foundation, Queensland Ambulance Service and Community Health.

To confirm your attendance please call Flora or Rose on 07 3275 5333 by Friday 27 April. Free Afternoon Tea Sponsored by Inala Community Health Service (Lifestyle Management Team), Indigenous Health Service and the Alcohol and Drug Service.

TRIP JAYNE

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Stronger Families and
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An Australian Government Initiative

Expressions of Interest

The Lower Great Southern Communities for Children initiative is funded by the Australian Government under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy. It provides an exciting opportunity for the region to build on its existing strengths to deliver positive and sustainable early intervention outcomes for children 0-5 years.

Based on extensive community consultations, a Consortium comprised of the Great Southern GP Network Ltd. and the Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc., is now seeking expressions of interest from incorporated non-government organisations with a proven track record, to deliver the Great Foundations Menu of Options in Albany, and the Great Foundations Menu of Options in Mount Barker in Western Australia. This requires development and implementation of tailored packages for evidence based programs such as early attachment, parenting skills and language and literacy development.

Applicants may apply to provide this service in both Albany and Mount Barker, or one or other of the towns. Applications will be assessed and tenders awarded to ensure that Great Foundations Menu of Options is delivered to both towns. If you feel you have an application of strong merit for only one town, you may care to partner with another organisation for delivery in the second town.

Funding will be for two years, based on the ongoing achievement and review of negotiated milestones.

If you would like further information and documentation, packs will be available in late April. Tenders close 9am Tuesday 5 June 2007.

To register your interest please telephone Robin Surridge: 08 9842 2797 or e-mail: rsurridge@gsgpn.com.au.

Native Title changes now a reality

Native Title and You



By National
Native Title
Tribunal
Registrar
**CHRIS
DOEPELE**

Changes to the native title system proposed by the Australian Government are now a reality.

The Native Title Amendment Act 2007 has been through the final stage of Royal Assent to become legislation.

One of the first changes will be to registration testing of native title claims. This will affect a relatively small number of claim groups, but will need to be done as efficiently and quickly as possible to provide an impetus for other changes to the system.

Under the new laws, as the Native Title Registrar, I will be obliged to apply, and in some cases reapply, the registration test to native title applications.

These applications include those on the Register of Native Title Claims that have never been through the registration test and those which have failed the registration test.

As part of this obligation, I will send a letter to affected claimants, notifying them of their opportunity to amend their claim through the Federal Court.

The Tribunal will work closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative bodies to try to contact the relevant claimants – some of whom may not have had any contact with the Tribunal for several years.

Where claimants are

unrepresented, the Tribunal will make every effort to contact them through native title networks and advertising in the Press.

If you are a claimant whose application may be affected by these changes and you do not receive a letter by the end of May, please contact your representative body or the Tribunal.

Claimants will have to decide whether they want to provide new information to support their application, amend their application in the Federal Court or withdraw their claim.

The Tribunal is able to provide information and assistance to claimants and their representatives.

To progress the registration testing in an orderly manner, tests will occur in a chronological order according to the date on which applications were filed in court.

It is the responsibility of my delegates to registration test all applications affected by the changes within 12 months.

Where an application refers to an area of land affected by proposed future act negotiations, it is a priority. Delegates must endeavour to test these applications within four months.

Applicants who have already been registration tested will not automatically receive a preliminary assessment of their application. This is because they will have already been provided with written feedback from the delegates.

However, they may request a preliminary assessment if they intend to file an amended application which contains substantial changes.

If an application fails to meet the merit conditions set out in the Native Title Act, a delegate must report it to the Federal Court, where a judge will consider whether to dismiss the application or have it struck out. The Federal Court will not make a decision on an application without hearing from the applicants first.

Friendly advice I wasn't expecting



**Ms KOORI
LOVE**

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Don't you just hate it when someone close to you gets a new man and insults you for being single?

The other day I was trying to have a yarn with one of my sistas. No good! All she could do was talk about her new man.

She was telling me about how good-looking he was, how he was really nice, how much better he was than anyone else she had met.

It was great to hear that she had found a nice fella, but I kinda turned off when she began to talk to me with pity in her voice.

"You know ... maybe if you weren't so up yourself, you would find a nice blackfella too," she said.

"Oh no, you didn't!" I thought. I could not believe what she had said!

Imagine one of your sistas, who was single for nearly eight years, who had shared many Saturday nights at your house watching DVDs, turning around and saying that to you!

It is rotten when people suddenly change their whole view of singleness once they get a man.

I can understand that our relationship has changed now that she has a man.

But we used to stick together, we were proud of being single.

Now she's acting all high and mighty just 'cos she snared a man!

It's hard enough being a single woman in a world full of couples and their offspring without being insulted for it.

Couples get many advantages: Holidays are usually based on the price for two people; they can keep each other warm on cold winter nights; and if you reproduce, you get a \$4000 baby bonus. I have never got a bonus for any of my natural bodily functions!

What's an up-herself sista to do?

Of course, me and that one will still be friends. Maybe she was just being honest. Can't hate her for that I suppose. She doesn't hate me for being up myself and she isn't asking me to change.

To her, she was just giving me 'advice'!

Well, even Ms Koori Love can take advice about love. But it doesn't mean I agree with her!

It doesn't matter if you are up yourself or your high expectations may be keeping you from finding a partner. Only you can decide what is good for you, not other people.

If you are happy with your life and are a good person, maybe it's everyone else who has the problem. Maybe they just want to keep you down because they aren't brave enough to be 'up themselves' for once.

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



Stop the violence and vote

We are many in this land. The truth about our numbers has been obscured for many reasons — most of them political.

And we are accomplices in this conspiracy of lies because through old half-dead fears instilled in the minds of our forefathers through the bad old mission days and the bad old reserve days and all the other bad old days, we learned that keeping our heads low and staying out of sight was the best defence.

Well, these are the days of miracles and wonders and it is time that we stood up, stood out, and spoke up and were counted.

The lies about our numbers are because we don't fill out Census forms, mostly because of fear, because we don't live where we say we do for a variety of reasons, we are transient for a wide variety of reasons (some of them cultural, some not), and we just don't vote.

We have literally been playing into the enemy's hands, so to speak, through our continual faith in fear and lies.

Isn't it time instead we put some faith in God the Great Spirit who created us all and gave us our land, and his ways and our culture, and stopped being afraid of what could happen to us? Because it is happening anyway and we are not helping.

Sure, some of you keep your jobs. And sure, some of you keep your houses. But, at what price?

And what example to our children? Are we not a people of integrity? If not, what right



have we to demand to once again rule and govern and administer our land and its bounty?

And how can we ever really go to the United Nations, the world courts, and other outside bodies when we are not representative of our true numbers in this land?

We are not the minority we are represented to be, but the cost in funding alone to any sector of our people when we are unable to produce the true numbers is shocking when viewed from a true perspective.

Take a look at the slice of the pie

Indigenous broadcasting gets in this country, for example.

The smokescreen of lies and deceptions woven over this land to keep the world from truly knowing our plight is all the more shocking when you consider that we are part of the reason for that smokescreen.

And when it all goes 'pear-shaped', we get angry and upset and move to violent protests that seem to justify stronger measures of control against the 'wild Aborigine'.

As the song says: 'Aborigine be free'. Time now to free ourselves of the shackles of our minds and stand up and be counted.

If we register to vote (and you must do it now as the registration laws are changing to make it more difficult to do so), then we will have a massive impact on the upcoming Federal Election.

If we ever do the really unthinkable and put up our own party which we all support, who knows, we may one day see an Indigenous Prime Minister sitting in the Lower House.

And while we all might wonder how much party politics as opposed to corporate giants would have to negotiate with us, we all know our interests have and always will be far different to that of our invader.

Finally, let me say, those who worked to gain our rights as citizens need to be honored in our taking full advantage of those rights.

SHARON LIVERMORE
Kempsey, NSW

Profiting 'white experts'

In response to Jonathan Braun's letter about Louis Nowra's book, *Bad Dreaming*, March 28, 2007, I find myself thinking about Patrick White's novel, *A Fringe of Leaves*, in which the writer insinuates cannibalism by an Aboriginal tribe of a recently deceased member of the tribe, because they were hungry.

Compare this to the journal extracts from Australia's early explorers, in which descriptions of Aboriginal people are incredibly exemplary.

The early explorers, who were the first white men to meet Aboriginal people in various places across the continent, gave detailed and accurate accounts of what Aboriginal people were really like — kind, helpful, honourable, meticulously law-abiding, happy, respectable, sharing and caring etc.

The early explorers were surprised by their un-cavemanlike ways and they documented this.

Writers and researchers should be more responsible if they want to be proud of their

work.

Readers assume that they have done their research and that the writer knows what they are talking about.

Incorrect information creates a lot of damage.

So, when talking about 'the history of violence that has always been a part of Indigenous men', go and have a good look at Aboriginal history and see what you find.

While you're at it, check out the history of violence that has always been a part of white men

and make a stand to do something about that!

Yes, another to join the long line of 'white experts' profiting from a twisted, incorrect version of Aboriginal culture. Isn't there any money or notoriety to be made by telling the truth?

Good on ya, Jonathan, for standing up and talking straight, because even putting the two words 'bad' and 'dreaming' together is deplorable.

TANIA SYRON
Allworth, NSW

Keating speech: Words only

Paul Keating's speech may rate as one of the most memorable, but it is embarrassingly obvious that his words were not powerful enough to move us to action ('Keating speech Australia's most unforgettable: Survey' — KM Edition 398).

His oration injected an immeasurable amount of hope into the hearts of all Australians. Finally, it seemed the rivers of reconciliation would flow.

Fourteen years have passed and the stench

of Aboriginal injustice is as strong as ever.

A visit to any Aboriginal community, remote or urban, reveals the hopelessness and despair that has become the Aboriginal reality of life.

Having been sentenced to lives of oppression, each day is a struggle to find meaning to survive.

The only thing more shameful than being led by a wicked government who wishes to exterminate every trace of Aboriginality is having to share this sacred continent with a

majority of gutless apathetic greedy citizens who hunger, not for justice, but the fattening of their filthy purse.

All the while, our Aboriginal brothers and sisters desperately cling to their fractured Dreaming.

Strangers in a land that is theirs.
When will the nightmare end?

JONATHAN HILL
Minyerri, NT

YOUR POETRY

Our Ancient Land, Australia

This is an ancient land where time stood still and nature ruled supreme; Where the people walked proud and free; Moving with the seasons in perpetual flowing motion that left the land as it should be.

An ancient land that captured its people in the Dreamtime of its days; And nurtured them down through the millennia in the embrace of love.

And who is the primitive? These children of the land? Or those who came after with axes and guns and death in their eyes and heart; And who stained the wattle with the blood of innocents with their coming?

Then this ancient land gave birth in blood, sweat, tears; And agony to a nation, a people who knew it not.

But it is patient, for it is ancient, this land. It waits for their sands of time to run out; And then, it will renew itself! For this is a free land, our ancient land! Australia.

GAIL KAY
Proserpine, Central Qld

Our story, briefly: My sister, Trish Camilleri, was taken from my mother when she was six weeks old and adopted out. We were reunited in November 1984, before our mum was killed with her husband in a car accident in April 1985.

Our uncle Charlie Pearce, Mum's brother, told us of our Aboriginal heritage before he died and we have been on a journey of discovery ever since.

We know we are descended from Sarah Saunders, and our grandmother Emma is a sister to Lyle Munro's grandmother Alice and Lyle has been able to tell us much about the Kamilaroi people we came from and we hope some day it might be possible to meet them.

GAIL KAY

Is Me

The only person that Oppresses me, Is me

The only person that Depresses me, Is me

The only person that Confuses me Is me

The only person that Betrays me Is me

The only person that Can be True to me Is me

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Capital query

In response to Paul House's article (Koori Mail 14 April) 'Connection to Ngambri', I am quite disturbed that Paul would accept the academic interpretations of Ann Jackson-Nakano's work as fact because she states that she 'continues to exercise her right to academic and intellectual freedom in assessing and interpreting the historical evidence' as she sees fit.

When Paul talks of his connection to Onyong, he needs to be mindful of the researched and published works of Canberra historian, the late Lyle Gillespie, and eminent researchers and authors such as Dr Josephine Flood (PhD), a former director of Aboriginal Heritage with the Australian Heritage Commission, and Professor Nicholas Peterson, head of Anthropology at the ANU and a consultant to the ACT Government to review Native Title Claims back in 2000.

Paul would be well advised to also look closer at the original blanket returns of 1834 and 1844, because there are no recordings of Onyong.

It needs noting also that the interpretative evolution Hong Hong (Blanket Return 1834) to Onyong starts in 1995 when Hong Hong becomes Hong Yong, and in 2001 when Hong Yong becomes Onyong in Jackson-Nakano's book, the Kambarri.

As Ngambri group representative, English-born Ann Jackson-Nakano

explained that this region was originally Ngambri, not Ngunawal (Paul House said the name Canberra was from Ngambri, which was misinterpreted as Canberra).

Sadly, claiming a connection to the interpretative creation of Onyong and Noolup through a man known as Henry Williams is highly problematic because there appears to be no known connection to either Onyong or Noolup to Ngambri and/or Ngumal, let alone a connection to Henry Williams.

The NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages does however record the birth of a Henry Williams at Bong Bong/Berrima in around 1837 and that this family moved to the Yass region.

It needs noting that the Henry Williams born at Bong Bong/Berrima was born about the same time as that of a Henry Williams who died in 1921 at Yass, aged 84, would

have been born (probable birth date some time around 1837).

With respect to Paul's ancestors, I would respectfully suggest that he stop this business of changing his family's cultural identity every couple of years (Ngunawal to Ngun(n)awal, Kambarri to Kambarri, Ngambri-Piallago-Molonglo-Namadgi to Ngambri-Piallago and finally Ngambri to Ngambri).

I don't need to remind Paul that the old people know who he is, so he would be well advised to stop promoting interpretative academic assumptions as fact.

Just because you occupied a crib at the old Canberra Hospital, it does not give you sovereignty over Ngunawal Country, nor does it give you the right to rewrite Ngunawal history.

TERRY KIERNAN
Captains Flat, NSW

Time to own up to truth

Regarding Sean's Burke's letter 'How do we become Aboriginal?' (Koori Mail, Edition 396)

Being an Aborigine is the 'spirit of who you are'. It has nothing to do with the appropriation of Aboriginal languages, as my Aboriginal grandfather, taught me with silence and not words, particularly not the language of the oppressor.

It appears that you don't know the real history of this country. The invaders who came here were thieves, liars, hypocrites and parasites.

How can the perpetrators heal the people who have been so blatantly dispossessed?

Why do the perpetrators continue to sanitise and deodorise themselves in church on Sundays?

All those people have ever done is annihilate, rapidly Christianise (the Bible-bashers), segregate (in missions), assimilate, and now force integration.

As Baiame, who is the Spirit of this land, says:

"My black children and those of whom I have adopted I shall advance in spirit, for they have shown me the respect due. But those whom have spurned me, their voices shall die upon the winds. For in this land, they have no God."

Wake up Sean, before it is too late. You people invented weapons of mass destruction, global warming, apart from anything else. It is high time you owned up to the truth.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Busting ... and locked out!

On Saturday 24 March, I was a helper assisting one of the candidates during the NSW elections at the Blackalls Park School.

I had an occasion where I needed to use the toilet facilities inside the hall, and was barred from doing so.

I was totally disgusted and felt discriminated against, when I was told in no uncertain terms by a lady employed by the Electoral Office that the toilets were only to be used by the paid staff of the Electoral Office.

I was there at the polling booth in the heat all day. I am an Elder of the Aboriginal community and even though I only had a minor input into the elections – although a very important one – handing out how-to-vote cards, and might I add, we were all sharing water and moving with the shade because it was so hot. These facilities should have been made available to all workers on the day, not just paid staff.

We all did our bit to help voters on the day, however we were all refused the use of the public facilities.

It was about 3pm when one of the ladies assisting another candidate went into the hall to complain to the Electoral Office lady – that one of her paid helpers walked out and told us

that we could then use the facilities.

To be treated like second-class citizens in our own country this day and age is totally unacceptable.

We could all understand that the school does not leave these facilities to be left opened when there is no school. This stands to reason. But to totally refuse people the use at such a busy time was ludicrous.

My reason for writing to your paper, is not the fact that I am Aboriginal – that is not the point. It is because we all were refused and we need a public apology from the Electoral Office for allowing Elders to be treated in such a disgraceful and disrespectful manner.

I understand that the public school toilets were all locked up at other polling places also. Where was everybody supposed to go? Behind the nearest bush – particularly those that spent all day there?

The electoral staff would have been paid big money for the day and yet they could have made suitable arrangements or had a mobile toilet available for public use (The cost would have been around \$100).

KEN McBRIDE Snr
Toronto, NSW

YOUR POETRY

Untold Stories

A million untold stories exist
Beneath the oppression of this land,
It is shamefully obvious
You refuse to understand.

You steal this sacred shoreline
From the custodians of creation,
Then shape and destroy it
Transforming it into one nation.

You trap your imagination
Then suffocate your soul,
The chains of your oppression
Sadly shine like polished gold.

You don't know what to do
So you continue to buy more,
Your lifestyle and your being
Are the antithesis of tribal lore.

You have shattered our dreaming
And lied about the past,
Despite your occupation,
Our resilience, it will last.

You vilify and abuse
Those who lived here first,
You massacre the land,
Unveiling are irreversible curse.

Now both our families,
Together, we mourn,
The impossibility of freedom
And the terror eternally born.

And what of those untold stories
That lay beneath the land?
Forever they remain,
Lifeless shadows in the sand.

JONATHAN HILL
Minyerri, NT

Bridging

Sydney, 75 years ago
The year of my birth
Built a big bridge across the harbour
Linking north and south
Costing much, deaths, fierce
controversy,
States rivalry, political wilderness,
Yet vision accomplished.
Sunday, 75 years birthday
celebrations
Thousands walking across the Bridge
From many different places, races
Celebrating, happy, friendly sharing,
Flag waving, Australian with
Aboriginal
Our family, walking with the First
People
Who came forty thousand years ago
Living for centuries, at one with the
land
Till white men came.
First people displaced, disinherited,
Herded like cattle, killed, just
surviving
Yet Sunday they came,
Elder blessing Harbour Bridge
Traditional smoking ceremony,
We walked proudly, white, black,
yellow
To heartbeat sounding didgeridoo
Through cleansing smoke, welcoming
all.

JOAN HARCOURT
Sydney NSW (Visiting from
England)

● In dedication to Lorraine Mafi Williams who travelled with her young grandson Albert all the way to the United Kingdom to get funds for her healing centre near Byron Bay. She has since died, but her teachings and the message she brought moved the hearts of many who heard her in Wales and Cambridge.

Don't be sold out

I have always been a strong believer in self-determination, social justice and empowerment for my people.

I live in Brisbane, and started my career on a grassroots Indigenous community level. I went to university and after completion of my degree, went straight into corporate management.

It's true what they say about corporate management – it's a cut-throat, male-dominated, backstabbing business with middle aged grey-haired men who like 'yes' people who make them look good.

I spent two-and-a-half years in a mainstream organisation (one of the leading

providers in aged care within Queensland). It was quite happy to receive Indigenous funding to conduct Indigenous programs and to be seen as 'committed to trying to help Indigenous people' (poor us).

However, they never really understood me, so how could they understand other Indigenous people and/or programs. Their expectation was for Indigenous people to fit into their 'mainstream ways', and when we don't, it all becomes too difficult.

I worked on a dramatically failing Indigenous employment program which had 20 Indigenous staff and 9000 non-Indigenous staff.

Within 18 months I made this program a huge success in recruiting over 100 Indigenous staff. It was driven by my commitment, determination and passion for my people.

This organisation is now a corporate leader in Indigenous employment.

Then, I was bullied and backstabbed, and being the only Indigenous person supposedly in a position of power, and a black woman, resigned after months and months of trauma and stress.

The 'whole-of-government approach' isn't working as we still don't have any rights.

We, as Indigenous people are the experts

in conducting our own programs and knowing what we want for our own communities.

Don't let mainstream organisations or governments tell us what is 'best for us' and/or turn us into 'yes' people.

So, when the going gets tough, don't be sold out, walk away with your head held high, proud to be an Indigenous person who can make a difference to our people. Be true to yourself, never forget who you are and where you came from and always support your own Indigenous community.

TRACEY PICKWICK
Woodridge, Qld

High-flying students at Cranbrook High

I would like to introduce you to eight deadly Indigenous students at my school in far North Queensland (Townsville).

In early February, all Year 7 students vote for positions within the school and their fellow students have to vote for them. They all have to give a speech on why they should be picked.

The Principal has told me that all the Indigenous students' speeches were outstanding.

1 David Williams – School Vice-Captain.

2 Jordan Savage – Kalyara House Captain (Green).

3 Madison Clifford – Kalyara Vice-Captain (Green).

4 Tobias Drahm – Cooradilla House Captain (Blue).

5 Chantelle Smallwood – Cooradilla Vice-Captain (Blue).

6 Celestino Ross – Balara House Captain (Red).

7 Lifou Thaiday – Environmental Club Vice-President.

8 Christopher Nai – Student Council.

We at Cranbrook State School are so proud of those outstanding young students.

TRACEY HOOLIHAN
Indigenous Teacher's Aide
Cranbrook State School
Townsville, Qld

What about Message Stick?

As a reader of the Koori Mail since its first edition in 1991, I was surprised and disappointed to read the article 'Living Black out to raise bar' (28 March 2007).

Karla Grant makes the repeated claim in this article that Living Black is a unique program, that there is 'no other program like Living Black on Australian television'.

She goes on to complain that the commercial TV coverage of Indigenous issues is negative – 'most times they will focus on the riots'.

Hasn't Karla heard of Message Stick, a long-running Indigenous program on the ABC? Once presented by Rachel Maza and now by Aden

Ridgeway, Message Stick brings Indigenous affairs, contemporary and otherwise, into Australian homes on Monday nights and Sunday afternoons.

Is Karla really unaware that another positive Indigenous affairs program exists alongside her own?

Or did she deliberately omit this fact from the article?

Surely, the issues affecting and involving Indigenous Australians are more important than a petty rivalry for TV ratings.

Let's look at the big picture Karla, and be glad you're not all on your own out there!

G. KENNEDY
Coffs Harbour, NSW

Searching for ...

I am urgently trying to contact Roger James Smith. Roger married Miss S Milson and they had four children, Kathy (born 13 October), Leesa (born 26 September), Michael Roger (born 18 February 1974) and Tracey (born 24 February).

We believe that Roger is living in Queensland, near Brisbane. Roger had two brothers called Neville and Ray and two sisters called Barbara and Margaret. We think his mother's name is Ethel.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Roger, please contact me on email lesareed@grapevine.com.au or 02 62514383 as I would like to make contact on behalf of his son and grandchildren.

LESA REED

What does museum hope to find?

After reading the article 'New Hope For Tassie Remains', I'm wondering if someone can tell me exactly what is the British Natural History Museum testing these remains for.

What do they hope to find?

I just don't get it.

TANIA SYRON
Allworth, NSW

Department of Human Services

Kickstart your career and help your community

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is committed to the employment of Indigenous Australians. There is a range of jobs around Australia. To find out more visit our websites listed below.

Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services is about people—improving the development and delivery of social and health related services to the Australian community. To find out more about employment opportunities visit www.humanservices.gov.au

Child Support Agency

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

CRS Australia

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

Centrelink

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

Medicare Australia

Medicare Australia delivers vital health and payment services to all Australians including Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Family Assistance services, the Australian Organ Donor Register, the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register as well as aged care payments for approved aged care providers. To find our jobs visit www.medicareaustralia.gov.au and select 'Careers' from the Quick Links.

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Australian Hearing is dedicated to helping people manage their hearing impairment so they have a better quality of life. To find our jobs visit www.hearing.com.au

Health Services Australia

Health Services Australia is the leading national provider of occupational and travel health services to both government and the private sector. Health Services Australia does not offer APS conditions of employment. To find our jobs visit www.hsagroup.com.au

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



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Just one Knockout is what we need

Searching for ...

Bill Taylor

I am searching for William (Bill) Taylor, originally from Wellington, in NSW. Bill, your daughter wants to contact you. Anyone who knows Bill, please pass this message on. Send me an email at g.humes@swams.com.au or phone on (08) 9791 2779 or free phone on 1800 008 860

GLENDIA HUMES

Chief Executive Officer

**South West Aboriginal Medical Service
Bunbury, WA**

Saul Accom

My name is Tahenya Willmott. This is my adopted name. I am trying to find a family member by the name of Saul Accom.

The last time I heard, he was at the Lockhart River.

If anyone has any information, could they please contact the Koori Mail on (02) 6622 2666.

TAHENYA WILLMOTT

Qld

Contributions welcomed

We welcome your letters and poems. Preference is given shorter items. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

destroying the Knockout.

I see that Northern Rivers has combined to make a great team, picking from Cabbo, Maclean, Coraki, Lismore, Tabulam, and they are very competitive. In turn, I feel this team's standard of play has risen, which means youth have to strive harder in becoming a more complete footballer. From this, our youth could have a better grounding and we could have more of our youth playing in the NRL.

I feel that the NRL was made for our Aboriginal players with their ability, talent, skill, speed and creative talents.

With one strong Knockout, this could be the foundation and nursery for our youth and could lead them to bigger and better things such as the NRL.

With the division of four different Knockouts happening on the same long weekend, I hope that in 20 years, we are not going to have 100 players saying that they won the 2007 Knockout.

Please respond, anyone. Feedback could build interest.

JAKE WIDDERS
Newcastle, NSW



JAKE WIDDERS

As an old Knockout player of 25 years, a player from the winning team of 1980, and then player/coach of the 1986 winning team of the Mighty Narwan Eels, in my time I have watched a lot of great football at the Knockouts in October.

I would like to express my views on this subject and what I feel is happening.

I feel very disheartened that the Knockout may split once again. We need strength to run the Knockout and the division is weakening it each year.

The Knockout started with pride. Players played with heart for their home town and communities. Our children/sons and their children/sons may not ever have the chance to play in one strong Knockout again if we keep going down the track we are on.

If we could have one-town teams, eg, Moree, Kempsey, Newcastle, Armidale, Taree, and Dubbo - and the lists goes on, our players would strive and work hard for the chance just to make these sides.

By adding teams that come in one year and are gone the next, the 'Johnny-come-lately' teams are



Gear up for Local Government Elections

Put October 20, 2007 in your diary as an important date to have your say about your community!

From now on, local government elections will be held every two years on the 3rd Saturday in October. The elections will no longer occur in May.

If you want to make a difference in your community, have a say in local decision-making, vote or stand for election as a councillor in your local government elections.

For more information contact your local government or visit the Department of Local Government and Regional Development's website at www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au

It's your council. Be counted.



**Department of Local Government
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Government of Western Australia

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The business facilitator works from the Redfern-Waterloo Authority office at Level 11, Tower 2, 1 Lawson Square Redfern (old TNT Towers).

Call on 02 9202 9100 to book in a time to see the business facilitator.



**Department of State and
Regional Development**

Brought to you by the Redfern-Waterloo Authority, the Department of State and Regional Development & Eastern Suburbs BEC.

Are you over your head in debt?

More than 80 per cent of the clients who come to the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) need financial counselling assistance.

If you feel that you are in over your head with debt, there are people who can help.

You may be feeling stressed from continuous telephone calls from creditors and debt collectors.

Stay calm and remember, there is help available.

You can contact a financial counselling agency, such as ICAN for assistance. Financial counsellors can help you to work out what you can reasonably pay each person to whom you owe money (your creditors), considering your living costs, rent or mortgage, and all your debts.

Once you have a budget plan in place, you can see where there is money left over to make payments towards your debts.

Doing your budget will also show you areas of your expenses that you may need to cut down on in order to meet your debt obligations.

Having your budget handy is a great way to see where you are at financially.

A budget can also help you to decide what the most serious debts are.

Some debts are more serious than others. Make a list of all the people and organisations you owe money to (they are called your 'creditors') noting what you owe each one.

Sort out your priorities for repayment, remembering the largest debt is not necessarily the most serious.

Talk to your creditors and tell them you want to sort things out. You will probably find them helpful, provided you have a reasonable idea about how to manage the problem.

After all, they want their money and it is in their interest to help you to pay, however long it takes.

The earlier you let them know there is a problem, the easier it may be to arrange a solution.

Offer only what you can reasonably afford to pay, and offer something to each creditor.

Try to cover interest or charges applying to the debt. Ask if the creditor will agree to reduce the interest on the debt until you can get back on your feet. Confirm any agreement in writing.

If you are unable to make your loan repayments due to illness, unemployment or any other reasonable cause, you may apply to your lender or creditor for a hardship variation to your

loan agreement.

However, to make this application, you need to be suffering only a temporary inability and be able to prove that you will ultimately be able to repay the entire loan.

This may mean smaller, more frequent payments during a short period of time. Creditors usually give you a period of one to three months under a temporary hardship period.

It is possible to get on top of your debts. With help from ICAN, good budgeting and cutting down on other expenses, you can work towards a debt-free life.

If you need assistance with managing your debts, contact ICAN on 1300 369 878 (for the cost of a local call) and check out the ICAN website at: www.ican.org.au

An occasional column contributed by the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network based in Cairns, Qld.



Planning a household budget.



ICAN Client Services Officer Tiana Yeatman and her grandma Alice Yeatman discuss the finer points of budgeting.

Photos courtesy of ICAN

National Indigenous Women's Convention 2007

'Women at the Centre'

ULURU

August 8 - 12



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Email: contact@atsiwomen.com
Website: www.atsiwomen.com

It is important to take time every so often to nurture yourself by taking a break from your everyday routine. How does a few days without any cooking, cleaning or family responsibilities sound?

In their place we will provide a program that will ...

Rest your mind
Uplift your spirit and
Satisfy your soul.

We are in for an incredible 5 Days as the Convention plans to address the issues of domestic violence, parenting, substance abuse, sexual abuse and leadership development.

Hosted by the Women's Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, South Pacific Division

THE HEALTH FOOD COMPANY

Sanitarium



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

For this exciting event world leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Dr Ella Simmons, Vice President and Heather Dawn Small, Director of Women's Ministries, will be our special guests.

In addition to presentations by Heather Dawn and Dr Ella, delegates will join work groups that will begin the process of developing strategies to address these issues in their respective home regions.

The Convention will showcase:

- Excellent Speakers
- Dynamic Workshops
- Great Music
- Meeting Old and New Friends
- Exercise and Fun
- Vegetarian Meals

NO CHILDREN PLEASE



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

2007 AGED CARE APPROVALS ROUND INVITATION TO APPLY

The Department of Health and Ageing is inviting applications for:

- 6,811 residential aged care places
- 2,327 Community Aged Care Packages
- 1,566 Extended Aged Care at Home packages (including 666 EACH Dementia packages)
- Capital grants of up to \$39.4 million (including \$12.5 million in Residential Care Grants)
- 30 additional residential aged care places for a service in Alice Springs for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with renal problems.

Separate capital funding is available to support this project

APPLICATION KITS

The 2007 Application Kit includes the 2007 Essential Guide which contains important information about recent Australian Government aged care initiatives; the basis on which your application will be assessed; and a CD-ROM, containing all the approved 2007 application forms.

The Essential Guide also incorporates the 2007 Regional Distribution of Aged Care Places which details the distribution of places within the Aged Care Planning Regions in states and territories for 2007-08 and includes the indicative release of places for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

To obtain an Application Kit, prospective applicants should call the Aged Care Information Line on 1800 509 853. The Information Line is open from 8.30am to 5pm (AEST), Monday to Friday.

Application Kits can also be down-loaded from the Department's website at www.health.gov.au/acar2007

AVAILABILITY OF CAPITAL GRANTS

Capital grants are available to construct or upgrade residential aged care services where the approved provider has a demonstrated lack of capacity to fully fund the required capital works.

APPROVED PROVIDER STATUS

Allocations of places and/or capital grants can be made only to organisations approved under the Aged Care Act 1997. Organisations which need to make an application for Approved Provider status in connection with an application for places and/or a capital grant in 2007 should submit their Approved Provider applications as soon as possible and preferably before submitting applications for places or packages. Information on applying for Approved Provider status is included in the Application Kit.

CLOSING TIMES AND DATES

Applications for:

- Community Aged Care Packages;
 - Extended Aged Care at Home packages; and
 - Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia packages
- must be received within the Department of Health and Ageing by:
- 5.00pm Friday 25 May 2007

Applications for:

- Capital Grant only
 - Residential Aged Care Places only; and
 - Residential Aged Care Places and a Capital Grant
- must be received within the Department of Health and Ageing by:
- 5.00pm Friday 15 June 2007

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Blues & Roots

Story by CHRIS ADELAIDE
Photos by SOLUA MIDDLETON



The 2007 East Coast Blues and Roots Festival ignited what would otherwise have been a cold and wet Easter weekend at the New South Wales holiday town of Byron Bay.

More than 80,000 people packed into the festival site, which after just a day of continuous rain, was already looking more like a sosh pit than a mosh pit.

The festival opened with a traditional dance by the Arakwal people, and once again Indigenous musicians featured strongly.

Indigenous artists performed

alongside international artists such as Ben Harper, Bo Diddley, John Mayer, Ziggy Marley as well as other national artists, including Grammy award winner Wolfmother, Paul Kelly, Xavier Rudd and the John Butler Trio.

Indigenous artists included Jimmy Little, award-winning Kev Carmody, Banawurun featuring Troy n' Trevelyn, and a rare visit from Western Australia's Pigram Brothers.

Alan Pigram from the Pigram Brothers spoke to the Koori Mail at the festival, saying he was having a fantastic time performing what he described as 'earth music' – a mix of harmonies and acoustic-stringed instruments – to a crowd in excess of 1500 dancing fans at the Jambalaya Stage.

Alan said the inspiration for their songs came from artists like Bob Dylan and the lyrics of their music illustrated a lifestyle from back home in the coastal communities of WA.

The Pigram Brothers – Alan, Stephen, David, Colin, Philip, Peter and Gavin – limit themselves to one or two tours a year, preferring to enjoy a life of family and fishing in the Kimberley region.

When asked about the complexities of touring and performing with six siblings, Alan described it as 'not always smooth sailing'.

However, all in all, they have established a 'pecking order' and everyone brings something personal to the music.

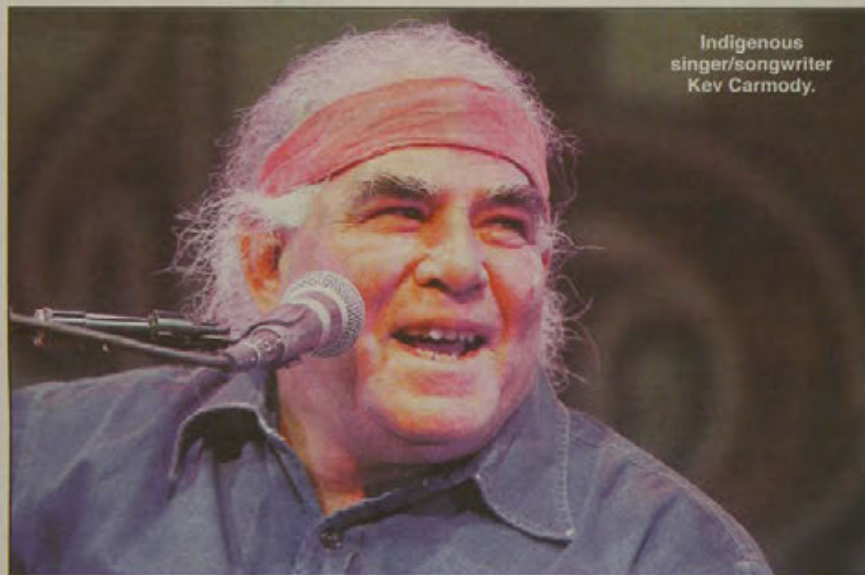
In 2006, the Pigram Brothers were

nominated for the album release of the year (for their album *Under The Mango Tree*) and band of the year at the Deadly Awards.

Also in 2006, the band scored an ARIA nomination for Best World Music Album.

Highlights of the festival included a joint performance of *From Little Things, Big Things Grow*, by Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody, a song they wrote almost two decades ago.

Another highlight was when Xavier Rudd acknowledged and asked the traditional owners of the area to greet the audience before he performed. Traditional Aboriginal dancers accompanied him on stage during some of his songs.



Indigenous singer/songwriter Kev Carmody.



Didgeridoo player Banawurun.



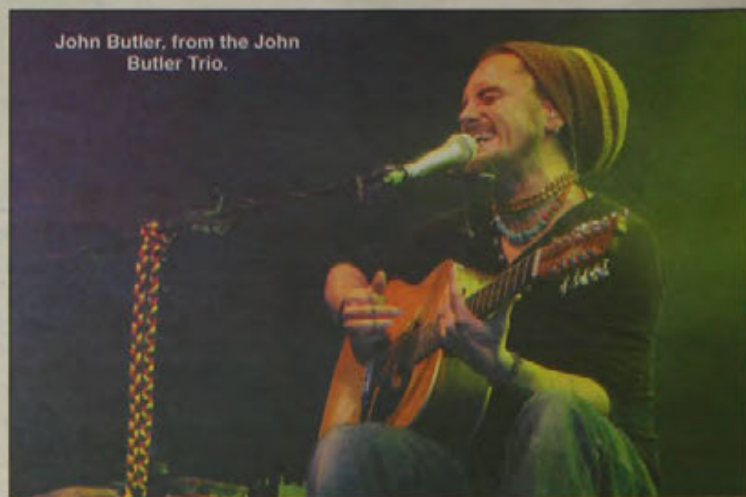
Pigram Brothers frontman Stephen Pigram.



Archie Tanner, from Cairns, was enjoying the Bluesfest line up.



Colin Pigram, left, and Peter Pigram from the Pigram Brothers.



John Butler, from the John Butler Trio.

blast at Byron



The Living Legend
- Bo Didley.



Troy n' Trevelyn who
performed with Banawurun.



Ziggy Marley, son
of reggae legend
Bob Marley.



Gordon and Mandala Pupangamirri, rear left, and their children and friends from Africa.



Stephen
Schnlerer
from the
Dynaflores.



Paul
Kelly.



Blides Festival regular,
Ben Harper.



● LEFT: From left,
Local Arakwal
people Pete Jangala
and Yvonne Stewart
with Melbourne
visitors Debbie
Williams and Ray
Thomas.

● BELOW:
Television presenter
George Negus, who
introduced the
audience to
Banawurun
featuring Troy n'
Trevelyn.



Bunna Lawrie,
from his outfit,
the Bunna Lawrie
Peace Tribe.



Xavier Rudd.



Indigenous governance DVD

The Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre in Western Australia has launched a DVD *Indigenous Governance - Balancing Responsibilities to the Two Laws*.

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations funded Wangka Maya to produce the training resource for Pilbara Indigenous organisations. The DVD is a

compilation of interviews with Pilbara Indigenous leaders on the topic of governance. Copies of it are available through Wangka Maya in South Hedland, phone 08 9172 2344.



New South Wales Department of
Aboriginal Affairs



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LANGUAGE GRANTS

The New South Wales Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) is inviting Aboriginal community organisations to lodge submissions for grants of up to **\$25,000** for community language projects.

The program is aimed at preserving and revitalising NSW Aboriginal languages. The types of projects that are eligible include recording, documenting, teaching and raising awareness of Aboriginal languages across the state.

For further information, detailed selection criteria and application forms, please visit the NSW Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre website at www.alrrc.nsw.gov.au or telephone DAA on 02 9219 0700.

Applications close: 25 May, 2007.

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Torres Strait woman Pati (Patimah) Singe is in the final three on the TV weight-loss contest *The Biggest Loser*. Her sister Vicki said: "I reckon at the end of it all when (Pati) reaches her goal she will be where she wants to be in her life and the world's her oyster after that. If she can achieve that much, she can achieve anything. Go Pati!"



Big Loser Pati is already a winner

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Torres Strait woman Pati (Patimah) Singe has made a dramatic change to her body shape while being a contestant on season two of the television

weight-loss contest *The Biggest Loser*. And now Pati is the last girl standing, after she and her friend Munnalita fell under the 'yellow line' by recording the lowest weight loss over the week and other contestants Chris and Marty 'saved' her so she could join them in the final three.

Throughout the show, Pati has demonstrated enormous strength mentally and physically; other contestants have described her as 'so determined'.

Pati has lost a whopping 35.4kg, which is just under 30 per cent of her total starting weight of 120.2kg.

Her weight, now 84.8kg, is attributed to 11 weeks of watching calorie intake and tough exercise regime.

Her sister Vicki who spoke to Koori Mail earlier in the year said that she was incredibly proud of her sister on the show.

"I am really happy with the way they have represented her. Everybody keeps commenting 'your sister is such a lovely person'," she said.

"Honestly, what you see on the TV is what you get. She can be a bit fiery but she is just a lovely person and I'm so glad that they have chosen to

portray her in that way. I was really worried about that.

"With Pati being the last girl standing, I'm just over the moon. It was just a change of lifestyle that she was after, to get the know-how on counting calories. I think she got to a point where she had to have a shot at this."

Vicki said her sister's remarkable turnaround and attitude towards a healthy lifestyle has also had an influence in the community.

"It is just contagious. I have joined the gym, and am a lot more active. Everyone up here is just starting to get health conscious. It's great and it's the best thing that could have happened really," she said.

"It's silly that it takes someone to do something life-changing like that before the rest of us start thinking about where our lives are headed and where we want to be in the future and health wise."

"I reckon at the end of it all when she reaches her goal she will be where she wants to be in her life and the world's her oyster after that. If she can achieve that much, she can achieve anything. Go Pati!"

But with the final in the next two weeks, Pati will have to work hard to earn a spot in the final two.

Even if she does not make it into the final pair, she does have a chance to take out a prize for the biggest loser of the eliminated contestants.

● *Biggest Loser* screens weeknights on Channel Ten and the grand final will be screened on 26 April from 7.30-9.30pm.

Basketballers spread vital message



Anthony Mundine surrounded by young fans in Darwin.



Darwin mother Ali Mills and family with 'The Man'.

Top basketball but health is the big winner

Photos by ANDREW OLSEN



Top End residents saw some great basketball and received an important health message when the second Hoops 4 Health game was played in Darwin. Organised by former National Basketball League star and Hoops 4 Health founder Timmy Duggan, the game is used as a vehicle to raise awareness about the disease hepatitis-C.

The special celebrity guest this year was again world boxing champion Anthony 'The Man' Mundine, a close friend of Duggan.

Mundine, NBL stars and other celebrities put their weight behind the Hoops 4 Health campaign, attending a series of mini events at the Bagot Community, Casuarina Cinemas and the Darwin Basketball Stadium.

A good crowd attended the actual game, where the Hoops 4 Health All Stars beat the Northern Territory Representative side 104-80. Mundine, a

self-confessed basketball junkie and once recruited by the Sydney Kings, scored 19 points and shared the most valuable player award with All Stars player Verle Williams.

Duggan praised Mundine, saying he always made himself available for the Hoops program.

Hoops 4 Health, established five years ago by the Wuchopperen Health Service in Cairns, is now administered by the Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council.

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Local man David Mununggurr was there with his family.



Lena Thorne with her daughter Moelyn Morgan enjoyed the event.



Darwin ladies at the Hoops 4 Health game in Darwin this month.



Anthony Mundine with Nikki Duggan, left, and Cass Preece.

Wars and Indigenous Australians

Proud Diggers

With Anzac Day upon us once again, we thought it fitting that we chronicle the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who fought for Australia from the Boer War onwards. The information on this page was sourced from the Australian War Memorial's web page encyclopaedia.

Generally, Aborigines served in ordinary units with the same conditions of service as other members. Many experienced equal treatment for the first time in their lives in the army or other services.

However, upon return to civilian life, many also found they were treated with the same prejudice and discrimination as before.

More than 400 Indigenous Australians fought in World War I. They came from a section of society with few rights, low wages, and poor living conditions.

Most Aborigines could not vote and none were counted in the Census.

When war broke out in 1914, many Aborigines who tried to enlist were rejected on the grounds of race; others slipped through the net.

By October 1917, when recruits were harder to find and one conscription referendum had already been lost, restrictions were cautiously eased.

Only one Aborigine who served in World War I is known to have received land under a 'soldier settlement' scheme, despite the fact that much of the best farming land in Aboriginal reserves was confiscated for soldier settlement blocks.

The repression of Aborigines increased between the wars, as protection acts gave government officials

greater control over Indigenous Australians. As late as 1928 Aborigines were being massacred in reprisal raids.

A considerable Aboriginal political movement in the 1930s achieved little improvement in civil rights.

In 1939 Aborigines were divided over the issue of military service. Some Aboriginal organisations believed war service would help the push for full citizenship rights and proposed the formation of special Aboriginal battalions to maximise public visibility.

Others, such as William Cooper, the Secretary of the Australian Aborigines' League, argued that Aborigines should not fight for White Australia.

Cooper had lost his son in World War I and was bitter that Aboriginal sacrifice had not brought any improvement in

rights and conditions. He likened conditions in white-administered Aboriginal settlements to those suffered by Jews under Hitler.

Cooper demanded improvements at home before taking up 'the privilege of defending the land which was taken from him by the white race without compensation or even kindness'.

At the start of World War II, Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders were allowed to enlist and many did so.

But in 1940 the Defence Committee decided the enlistment of Indigenous Australians was 'neither necessary nor desirable', partly because white Australians would object to serving with them.

However, when Japan entered the war, increased need for manpower

forced the loosening of restrictions.

Torres Strait Islanders were recruited in large numbers and Aborigines increasingly enlisted as soldiers and were recruited or conscripted into labour corps.

There were fears that Aboriginal contact with Japanese pearlers before the war might lead to their giving assistance to the enemy. Like the peoples of South-East Asia under colonial regimes, Aborigines might easily have seen the Japanese as liberators from white rule. Many did express bitterness at their treatment, but, overwhelmingly, Indigenous Australians supported the country's defence.

With the Japanese advance in 1942, Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in the north found themselves in the front line against the attackers.

Hundreds of Aborigines served in the 2nd AIF and the militia. Many were killed fighting and at least a dozen died as prisoners of war. As in World War I, Aborigines served under the same conditions as whites and, in most cases, with the promise of full citizenship rights after the war. Generally, there seems to have been little racism between soldiers.

Nevertheless, Aborigines who fought for their country came back to much the same discrimination as before. For example, many were barred from Returned and Services League clubs, except on Anzac Day. Many of them were not given the right to vote for another 17 years.

Once the intense demands of the war were gone, the army re-imposed its restrictions on enlistment.

But attitudes had changed and restrictions based on race were abandoned in 1949. Since then, Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders have served in all conflicts in which Australia has participated.



Australians move up past Hooze to take over positions captured on Broodseinde Ridge on 4 October 1917. It was in this theatre of World War I where Indigenous infantryman Corporal Harry Thorpe was decorated for bravery.

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The World War I battlefield of the third battle of Ypres. Indigenous soldier Corporal Harry Thorpe distinguished himself during the fighting in October 1917 (See Page 4).

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Photo courtesy of the Australian War Memorial.

CMC seeks Qld inquiry submissions



The Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission is calling for submissions to its independent inquiry into policing in the State's remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities.

CMC Director Research and Prevention Susan Johnson says the public inquiry is an opportunity for State Government agencies, police and Indigenous people to work together to help find solutions to long-term problems faced by police and communities in these remote areas.

"Far too many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people come into contact with the criminal justice system, and police are the first point of contact," she said.

"Relations between police and Indigenous people have had a troubled history in Queensland and throughout Australia.

"The CMC is now asking for community assistance and input to help improve police and community relations and to consider alternative policing models."

The Queensland Government has asked the CMC to provide practical recommendations, focusing particularly on:

- Possible changes to policing that will improve relations between the police and people in remote Indigenous communities
- Police practices regarding detention in police custody, including monitoring people in watch-houses and deciding who should do this monitoring
- The best use of State Government

resources in delivering criminal justice services in remote Indigenous communities.

"The CMC is aware that some research has already been carried out in this area. We are taking steps to ensure that we obtain all existing information relevant to our project, and will continue to monitor any further developments," Ms Johnson said.

"We have already met with some Indigenous leaders on Thursday Island and will continue to consult with key stakeholders through face-to-face meetings, over the telephone and through written submissions.

"The CMC will visit remote communities for discussions with community members and police, and we expect to hold public hearings in Brisbane and Cairns later this year."

The call for submissions is being

advertised in major centres across Queensland and a toll-free telephone number (1800 061 611) is available for the inquiry. Submissions need to be received by Friday 1 June 2007.

They should be faxed to (07) 3360 6333, marked 'CMC Inquiry into Policing in Indigenous Communities', or emailed to indigenouspolicing@cmc.qld.gov.au or posted to CMC Inquiry into Policing in Indigenous Communities, GPO Box 3123, Brisbane, Qld, 4001.

An issues paper containing information about the main areas of interest to the inquiry, as well as advice on how to prepare submissions, is available from the CMC reception desk, or can be downloaded from the CMC website: www.cmc.qld.gov.au

WA camp decision attacked



Former members of a troubled Perth Aboriginal camp have vowed to fight a Federal Court ruling that they were not racially discriminated against when forced from their homes by the camp's closure. The Swan Valley Nyoongar camp, led by high-profile Robert Bropho, was shut down by the West Australian Government in 2003 after an inquiry found child sex abuse was rife at the site.

Mr Bropho's daughter, Bella Bropho, launched legal action, claiming the legislation which forced them from the camp – the Reserves Act 2003 – was inconsistent with Commonwealth racial discrimination laws, and therefore invalid.

Ms Bropho wants the former inhabitants of the community – about 40 people, half of them children – to be allowed to return to the camp, as well as damages from the State Government.

But on 13 April, Federal Court judge Justice Robert Nicholson rejected the action, saying the Reserves Act was 'reasonable, proportional and legitimate in the circumstances'.

"The alternatives, such as a memorandum of understanding or utilisation of the criminal law, had been proven to be impracticable," a written summary of the judgment said.

The Reserves Act was in the public interest and consistent with racial discrimination law, Justice Nicholson found.

Mr Bropho, himself convicted of molesting a teenager at the camp, said the legal fight would go on until they were allowed to 'go home'.

"We're looking at going to the High Court of Australia and I'm starting to move over the ocean to the United Nations," Mr Bropho said.

Bella Bropho, who lived in the camp for over 20 years, described the decision as a 'slap in the face'.

"It's very heartbreaking for us," she said. "I'm really angry about the decision and it seems the Government always get what they want."

"(But) we're never going to stop fighting."

Vested to the Nyoongar people in 1994, the camp was repeatedly the subject of rape, child sex, violence and substance abuse allegations.

It also was allegedly the site of suspicious deaths, including that of 15-year-old Susan Taylor, who was found hanging in a toilet block in February 1999. A coroner found she had likely taken her life after years of sexual abuse and sniffing solvents.

Former WA Premier Geoff Gallop had labelled the community 'a place of ruin and despair', and said the closure was to prevent more people dying there.

After Justice Nicholson's decision, State Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts said the decision to close the camp was never about race.

"Closing the camp was the only way to bring to an end the violence, fear and intimidation that had become entrenched in the community," she said.

"This camp was a blight on the community – regardless of it being Indigenous or non-Indigenous, it deserved to be closed."

The WA Government plans to convert the camp into an environmental park, a recommendation made in late 2003 after extensive consultation with the Nyoongar community.

The Minister said the park plan would be developed to respect Aboriginal heritage and culture, as well as to complement existing environmental recreational facilities nearby, at Whiteman Park and Bennett Brook. A visitors' centre, an arts and crafts centre, and parkland developed with guidance from an Aboriginal Custodian Committee, are proposed for the environmental park. – AAP



Survival Espresso Bar operators Margaret Roberts and Bonnie Briggs.

Survival cafe opens in heart of Redfern

By NANCIA GUIVARRA



A big crowd gathered for the recent opening of a new Aboriginal cafe

in the inner-Sydney suburb of Redfern.

Guests at the opening of the Survival Espresso Bar spilled out onto one of Redfern's main streets.

New State Minister for Fair Trading, Youth and Volunteering, Canterbury MP Linda Burney, did the official honours.

The Survival Espresso Bar is the business venture of Gamilaroi woman Bonnie Briggs, from Moree, and partner Margaret Roberts, of the Yuin nation of the NSW south coast.

Both women left full-time university to start the business and are positive about its future.

Ms Briggs says that she and Ms Roberts had heard that the owner of the building, long-time Redfern AMS GP and well respected community member Dr Mick Asher, was searching for 'the right people' to operate an espresso bar in the premises.



Uncle Merv Bishop and Dr Mick Asher at the cafe opening.

At the opening Dr Asher was humble about his role, saying he was grateful 'to be accepted in the community', but he believed he had received more from the community than he had given.

The Survival Espresso Bar, on the corner of Renwick and

Redfern streets in Redfern, sells coffee, cakes, foods, gourmet salads and wraps. It will cater for functions, meetings and events, and local artists will be invited to hang their work on its walls. For more information, call the operators on (02) 9698 4784.

WA lawyer returns to country



The Kimberley region in Western Australia has a new lawyer who is no stranger to the region.

Having recently been admitted to the Supreme Court at a ceremony in Perth, Corina Martin has returned to Broome where she is working as a lawyer with the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA).

Originally from Broome, Ms Martin has been with ALSWA since 2004, when she began working as a court officer in Halls Creek during her final unit in law at Murdoch University.

Having since worked out of the Broome and Perth legal service offices, she says she is thrilled to be back in the Kimberley, where she feels right at home.

Her grandmother was from the Kija region, grandfather from the 'FX' region, and her mother was born at Beagle Bay.

"I am excited to be back in Broome, but I won't only be working in Broome, but throughout the Kimberley," Ms Martin said. "I am a strong person who is not afraid of sticking up for what's right and just, and many of our people are treated so badly and inhumanely. I'd like to see more Aboriginal people achieve equal standing within society."



Lawyer Corina Martin at work for the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia.

WA Aboriginal Legal Service Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington says he is proud of the achievements of Ms Martin

and said a long-term goal of the service was to see more Aboriginal people become lawyers and then work back in

the region where they came from.

"I'm very aware that Corina is thought of highly throughout the

Kimberley region and we're very proud to have her working with ALSWA," said Mr Eggington.

The significant ceremony of being admitted to the Bar late last year was made even more memorable because the experience was shared with her cousins, Kristy and Kim Axford, who work for the WA Director of Public Prosecutions.

"We studied at uni together, graduated together and got admitted together. I am proud of them," said Ms Martin, who now holds a 12-month restrictive practice certificate.

As she looks ahead to a long career in law, Ms Martin is firmly focused on working with local people to ensure they are treated fairly and have an understanding of their legal rights.

"I find the law fascinating and I hope I will be able to assist the Aboriginal community in any legal matters that I am able to deal with," she said.

Ms Martin said she also looked forward to seeing interpreters working in courts throughout the State.

"All courts should have interpreters because the system takes for granted that Aboriginal people understand what is happening in the court system," she said.

For others thinking about embarking on a career in law, she says 'go for it!'

New campaign for Sorry Day



The National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) has launched a campaign aimed at highlighting the ongoing denial of

justice and equity to members of the Stolen Generations, their families, communities, nations and descendants.

The *Stolen Generations Track Home* will be made up of red, yellow, black, white, blue and green recyclable plastic footprints available from the NSDC. The committee is encouraging all Australians to plant the footprints in gardens, school grounds, parks, along roadsides and at Sorry Day (26 May) and reconciliation events.

The NSDC's Indigenous and non-Indigenous Co-Chairs, Helen Moran and Tiffany McComsey, say the *Stolen Generations Track Home* will be symbolic and representative of a new 10-year commitment to fulfil the 54 recommendations of the Bringing Them Home (BTH) report by the year 2017.

"On the 10th anniversary of the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report, the NSDC is inviting each Australian to plant the *Stolen Generations Track Home* all over the country," Ms Moran and Ms McComsey said. "What we as Australians create now will be looked back on in our nation's future.

"The *Stolen Generations Track Home* is the symbolic representation of the thousands of silent and unseen tracks of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken away under the forced removal policies.

"The moment of removal of the first stolen child was the birth of the first step in these ghostly tracks that are stamped all over the land of Australia, that linger silent and strong."

The *Stolen Generations Track Home* is based on the Stolen Generations Dreaming Track initiative of the Journey of Healing ACT in 2006, but also adopts the colours of the Torres Strait Islander flag as well as the Aboriginal flag.

Still waiting

The NSDC says that the Federal Government has committed only \$116 million in the decade since the Bringing Them Home report was released.

"There are still 52 recommendations of the Bringing Them Home report that have not been fully implemented," said Ms Moran and Ms McComsey. "We must ask: Where has the money gone? Why are the Stolen Generations still waiting for justice?"

Well over one million Australians showed their support for the Stolen Generations and the BTH report by

signing Sorry Books and walking bridges.

"It is time to do more than walk and sign Sorry Books. At the State and Territory level, Tasmania is the only State that has realised some form of monetary compensation for the Stolen Generations of Tasmania," the Co-Chairs said.

"All States and Territory Governments have apologised to the Stolen Generations of their individual States and Territories, but that is not enough.

"Link-Up programs are under resourced. Too many Stolen Generations members are still waiting to go home. The Bringing Them Home counsellors and social and emotional well-being programs are not benefiting all Stolen Generations. Much more needs to be done."

The NSDC is also inviting individuals, groups and organisations of the Stolen Generations to register 'Certificates of Promise' to identify particular recommendations that they pledge to fulfil by 2017.

Those who do manage to fulfil their promises will be eligible for 'Certificates of Fulfilment'.

For further information on NSDC activities, including ways for schools and other education facilities to become involved, go to www.nsdcc.org.au or contact Helen Moran on 0413 246 470 or Tiffany McComsey on 0412 391 746.



Indigenous Co-Chair Helen Moran with footprints from the 2006 Stolen Generations Dreaming Track in Canberra.

The Dreaming Track has developed into the Stolen Generations Track Home in 2007 and has been expanded to include the colours of the Torres Strait Islander flag as well as the Aboriginal flag.

Women to gather in Perth



About 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from around Western Australia will be in Perth next month for a ground-breaking Indigenous women's gathering focusing on 'Strong Women, Strong Children, Strong Future'.

The WA Indigenous Women's Gathering being held at the University Club at the University of WA from 9-11 May will mark the first time an official statewide gathering has been led by Indigenous women for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

The program has been developed by Indigenous women to reflect topics that are relevant and authentic for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, with funding and administrative support provided by

the Office for Women's Policy.

WA Indigenous Women's Congress Chairwoman Helen McNeair said guest speakers over the three days would include Elder Joan Winch and Dr Cheryl Kickett-Tucker.

"We're expecting Indigenous women

and non-government organisations," said Ms McNeair, who also is a member of the gathering working party.

"The Minister for Women's Interests, Sue Ellery, has also agreed to address the gathering."

Recommendations from a post-report

and New Zealand Ministers Conference on the Status of Women (MINCO) in Hobart during August.

"We all have a different story to tell and a unique set of challenges in our respective communities to bring to the forum," said Ms McNeair.

"Yet we also share many of the same concerns and challenges that need to be heard through our collective voice and lead the way in achieving real change for ourselves, our children, families and communities."

Registrations for the gathering are being co-ordinated by the Office for Women's Policy. Inquiries and/or bookings can be made by contacting Saemah Wade on (08) 6217 8211, freecall 1800 199 174 for country callers, or by emailing womensgathering@dcd.wa.gov.au

'We're expecting Indigenous women from communities across the State and covering a range of different age groups to be here for the event' - Helen McNeair

from communities across the State and covering a range of different age groups to be here for the event, including representatives from women's groups, government agencies, community and Indigenous organisations, support groups

will be presented to the delegates and the WA Premier through Ms Ellery. The report will also be presented at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Gathering in Adelaide later in May and the Commonwealth, State, Territories

Descendance's Dubai dash



Descendance, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance company, last month made a

last-minute detour to Dubai from Hawaii. During its three-week Hawaiian tour, the company received a late call to fly to Dubai, in the Arab Emirates, to launch Etihad Airline's new direct flights to Sydney. Etihad is the national airline of the United Arab Emirates.

The only problem for Descendance was that it needed to fly half-way around the world in two days to make the launch on time.

Hawaii is already almost a day behind many parts of the world, so the dance company needed to fly west to gain time. The troupe finished a gig on the island of Kauai and made a dash to Honolulu to make a connecting flight to San Francisco that same night.

From there the group flew to Amsterdam and finally landed in Abu Dhabi, near Dubai, to make the launch just on time.

Descendance said the show was well received. Many in the audience had never seen



Descendance with the Australian Youth Orchestra in Dubai.



Goombiar Wylo with the 'Sheik of Tweek' in Dubai.

Indigenous culture from Australia.

The group then spent a week relaxing in and enjoying Dubai before returning to Sydney.

Descendance music artistic director Jose Calarco said Dubai was a glimpse into the future.

"It is the world's fastest growing city. It is renowned for its

sand, sun and shopping. The population is 2.5 million," he said.

"It was once a tranquil town of coral-and-gypsum courtyard houses built by Persian traders.

Palm-frond huts housed Bedouin fisherman and pearl divers.

"Today, shiny new skyscrapers reflect the mosques and wind towers of Old Dubai."



Dion Drummond with an Etihad Airlines flight attendant at Sydney airport.

Hawkesbury Nepean community meeting 3rd May 2007

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites the Aboriginal community to discuss a range of natural resource issues in the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment. The community meeting will run between 10am - 12pm at HNCMA's Windsor office (68 Mileham Street, South Windsor). RSVP to Paul Houston on (02) 4587 0061, by 1st of May 2007.

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Garnduwa will be hosting the State Indigenous Women's Leadership Workshop on the 26-30 August 2007, in Broome.

The workshop is based on developing leadership skills & qualities for indigenous females, with an emphasis on contributing these skills to their communities.

Applications are now being sought and close Friday 25 May 2007. If you require further information or would like an application please contact Ms Layla Yu on (08) 9192 2333 or via email broome@garnduwa.com.au



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Perspectives on the 1967 Referendum



Campaign reaches New York



Press Secretary to four prime ministers, Robert Menzies, Harold Holt, John Gorton and William McMahon, Tony Eggleton here recalls some of the ways Harold Holt's understanding of Indigenous issues came to change, including one memorable meeting at New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Looking back through a prism of 40 years of politics, the 1967 Referendum and the resulting Constitution Alteration (Aboriginals) Act 1967 is a highlight that comes readily to mind.

It was an outcome to savour, politically and socially. Not only was it Australia's best ever referendum result, it also raised the prospect of a better deal for Aboriginal Australians.

Reflecting on the past four decades, there is cause for disappointment that the road has been so slow and tortuous. Nonetheless, at the time, the Referendum result was a refreshing and encouraging pointer to a fairer and brighter future for the first Australians.

Harold Holt had succeeded Sir Robert Menzies in 1966, and among the new Prime Minister's priorities were closer relations within our region and relaxation of the 'White Australia' policy. Referenda were on the agenda, but Harold decided to postpone these until the following year.

There is always scepticism about constitutional changes, and the record of success in Australia was not encouraging.

Before engaging in a referendum campaign, he decided it was more prudent to settle into his new role and to cope with the 1966 Federal election.

The need for action in respect of Aboriginal people was being strongly and effectively promoted, but initially Harold and many of his Cabinet colleagues were cautious and sometimes ambivalent. The Prime Minister was not overly confident about the likely outcome of the Referendum.

He did not express public concern but privately, reflected on the difficulty of overcoming public antipathy to constitutional reform.

The PM began expanding his contact with Aboriginal representatives and assessing the Federal initiatives that would be of most value to the Aboriginal people.

While on a mission to New York, he took a keen interest in an Aboriginal delegation visiting the United States. He asked me to arrange for Charles Perkins



Former Prime Minister Harold Holt visiting Australian war troops.

and his colleagues to call on him at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

I had the pleasure of escorting the visitors to the PM's suite and, after the meeting, it was evident that Harold's focus on Indigenous issues had been further sharpened.

In the event, the Referendum on 27 May 1967 returned a 'Yes' vote of over 90 per cent and it remains Australia's most successful referendum result.

Harold Holt was surprised and pleased by the degree of support, and began looking in more detail at ways in which the Federal Government could most constructively and positively move forward.

He set out to extend further his first-hand knowledge of Indigenous issues and to expand his personal appreciation of Aboriginal history, culture, and aspirations. There were visits to Aboriginal communities and more consultations with Indigenous leaders, including Charles Perkins.

As a concrete step, he established a Council for Aboriginal Affairs, and decided to take direct responsibility by placing the Office of Aboriginal Affairs in his own department.

Over a period of just a few months, Harold Holt had come a long way in crystallising his thinking on Aboriginal policies, and in his personal commitment.

We discussed this many times as we travelled around Australia and internationally. In the second half of 1967, he actively sought the advice of public servants and politicians with closer knowledge of Aboriginal people like Nugget Coombs, the Director of the new Office of Aboriginal Affairs Barrie Dexter, and MHR Bill Wentworth.

In planning the Government's programs for 1968, Indigenous affairs was moving up the list of domestic priorities, alongside international concerns such as Australia's role in the world, the Vietnam war, and engendering a renewed British and European interest in the Asia and Pacific regions.

Harold rang me from his Portsea house on the morning of Saturday 16 December to confirm arrangements for a news conference to be held in Melbourne the following week. He intended using this as a forum to reflect on the past year and to outline his agenda for 1968.

Sadly, this chapter was not to be written. His accidental drowning at Portsea the following day, Sunday 17 December, meant that it was to be left to others to build on the opportunities flowing from the Referendum.

In referring to the PM's attitude to Aboriginal affairs, Bishop Tom Frame wrote in *The Life and Death of Harold Holt*:

Whatever Holt's reasons, and genuine concern and empathy were among them, he had taken the initiative and shown his determination to improve the well-being of Aboriginal people.

Harold would be disappointed that, after 40 years, there is still so much that needs to be done.



Harold Holt (left) at a press conference in the United States. Tony Eggleton is seated next to Mr Holt.

Youth hooked on fishing program



A Commonwealth-funded Indigenous youth fishing program called 'Catch N Cook' has kicked off at Captain Cook's landing site at Botany Bay National Park, just south of Sydney.

Twenty-five youths from Aboriginal communities across NSW, including Brewarrina and Dubbo, are staying at Kirinari Aboriginal Hostel during the six-week school term fishing program.

Koori Communications and Training Director Peter Cooley said the Catch N Cook fishing program not only taught youth the practical skills on how to fish but showed them a little bit about how Aboriginal people used to do things before and after Cook's arrival.

Mr Cooley grew up in the Aboriginal community at La Perouse, on Botany Bay, where many families used to gather food from the sea and cook it up in pots on fires built next to the ocean.

"We only ever caught enough fish to feed our family so I teach youth today the principles of sustainable fishing, which is how our community has always fished," he said.

"I teach the youth to be proud of their culture and but also the need to adapt to things as they are today. For example, our people used spears as one method of fishing, but today fishing rods are used."

"I also teach them the importance of working together and co-operation as an important part of the program."

Mr Cooley said he was playing on the wording 'Captain Cook', when he came up with the name Catch N Cook in Botany Bay for the name of an Indigenous fishing



Participants in the Catch N Cook Indigenous Youth Fishing Program being held at Botany Bay, Sydney.

program. "I tell the kids at the beginning of the program that us Kooris from La Perouse sometimes get a hard time from other Aboriginal communities who say we're the ones that let Captain Cook in," he said.

Koori Communications and Training has been funded by the Australian Government through the Recreational Fishing Community Grants Program to run the Catch N Cook program in 10 centres around NSW.

Mr Cooley is also the NSW Indigenous representative on the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing (ACoRF), and would like to hear from Aboriginal people with issues about recreational fishing in NSW. He can be contacted on 0404 134 655.

Single TSI council proposal blasted



A proposal to establish a single regional local government authority in the Torres Strait as part of the Queensland-wide local government reform package has met with community anger.

Queensland Local Government and Planning Minister Andrew Fraser said last week that the 'super council' was in accordance with the outcomes of a review of the legislation for community governments in the 17 Torres Strait Island councils, which began in 2005.

Mr Fraser said local government in the Torres Strait had already undergone a review and the results of that review would be implemented.

"The single regional local government will be in addition to the Torres Shire Council and will replace the existing 17 island councils," he said.

"This single authority will be complemented by the establishment of 17 community boards representing the 17 existing Island communities."

However, the Torres Strait Island Co-ordinating Council, an umbrella organisation of the 17 local government councils in Torres Strait, said it was a very sad day for the people of the Torres Strait outer island communities.

"The announcement by Andrew Fraser sends chills through the people of our region," Island Co-ordinating Council Chairwoman Margaret Mau said.

"This announcement was

request to consider the application of the Size, Shape and Sustainability (SSS) background paper drafted by the Local Government Association of Queensland that was being applied to all local government councils in Queensland.

"The 17 Torres Strait outer island community councils and the ICC resolved to work with the State Government to negotiate 'agreed reform' recognising that tighter financial

months to investigate and discuss governance options for the Torres Strait Community Councils."

Mr Lau said the response from the department during this time was positive and encouraging.

"It now appears to have been a waste of time and we have been duped, and this was not 'a negotiated process'," she said.

"The SSS process was aimed at local government councils which we are not, however we took this opportunity to research, identify and voluntarily implement a more robust and agreed model using the SSS paper as a template."

"In early May, Queensland Indigenous councils are scheduled to attend a two-day workshop in Cairns chaired by the Department of Local Government. We were led to believe that the workshop was to discuss future governance arrangements and proposed State policy."

"The workshop will now be a one-sided affair. Any announcement on these matters would have been appropriate on the conclusion of this workshop."

'The reckless actions of (Minister Fraser) and the 'one-size-fits-all-mentality' of this Government have me deeply concerned'

— Co-ordinating Council Chairwoman Margaret Mau



made without any prior communication to the councils or the ICC with regards to the decision, or providing a draft blueprint of the State Government framework."

Mrs Mau said that in 2004 the Department of Local Government implemented the Governance Green Paper Review of Torres Strait Councils. Additional to the Green Paper Review was the

controls were needed and strengthened regional asset-services are required to achieve critical-mass efficiencies for sustainability," she said.

"In the genuine spirit of co-operation, delegations from the ICC met with the Minister, his Director-General and various officers of the Department of Local Government on several occasions during the past 16

They're set to rock at The Block



After the success of Rock the Block in 2006, the Redfern Aboriginal Housing Company in Sydney says it is ready to make it happen again next month.

Organisers say Rock the Block '07, scheduled for Saturday 5 May, will feature more deadly, young performers and household names, performing to raise money for the housing company's women and children's dance studio, being built at the Tony Mundine Gym.

While the partly-built studio space has already yielded some of its desired results, more funds are needed to achieve the goal of nurturing the involvement and confidence of Aboriginal youth in the community. Immediate needs include installing air-conditioning, fixing the floor and funds to hire dancers and artists to run programs.

This year's Rock the Block line-up will feature noted Indigenous artists such as Emma Donovan, Maya Jupiter and McTrey, Wire MC and the return of Dr Greenthumb.

The first half of the day will also feature local young performers in the spirit of Youth Rock the Block, which was held in October last year and helped to form the Indigenous teen trio 'Sarcasm', who have collaborated with 'Andorra' to produce the youth theme song for this year's event.

The event also hopes to incorporate a market day and film-festival, which was a highlight of last year's event, with the support of the Film Commission's Blackscreen Unit.

Rock the Block starts from 11am in Redfern. For details, contact Tracey on (02) 9288 5717.

Awards 'KIC' along for young people



Talking to young Bundjalung woman Vivienne Roberts, it's easy to see what led one of her high school teachers to nominate her for a Kids in Community (KIC) Award a few years back.

Now working as a university enrolment services officer in her home town of Lismore and studying for a teaching degree, Vivienne is inspirational in her own achievements and her enthusiastic support for other Indigenous young people.

The KIC Awards cover the Summerland region of northern NSW and recognise support by

and for young people. They highlight positive actions being taken by young people, often overcoming difficulties relating to family, culture, isolation, health and disability.

There are a range of categories, including peer support, community support, homeless youth support, mentors, role models and one specifically for Indigenous youth support.

Vivienne has won not one, but two KIC awards; the first while a Year 12 student at Kadina High School and the second as a member of the local Ngamahl Goori Youth Group which promotes reconciliation

and youth involvement in community.

The nomination for her first award came from her English teacher who was impressed by Vivienne's membership of the school's student council, her active involvement in numerous sporting teams, and selfless support for her school peers and younger Aboriginal students.

Vivienne says it made her feel good to be nominated and to win, and she's keen for other young Indigenous people to experience the same flush of pride by either nominating or being nominated for the 2007 KIC Awards.

"I know what the kids will be

going through," she said. "I understand that some kids get too 'shame' to be recognised for what they do."

"But I didn't think I would end up working where I am. I hated school and for me to want to go back and teach surprised me but I'm really enjoying my university studies."

Vivienne said she was one of just three Aboriginal students of her age in the school to complete Year 12.

"A lot of Aboriginal students had peer pressure to drop out; no-one in their family had gone past Year 10," she said.

"You've just got to get out there and show people that you

can 'do it', that you are talented."

Nominations for the 2007 KIC Awards close on at 5pm on Friday 18 May.

The winners will be announced at a presentation ceremony at the Lismore Workers Club on the evening of Tuesday, 26 June.

For more information on the awards, including nomination forms, go to www.kic.com.au.

New to the general KIC Awards this year will be the Kids in Community - Media Reporting on Youth Awards acknowledging the important and powerful role of the media in influencing public opinion about young people and youth issues.



From left, Vivienne Roberts, KIC President Cheryl Woodlands and Jess Webb at the launch of the 2007 KIC Awards. Jess, 18 and originally from Katoomba, in the NSW Blue Mountains, is studying science at university and aims to get into medicine next year. Both Vivienne and Jess won KIC Awards as members of the Ngamahl Goori Youth Group, which encourages reconciliation and youth involvement in community.

Rock art sites found west of Sydney



Experts have discovered what they say is some of south-east Australia's most culturally significant Indigenous rock art in a remote area of the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney.

Located in the Wollemi National Park, the rock art sites include white hand stencils and charcoal drawings of human figures and animals.

They also feature representations of Eagle Hawk, who Aboriginal people believe created part of south-east

Australia's landscape, and ancestral beings Baiame and Daramulan.

The sites were discovered late last year by a team of archaeologists, Indigenous people and bushwalkers led by Griffith University professor Paul Tacon.

But Professor Tacon said the significance of the sites had only been realised after further study.

"No other rock art site in south-east Australia depicts all the key ancestral beings in the one place," he said.

"The site contains more than any

other in the country.

"Due to the area's remoteness and rugged terrain, people in ancient times could not live there for long periods of time, suggesting they would make pilgrimages to the area because of its spiritual importance."

Teaching area

The sites had also been identified as a teaching area, with evidence males and females of all ages visited there.

Professor Tacon said rock art was most commonly found in northern

Australia and the discovery in the Blue Mountains confirmed south-east Australia still had strong links to Aboriginal culture and art practice.

"With all the change that has occurred in the greater Sydney region, it has been felt by some people that Aboriginal culture has been lost," he said.

"But this find ... strengthens our links to this ancient civilisation."

"We believe this is just the beginning of what is out there and are excited about the future possibilities of what our work could uncover." - AAP

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University honour for great Aboriginal performer

Doctor Jimmy Little!

AUSTRALIAN Catholic University (ACU National) has awarded Indigenous performer Jimmy Little with its highest honour, Doctor of the University (Honoris Causa), at the first of its 2007 Brisbane graduation ceremonies.

More than 600 students from ACU National's Brisbane Campus (McAuley at Banyo) graduated in two ceremonies at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, with Dr Little performing two songs as part of his occasional address to graduates at the morning ceremony.

ACU National Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Sheehan said Dr Little had achieved 'legendary status' within the Australian community for his work on and off the stage.

"James Oswald Little's musical career spans more than 50 years and has seen him inducted into the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) Hall of Fame, achieve gold record sales, headline at the Sydney Opera House and perform at the invitation of the late Pope John Paul II and Queen Mother, among numerous other achievements," Professor Sheehan said.

"Importantly, Jimmy has used his fame as a platform to selflessly champion improved health and education outcomes for Indigenous people.

"His teaching and mentoring work at the Eora Aboriginal Education Centre in Redfern (Sydney), his ambassadorial roles with the Fred Hollows Foundation and Kidney Health Australia, and his stewardship of the Jimmy Little Foundation – which promotes better health in remote Indigenous communities – have earned him many accolades, including an Order of Australia Medal in 2003.

"In recognition of Jimmy Little's outstanding community work and his significant contribution to Australian culture, ACU National is delighted to bestow its highest honour upon him."

About ACU

ACU National's Brisbane campus has more than 2500 students enrolled in academic programs in arts, business, education, information systems, nursing, and other health sciences, psychology, social science and theology.

ACU National – established as Australia's only Catholic, national, publicly funded university – is open to all. The university says it empowers its students and staff with a strong sense of social responsibility and concern for the moral and ethical dimensions of their study and their professional and personal lives.



Jimmy Little after receiving his doctorate from the Australian Catholic University.

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ECU's commitment to Indigenous culture is demonstrated by the \$7.2 million centre for the study of Indigenous Australian culture on the

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The Centre's distinctive building breaks new ground with its culturally-inclusive design. A local circle of Noongar Elders were consultants for the building, whose central theme is the creation of a sculptural form with a landscape.

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Acting Director of Batchelor Institute Tom Evison with past Batchelor graduate Rose Darcy, left, and Certificate III Indigenous Education Worker graduate Katie Balkurda Fry at the event in Maningrida.



All the school students at Maningrida, in the Top End, join in singing a special Batchelor graduation song written for the occasion by Community School Chairman Henry Wilson (shown leading in wheelchair).

Maningrida celebrates

DIGNITARIES flew in from around the Northern Territory and the whole community of Maningrida, 500km east of Darwin, turned out this month to see a record number of graduates receive their education awards.

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education awarded certificates to seven graduates – three for Spoken and Written English and four as Indigenous Education Workers. A further 11 students from the Maningrida Community Education Centre were also awarded their Year 12 NTCE at the special combined ceremony on Wednesday 4 April.

Acting Batchelor Institute Director Tom Evison said it was a tribute to the students, the whole community and the staff at the Community Education Centre and the Institute's Study Centre that so many students had completed key milestones in their education.



The Maningrida Band, all Year 11 students at the Maningrida Community Education Centre, entertained the crowd. The music teacher is Scott Trenwith.

"Students in remote communities encounter many additional hurdles when it comes to successfully completing

academic and study courses, including English being a third or fourth language and the demands and obligations they have to family

and culture," Mr Evison said.

"At Maningrida there is growing support within families and strong leadership from community Elders

for young people and more mature-age students to successfully complete education and training courses.

"Many students at the graduation ceremony thanked their grandmothers and parents for supporting them in their studies, including making sure they got to classes on time and did their homework."

Batchelor Institute – Certificate I Spoken and Written English graduates: Veronica Ankin, Jill Bbangamala and Oliver Taylor.

Certificate III Indigenous Education Worker graduates: Joseph Diddo, Katie Balkurda Fry, Madeline Nulpunbun and Monica Ngaladjinu Wilton.

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Indigenous Affairs Information Magazine

Message from the Minister for Indigenous Affairs



The Australian Government is working hard to create more choices and more opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

We aren't relying so much on old programs—though these are still available—but on new approaches. We're backing these new approaches with more money, better planning, and real cooperation with other governments and with Indigenous individuals, families and communities.

In some cases we are working intensively with communities to fix a range of problems specific to them. In other cases we're targeting more widespread problems. In this edition of our information magazine, you can read about our strategies to tackle petrol sniffing and violence.

We are also working to strengthen Indigenous corporations so they can be real partners in a better future.

I want Indigenous Australians to have the same services and support from government, from business and from non-government organisations as other Australians enjoy. In regional and urban areas Indigenous people should be able to benefit from services available to all Australians. In remote towns, all governments have got to work hard to fix the huge backlog in housing and services.

In the end, we want people to own the homes they live in and get a job in a thriving local economy. It may take a while to make these things happen in remote areas, but we are busy laying the groundwork. For example, we are talking to traditional owners in the Northern Territory about long-term leases over whole townships on Aboriginal land so that local people

can buy a house or start a business, while keeping traditional ownership.

It is vitally important that Indigenous people work with us, and that you know about our strong commitment to progress and change. We will keep letting you know what the Australian Government is doing in Indigenous Affairs. I'm also interested to hear from people on the ground about what you think is important.

Mal Brough

Mal Brough

Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

April 2007

Strategy to combat petrol sniffing extended



Additional Central Australian communities as well as the East Kimberley region of Western Australia will have access to funding under the \$55.2 million anti-petrol sniffing measure in last year's Federal Budget.

The Australian Government's Petrol Sniffing Strategy aims to limit the supply of sniffable petrol, provide long-term treatment for those affected by petrol misuse and, most importantly, support communities where petrol sniffing is a problem. Community aspects of the strategy are developed with the communities themselves.

Launched in September 2005 for a remote cross-border region south of Alice Springs, the comprehensive strategy is an important whole-of-government initiative. Australian Government departments are cooperating with the South Australian, Western Australian and Northern Territory Governments to deliver the strategy's '8-point plan'.

Central Australian communities benefiting from the strategy's expansion include Alice Springs itself and places to the

north and west including Papunya, Mt Liebig, Kintore, Yuendumu, Willowra, Hermannsburg, Areyonga and Haasts Bluff, as well as associated outstations.

A major part of the strategy is the roll-out of the non-sniffable fuel, *Opal*.

At the beginning of March this year, there were 69 Indigenous communities, 26 roadhouses and service stations and three pastoral properties receiving *Opal* fuel.

In Alice Springs the Australian Government is working with service stations, the town council and community leaders to replace all regular unleaded fuel with *Opal* unleaded fuel. The aim is to reduce the migration of petrol sniffers from remote communities into Alice Springs.

The roll-out is already having results. A recent Nganampa Health Council survey found that in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in northern South Australia petrol sniffing had fallen by more than 80 per cent since 2004.

The Australian Government is funding a Substance Abuse Intelligence Desk (SAID) in Central Australia, a joint initiative with three State and Territory police forces that began in January 2006. The unit coordinates police work in a previously under-policed area, targeting the trafficking of petrol and drugs. SAID's activities have resulted in a significant number of arrests, charges and seizures of property, money and illicit substances.

Other Australian Government initiatives supporting the strategy include providing \$7.7 million for the construction of swimming pools at Mimili, Amata, Watarru and Pipalyatjara in the APY Lands, and \$1.1 million to build housing associated with a new rehabilitation centre at Amata (in addition to the \$2.2 million provided for the centre in June 2004).

Integrated Youth Service for Central Australia

Young people living in Central Australian communities will be provided with sporting activities, education and training through an Integrated Youth Service launched in April by Community Services Minister, Senator Nigel Scullion.

"The roll out of *Opal* has been very successful and we are now backing it up with a service to engage young people in activities to build their leadership, confidence, self-reliance and life skills," Minister Scullion said.

Mission Australia will run the Integrated Youth Service in the Northern Territory communities of Finke (Aputula), Docker River (Kaltukjarra), Imanpa and Mutitjulu.

Funding of \$12 million will support the activities of youth workers in each community, along with local support workers and trainees, and also provide facilities such as youth worker accommodation, community recreation centres and vehicles.

A number of Australian Government agencies are contributing to what Minister Scullion described as a "practical, whole-of-government approach to providing youth services in remote areas".

"For the first time a range of services to these communities will be delivered under one umbrella."

The problem

Petrol sniffing has been a major problem for many remote Indigenous communities.

Sniffing can have devastating health and social consequences. Long-term health effects include permanent brain damage and organ failure. It can lead to sudden death.

Young sniffers in particular may feel isolated from families and communities. Some communities suffer an increase in sniffing-related violence and crime. All face the burden of caring for victims of long-term petrol misuse.

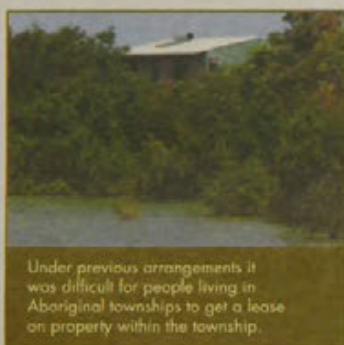
The 8-point plan

The Petrol Sniffing Strategy has eight elements, being delivered across the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia:

- consistent legislation
- appropriate levels of policing
- further roll-out of non-sniffable petrol
- alternative activities for young people
- treatment and respite facilities
- communication and education strategies
- strengthening and supporting communities
- evaluation.



Township leasing—unlocking the economic potential of Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory



Under previous arrangements it was difficult for people living in Aboriginal townships to get a lease on property within the township.

This is about opportunity and choice and enables Aboriginal communities to thrive like normal Australian towns. Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough, August 2006

As a result, it has been difficult for people living in townships on Aboriginal land to own the houses they live in or to set up businesses. People do not have individual pieces of land, and so can't get loans or mortgages.

The previous system for leasing on Aboriginal land was cumbersome and simply has not allowed Aboriginal townships to develop the type of economy that other Australian towns have.

The changes to the Land Rights Act will help to unlock townships' economic potential, while leaving traditional ownership intact. In the new environment more investment will lead to more jobs and more community wealth.

How will the township leasing scheme work?

The changes allow the Land Trust to grant a 99-year headlease over an entire township. Traditional owners (with the help of the Land Council for their area) can negotiate the headlease, including payment and other general conditions on how their land will be used into the future.

Once agreed, the headlease will be held by a government entity which can then issue subleases to people who want to use the blocks of land. These may be community organisations, businesses,

government agencies, or individuals or families living in the township. Families will at last be able to own their own homes.

People with a sublease will make lease payments to the government entity. Subleases can also be sold, transferred to someone else (say a family member) or mortgaged—that is, used as security to get a loan for a home or business.

What won't happen

Traditional owners will NOT be forced to have a headlease. The scheme is entirely voluntary.

No one will lose their land. Even in places where there are leases, the land will still be Aboriginal land. Leases can be renewed, but if a lease ends, then the land goes back to the Land Trust for the benefit of traditional owners.

People will not be thrown out of their home as a result of 99-year leases.

When does this start?

The scheme cannot go ahead until traditional owners have all the information and decide they want a headlease.

The Land Council also has to talk to other people in a community and it has to check for itself that it thinks the terms of the lease are OK.

No sublease can be given until there is a headlease in place.

The Australian Government is currently in negotiation with a number of traditional owner groups who have shown interest in a headlease over their communities.

Find out more

More information about township leasing is available on this website: www.oipc.gov.au



Home ownership, more businesses and economic development are among the benefits expected from changes to the Northern Territory Land Rights Act.

The Australian Government wants to make it easier to own a home or business on Indigenous land, so last year made changes to Australia's most significant land rights legislation, the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976.

Almost half the Northern Territory is Aboriginal land granted through this Act. The land is held under inalienable freehold title—that is, the land is owned communally through a Land Trust and cannot be sold.

Home ownership on Indigenous land

Once headleases have been negotiated, the township leasing scheme opens the door to home ownership for people living on Aboriginal land.

The Australian Government is providing extra support for home ownership on Indigenous land through programs run by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA).

A specially designed loan and grant package will allow eligible borrowers—even those on low incomes—to take out affordable home loans.

The initiative provides:

- low interest rates
- co-payment assistance of \$25,900 over 10 years to make loans more affordable
- grants of up to \$13,000 to help with the up-front costs of establishing a loan

- a 20 per cent discount on the purchase price for those who have a good rental-payment record
- a matched savings grant of up to \$1000 along with money management training
- funding for the construction of additional houses earmarked for future home ownership.

The loan amount will depend on a person's income, with the amount a person or family has to repay each fortnight based on a percentage of their income.

IBA can also provide assistance to set up businesses.

For more information, go to www.iba.gov.au or ring 1300 662 803.



In addition to the township leasing model, home ownership can be achieved in other ways. This is the first house to be built at Wudapuli, an outstation near Wadeye, using innovative designs and local labour. Residents who live in these houses will be offered them on a lease/purchase scheme.



Australian Government

AFL clubs to partner with Indigenous communities



Essendon players (l to r) Jobe Watson, Leroy Juma and James Hird on a visit to Belyuen community. Photo: AFL Photos

The Northern Territory community of Wadeye will be the first Indigenous community to benefit from a new sporting initiative developed by the Australian Government and the Australian Football League (AFL).

The two-part initiative, launched in late March by Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough, and AFL Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Demetriou, will see the AFL actively engaging with selected Indigenous communities to encourage young people into school and sporting activities and help them reach their full potential.

"This partnership has the potential to make an enormous difference to kids living in some of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia," Minister Brough said at the launch.

Under the AFL Club Fastership Program, AFL clubs will partner with Indigenous communities, in conjunction with local schools and community organisations.

Participating clubs will send flying squads of players and coaches to visit individual communities. They will conduct coaching clinics as well as train community coaches, deliver healthy lifestyle and nutrition information, and run training camps as part of a reward and recognition scheme linked to school attendance and results.

The AFL All Stars Ambassador Program will encourage young people to finish secondary school or get a job. Current or former AFL players will mentor a number of boys and girls from selected communities to help them identify their life-goals and plan how to achieve those goals.

The programs will start in Wadeye and surrounding communities before commencing in other communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

A feature of the programs in Wadeye will be the creation of a regional football competition involving the Wadeye, Palumpa, Peppimenarti and Daly River communities.

The Australian Government and the AFL are providing matching funds to support the three-year \$2.4 million partnership.

Taking action on violence

Governments across Australia are cooperating on a series of initiatives to tackle the problem of violence and abuse in Indigenous communities.

The initiatives flow from the Intergovernmental Summit on Violence and Child Abuse in Indigenous Communities, held in June last year. The summit was convened by the Australian Government and involved Ministers from all States and Territories.

"Levels of violence and child abuse in Indigenous communities warrant a comprehensive national response," Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough, said.

"Indigenous children continue to be overrepresented in substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect. Indigenous people continue to experience increasing

levels of violence and abuse. A series of reports points to endemic problems, particularly in remote areas but also in some regional and urban areas.

"The summit acknowledged that better resources, improved methods and a concerted long-term joint effort were essential if the necessary breakthroughs were to be achieved," the Minister said.

The Australian Government committed \$130 million to support an Action Strategy developed at the summit, including \$40 million for additional police resources in Indigenous communities.

At the July 2006 meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), the States and Territories also agreed to put in extra resources.

On the same day Minister Brough and Justice Minister, Senator Chris Ellison, announced that the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) would lead an intelligence taskforce to

collect, analyse and share information on Indigenous violence and child abuse across Australia's law-enforcement agencies.

Since then all governments have been working out how and where to target the resources committed.

To help with targeting, John Valentin, former Deputy Commissioner of the NT Police, has reviewed policing levels in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

The package also includes law-reform, health and family-support initiatives aimed at changing the social factors fuelling community violence. Drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres will be made available to people living in remote communities, as well as support services and safe places for victims of violence and abuse.

"It is imperative we give Indigenous Australians confidence that the justice system will work for them. Indigenous people must



The COAG law and justice initiatives will provide more policing resources in remote Indigenous Australia

enjoy the same level of law and order as applies in the broader community," Mr Brough said at last year's summit.

The COAG law and justice initiatives to be rolled out over coming months involve a number of Australian Government agencies, as well as State and Territory agencies.

Snapshot: COAG law and justice initiatives

Indigenous people must enjoy the same level of law and order as applies in the broader community.

How the Australian Government funding of \$130m over four years will be spent.

Strengthening law and order

- \$40m to build more police stations and police housing.
- National Intelligence Taskforce to provide a coordinated approach to combating crime.
- Additional drug-detector dog units in Central Australia.

Improving health and community safety

- \$50m for additional drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.
- \$3.8m for comprehensive Indigenous child-health checks in remote regions.

- Steps to reduce kava use in Indigenous communities.
- National Student Attendance Unit to improve school attendance and retention among Indigenous children.

Supporting victims of crime

- \$6m to set up safe places and support groups for victims.
- \$4.4m to improve community-support networks.

Law reform and legal education

- \$3.2m to provide community legal education in affected communities.
- \$0.5m for additional Indigenous cultural awareness training for judges.
- Steps to remove customary law as a mitigating factor in sentencing.



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September 2007	Send your annual returns for 2006–07 to the Registrar (like under the ACA Act).
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September–December 2007	Hold your annual general meeting for 2006–07—either according to your constitution or, if the directors agree, the CATSI Act.
November 2007	
December 2007	
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2009	Adopt the new CATSI model rules or modify them sometime between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2009.
Before 30 June 2008	In 2007–08 you can choose to report under the ACA Act or the CATSI Act. If you want to report under the ACA Act you must write and let the Registrar know before 30 June 2008.
1 July 2009	1 July 2009 CATSI transition period ends unless you have already adopted the new rules. You should have a CATSI constitution by this date or seek an extension of up to six months.

Whaddayow!

Spreading the news about CATSI—the new Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act

I am a Kitja woman and I come from a place called Margaret River station here in the Kimberley. I am also called the Big Black Queen of the Kimberley and I am the closest thing to Royalty in the country as I am the unofficial Queen of Australia and the Queen of the people of the Kimberley.



Who am I? Why, Mary G, of course.

Mary G, aka Mark Bin Bakar, is a radio presenter, Aboriginal celebrity, musician, humanitarian. He has helped set up many organisations for the betterment of Aboriginal people, including Abmusic and the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation. He has been Aboriginal Artist of the Year and has received various awards, including an Amnesty Human Rights Award in 2004.

Mary G has recently signed up to help the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations (ORAC) spread the news about its new law, the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

He has been involved with several Aboriginal corporations, and is currently the chair of the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation.

He was instrumental in establishing the corporation about five years ago, a personal response to his own experiences as a member of the stolen generation.

"I was taken away from my mother as a little girl and never met my family again until I was older."

The corporation, with about 150 members, is the representative body for the Kimberley stolen generation people.

Because it's not a resourced corporation and doesn't receive government funding, it has to rely on other means to establish a finance stream.

"We are about creating enterprises for the stolen generation in the Kimberley," Mark said.

"For example, we own the national flower for Sorry Day [26 May 2007]—the hibiscus. It will be worn in the Australian Parliament this year, as it was last year.

"We've also started talking to people in Canada about selling it for them to use on their Sorry Day."

The corporation is also just about to release its third album for sale. The previous two CDs, *Stolen Away* and *Nobody's People* Stolen Generation 2004, reflect on the stolen generation's experience.

As well as creating economic opportunities for the community, Mark is committed to the role of the corporation in demonstrating good governance.

"It's about accountability and transparency—and good management," he said.

"The new law is for the better—it's about closing the gaps so there's less room for corruption. Some families see taking control of corporations as a weird form of democracy.

"It's also about the responsibility of the board."

Mark believes it's important for the chair to provide good leadership to keep the corporation on track.

"In the Kimberley Stolen Generation Corporation, I give it the leadership because a lot of people on the board are elderly and vulnerable to manipulation."

And what about younger people—what role can they play in your corporation?

"Just because the stolen generation is getting older doesn't mean there isn't a role for young people. The children of the stolen generation have also been affected so the corporation is relevant for them.

"Its purpose is also evolving. We are setting up a trust for the benefit of the members and their children to provide educational opportunities and training."

Mark has already done a series of radio ads on behalf of ORAC, alerting people to the new corporations law.

A new radio campaign will be under way soon, again featuring Mary G's rap, which, while it loses something without the music, gives you a flavour of ORAC's message:

**We gotta new law that affects your corporation
It's comin in soon for our Indigenous nation
But doncha fret now it's gonna be sweet
We just got some new rules that we gotta meet.
Dig it dig it dig it dig it**

For more info about Mary G go to www.maryg.net/

ORAC—who we are, what we do

The Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations is an independent statutory office holder who administers the legislation that guides how Indigenous corporations are run.

That legislation—the Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976 (ACA Act)—was reviewed in 2002 and will soon be replaced. From 1 July 2007 the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act) will begin.

It affects all corporations incorporated under the ACA Act as well as all those intending to incorporate. However, corporations will have two years to switch over to the new law.

The Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations (ORAC) supports and regulates the corporations that

are incorporated under the Act. It does this in a variety of ways, for example, by advising them on how to incorporate, by training board members and key staff in good corporate governance, by making sure they comply with the law and by intervening when needed.

The Registrar is appointed by the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

For further information call ORAC on 1800 622 431, email: info@orac.gov.au or visit our website at www.orac.gov.au



Batchelor Institute - A Unique Tertiary Institution

The Northern Territory's Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is unique in the Australian higher education system.

Batchelor Institute has a prestigious and outstanding record of creating learning opportunities in which no other institution nationally has provided for Indigenous people, particularly those from remote communities.

Indeed, the Institute is Australia's largest Indigenous controlled tertiary organisation, and provides education and training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in an exciting environment, where Indigenous knowledge and learning is respected and celebrated.

With nearly 3000 students enrolled Australia-wide, Batchelor Institute

offers more than 80 courses in Higher Education and VET sectors, ranging from certificate to bachelor degrees, graduate diplomas, and this year, a Masters program in Indigenous Knowledges.

It allows students to strengthen their own cultural knowledge systems while learning new knowledge and skills, through a 'both-ways' approach, which is the inclusion of Indigenous beliefs, practices across the curriculum and androgogy, and that lecturers and students exchange learning roles in the classroom environment.

With more than 30 years experience, the Institute is a pioneer in exploring and applying a sharing philosophy and methodology to learning and cultural interaction.

Creative Writing Student Profile

My name is Jacqueline French and I am a thirty-six-year-old Murri woman from the Gomilaroi clan in North-West NSW.

This year, I am in the second year of a three-year Bachelor of Creative Writing course at B.I.T.E.

To complete University was always a dream I held close, but put on hold because of other things happening in my life and a fear that it would just be too hard. At the beginning of 2006, I set myself a goal to embark on the Uni dream and to see if I was capable of achieving at least a passing grade (I've actually done better).

I chose Creative Writing because I have always enjoyed writing and expressing myself through the written word, and because it is one of my strongest areas. The Creative Writing course works for me as we explore and analyse all writing mediums, which in turn helps us to find out strengths in writing.

During the past eighteen months I have been challenged to write in forms that I previously hadn't experimented with such as poetry,

biographies and reviews, which have helped in my development as a writer.

Enrolling at Batchelor was a conscious decision as it offers two-way learning courses with a strong emphasis on Aboriginal tradition and modern society. It is a very supportive environment, with tutors always on hand if needed and the lecturers take a genuine interest in your opinions.

The impetus for enrolling in a tertiary course stems from a need for long-term, sustainable employment and I see this as a positive step towards achieving that goal. I feel that I have started this journey at the right time in my life, as I am more focused and determined to apply myself to completing with good results.

My family provide enormous support as without them it would be impossible for me to attend blocks interstate and study at home, all the while juggling the demands of children and maintaining our home. Being a Mum to three boys, it is difficult at times to be away from them; however I am hoping that all our sacrifices will be rewarded at the end.

Jacqueline French © 2007



Creative writing class students, from left are Shelly Thorpe, Lavinia Richards, Jacqueline French, Judith Munro, Elizabeth Wymarra and Olice Vervebrandts.

Are you an adult Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who wants to do higher education studies?
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The PTS Course delivered through the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) in the Northern Territory (NT) will help develop your skills and understanding to enable you to progress onto one of the many bachelor degree level courses offered through the Institute.

For example, if you successfully complete the PTS course you can apply to go into the Teacher Education courses which train our mob how to teach and administer educational programs in schools.

So what does the PTS Course offer people?

- Courses to develop study and computer skills, academic literacy, numeracy and science
- An accredited pathway into the Institute's Higher Education degree level courses
- Air travel from home to our beautiful campuses in Alice Springs and Batchelor (near Darwin)
- Where students need to travel away from home, accommodation and meals are provided
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Discover your future at Batchelor!
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Do you want to be a writer?

Have you always wanted to become a writer, poet, playwright, scriptwriter for film or TV or simply improve your writing skills for work or pleasure?

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Applications are now open for Second Semester in the Bachelor of Arts (Creative Writing).

A degree in creative writing will help you understand the writing, publishing and editing industries. You will also have the opportunity to create your own stories, family histories, poetry, songs and scripts in a supportive workshop environment.

Students are flown from urban and remote Australian communities to attend creative writing workshops in one or two week blocks at the Alice Springs and Batchelor campuses. Where students need to travel away from home, accommodation and meals are provided.

Units from other courses, such as Social Sciences, Linguistics and Education, can also be included in your studies.

Second Semester starts 23 July 2007.
Enrolment is possible until 29 June 2007.

Get your enrolment in by contacting the Creative Writing Staff:

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Graduates can work in schools teaching language and literacy or undertake community language projects, language documentation and education work in language centres and communities throughout Australia.

If this sounds like you, enrol to study in the Bachelor of Arts (Language & Linguistics) or the Diploma of Arts (Australian Languages). Where students need to travel away from home, accommodation and meals are provided.

Applications are now being accepted for second semester 2007 and for 2008.

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She's mastering health

LESLEY NELSON says she 'lives and breathes' Indigenous health – a passion that inspired her to research rates of antenatal care take-up among Aboriginal women near Perth in Western Australia.

"This work is important because of the appalling statistics around Indigenous birth and maternal health," she said.

"Although I'm looking at just one section of Australia, this issue affects women around the nation."

The university graduate, health worker and single mother is conducting the fieldwork as part of the Master of Applied Epidemiology (MAE) program, offered at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra.

It's a long way from Perth to the national capital, but Lesley says attending the on-campus components of the MAE was made much easier thanks to the support offered to Indigenous students at ANU.

She says the university's Jabal Centre gave her personal support and the resources to succeed.

"The MAE program is quite intensive, so sometimes I needed study support. They offer tutoring and help with

'It's important that Indigenous people realise that we can accomplish things, and that there is support out there for students who want to pursue their goals.'

personal communication. They're friendly, supportive, and understanding of the issues I had as a mother studying a long way from home," Lesley said.

The Jabal Centre also

awarded Lesley the Elspeth Young Memorial Grant, which allowed her to bring her five-year-old son with her to Canberra for the residential parts of her course.

Now Lesley has won a Leonard Broom scholarship from the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at ANU. This \$3300 grant will allow her to complete the bound volume of her research findings.

As she nears the end of the MAE, Lesley says she feels much better equipped to help Indigenous people deal with health issues.

"I'm looking forward to taking the skills I've learned through the MAE program, as well as the networking opportunities I've had, to find ways of improving Indigenous public health," she said.

"It's important that Indigenous people realise we can accomplish things, and that there is support out there for students who want to pursue their goals."



Lesley Nelson ... "I'm looking forward to taking the skills I've learned ... to find ways of improving Indigenous public health." Photo: Karen Edwards, JCSMR

For more on the MAE program: <http://nceph.anu.edu.au/Study/MAE/>
For more on the Jabal Centre: <http://www.anu.edu.au/jabal/index.php>



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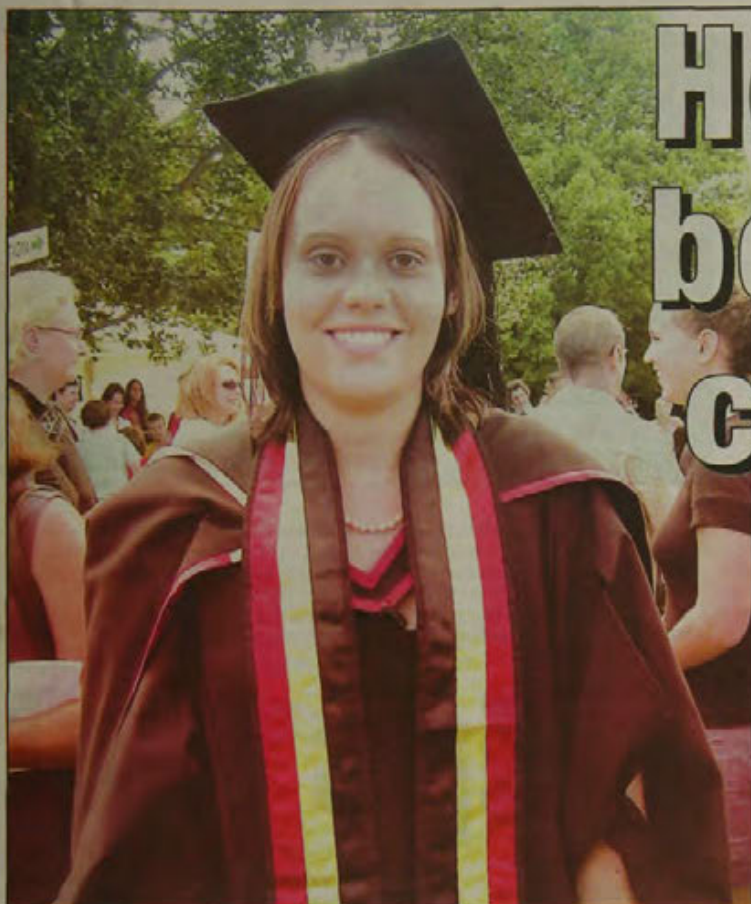
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Jaime-Lee Taylor on her graduation day ... "I have enjoyed my time studying at the University of New England and, thanks to the Oorala Centre, was able to fulfil my dream."

Her dream to be a nurse is coming true

Jaime-Lee Taylor graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing degree on March 24, during this year's autumn graduation ceremonies at the University of New England. Here she tells in her own words about her experiences at the university...

My ultimate dream was to study nursing at the University of New England. Unfortunately I did not achieve the UAI required for entry. But I applied to do the ISP program through the UNE's Oorala Centre, which I completed, and got into

the Bachelor of Nursing. I have enjoyed my time studying at the University of New England and, thanks to the Oorala Centre, was able to fulfil my dream. I plan to complete my postgraduate training at a Sydney hospital, where I can further develop my

skills, then come back to the country to work as an Indigenous nurse.

In a few years I plan to do a Diploma in Primary Education, as I have also dreamed of being an infants school teacher.

I have learned from this experience that there are many options available to fulfil your dream and, if you really want to be someone in particular, you must pursue all options to succeed.

The Internal Selection Program (ISP) is held at Oorala Aboriginal Centre in Semesters 1 and 2 each year. Contact the Student Support Officer, Oorala Aboriginal Centre, on (02) 6773 3034 for more information.

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UNE Award for TRACKS Program

The TRACKS team at Oorala Aboriginal Centre are among this year's recipients of a prestigious teaching award from University of New England, presented by Vice-Chancellor Prof Alan Pettigrew during UNE's autumn Graduation ceremonies.

Prof Pettigrew presented the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Learning and Teaching in the Team Category to Oorala's Director, Ms Diane Mumber, and TRACKS Lecturers Guido Posthausen and Michael Brogan at Graduation on March 23. The awards are an acknowledgement of the valuable contribution the recipients have made, and continue to make, to the quality of the student experience at UNE.

"The TRACKS teaching team has made an exceptional contribution to students' learning over a sustained period, and in doing so has transformed the lives of many students previously unable to access the higher education system", Prof Pettigrew said. "All TRACKS units enable students to value their own cultural lifeworlds and build on existing knowledge and skills, diverse cultural backgrounds, educational experiences and social circumstances. Students

participating in TRACKS are not only developing individually, but are learning how to contribute to their wider community."

TRACKS is offered on campus and by distance education through Oorala for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and the twelve-month program provides a student friendly, flexible learning pathway to tertiary education. Students from the local community can attend regular workshops at Oorala and online learning is an important feature of the study experience for students in remote and regional areas who study at home. These local and distance education students attend a TRACKS residential school in both semesters of their studies, to become more familiar with UNE's learning environment and services, attending classes at Oorala and being able to meet support staff and coordinators of undergraduate units.

In 2001 Oorala received an Australian Award for University Teaching from DEST for its educational services to Aboriginal students in correctional centres. For several years, the program has been delivered in correctional centres in NSW and South-East Queensland.

As well as undertaking units which focus on study skills, Aboriginal studies, communication and computer skills, in their second semester TRACKS students explore an undergraduate unit in their area of interest which counts towards an undergraduate degree after successful completion of the program. So far over 300 students have accessed the program, many of whom have gone on to

undergraduate studies at UNE, other tertiary institutions or TAFE.

Jeff Streater completed TRACKS in 2006 and has now gone on to further studies in his area of interest: "The greatest thing of value to come out of this year is the increasing belief in my own capacity to achieve. After engaging in the undergraduate unit, I realise just how valuable the contribution to my advancement the TRACKS Program has been and I can say with certainty that I would not have been able to engage successfully in tertiary study without it."

In presenting the awards to the TRACKS teaching team, Prof Pettigrew said: "Their work truly exemplifies respect and support for the development of students as individuals."

**Enquire now to join the TRACKS
Program for mid-year enrolment**

Applications close 29 JUNE 2007

UNE - awarded the maximum ***** for Indigenous Participation and Overall Graduate Rating in *The Good Universities Guide 2007*



TRACKS Team (Oorala Director Diane Mumber, and TRACKS Lecturers Guido Posthausen and Michael Brogan) after receiving their award from Prof Alan Pettigrew, Vice-Chancellor of UNE.



Students attending a recent TRACKS residential school.



"To the devoted Oorala Centre Team...Thank you for a wonderful time at the University of New England, I thoroughly enjoyed my first University experience." (Luke Clausen, TRACKS student)

Quinns Beach kids create season mural



STUDENTS at Quinns Beach Primary School, in the northern suburbs of Perth, have worked with local Bibbulman artist Toogarr Morrison (pictured on the job) and his assistants Layli Rakhsha and Christine Maughan to paint a special mural.

Every child had an opportunity to contribute to

the mural under the Six Nyoongar Seasons Heritage Project, which was funded by the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs. The aim of this project is to preserve the Nyoongar culture and knowledge concerning the traditional use of the land around the Quinns Beach area. Toogarr gave workshops for

students and some parents to explain the six Nyoongar seasons and to show how they overlap with the four 'mainstream' seasons of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The traditional Nyoongar seasons are called Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba, Kambarang and Blarak.

Scholarship helps Mal

TEACHING Indigenous children 'out west' in New South Wales is a goal that former meat worker and new Southern Cross University student Mal Kenny has set for himself.

And with the help of a Telstra Country Wide Indigenous Scholarship, Mr Kenny is well on his way to achieving that goal.

"The Telstra Indigenous Scholarship is fantastic. It was like a godsend," he said.

Telstra Country Wide says it is committed to supporting Indigenous students, and has awarded two Southern Cross University students with \$9000 scholarships over two years.

After 21 years working his way up in the meat industry at Casino, Mr Kenny made a decision to change the direction of his life and enrolled in a Bachelor of Education (Primary).

With three kids of his own, Mr Kenny wanted a job that he loved and that gave him flexibility for his family.

"How can you not smile at kids?" he said.

"Kids are the funniest people on Earth. My children make me laugh every day. I want a job where I am surrounded by smiling faces."

Mr Kenny is studying full-time at the Lismore SCU campus and is planning on



Southern Cross University Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Clark (left) and Telstra Country Wide Far North Coast NSW General Manager Sue Passmore congratulate scholarship recipient Mal Kenny.

heading 'out west' to teach when he completes the course in four years.

"I would like to teach other Indigenous kids for a few years and eventually come back to this area (NSW north coast). That's where my roots are," he said.

Last year, Mr Kenny completed the Gribit Unit's Foundation Program for Indigenous Australians at SCU.

The program provides a pathway into university studies for people who need to brush up on their skills base so that they can confidently approach university study.

Southern Cross University is offering a mid-year intake in most of its courses to allow for greater flexibility for potential students, many of whom have to juggle work and family commitments.

Places are available in courses including business, law, arts, social science, visual arts, media, tourism and hospitality, environmental science, clinical science and nursing as well as a range of postgraduate options.

Mid-year intake information sessions are being held at:

- Tamborine Mountain, 1 May, Tamborine Mountain library, 10am to 1pm.
- Tweed Heads Gold Coast, 2 May, Southern Cross University, Brett Street, Tweed Heads, 7pm.
- Coffs Harbour, 8 May, the Blue Room at Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Club, 5.30pm.
- Grafton, 9 May, Grafton TAFE, Clarence Street, library seminar room, 5.30.
- Lismore, 15 May, Lismore Library, Magellan Street, 5pm.
- Byron Bay, 17 May, Byron Bay Community Centre, Jonson Street, 5.30pm.

People can apply through UAC - <http://www.uac.edu.au> (closing date for mid-year intake is June 1 through UAC); or through QTAC - <http://www.qtac.edu.au> (closing date June 4).

People wanting to study by distance education should apply directly to Southern Cross University. Information is available on the application hotline 1800 626 481 or visit: www.scu.edu.au/midyear

CIT Yurauna Centre...think of the possibilities



The Yurauna Centre provides support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at CIT.

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Macleay school marks 30 years

MIRRIWINNI Gardens Aboriginal Academy, in the Macleay Valley on the NSW north coast, has celebrated its 30th anniversary.

Former staff, students and supporters came from around Australia to join present teachers, pupils and officials in marking the milestone.

They remembered years of struggle by a few people to establish Christian education in the local Indigenous community.

More than 300 people attended a three-day camp program, where former staff and students were given the opportunity to relate their experiences about the beginning of the school. Rex Marshall, one of the founding members of the academy and currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors, thanked the many people who had worked over the years to build the school.

Mirriwinni Gardens is a privately owned school with a curriculum blended with Seventh-Day Adventist Church teaching and run by a trustee.

The New Face of NAISDA

NAISDA relocates to a big bright campus on the NSW Central Coast

IT'S official – the new campus of Australia's leading tertiary Indigenous performing arts college had its official opening this month, broadening the horizons yet again for NAISDA students and graduates and providing the college with a place to call home.

For more than 30 years, NAISDA graduates have been making waves in the world of performing arts and beyond.

The four-year *Careers in Dance* Diploma from NAISDA opens doors to many career paths, preparing graduates to become professional dancers, teachers and choreographers and equipping them also for fulfilling careers in other areas.

Now the students have the spacious parklands and facilities of Mt Penang Parklands at Gosford on New South Wales' Central Coast as their campus. These new facilities include five large new studios. And – for the first time – the opportunity to live on-campus.

NAISDA's procedures for its delivery of *Careers in Dance* education and training were described last year

as groundbreaking when the College's new curriculum was successfully audited for VETAB accreditation.

NAISDA students get to taste a full range of performing arts, ranging from ballet, music, drama and traditional dance to Contemporary Indigenous, hip hop, jazz and cutting-edge teaching of Indigenous languages, philosophy and social history.

Since the relocation to the Central Coast, NAISDA students now have the chance to perform in the largest theatre on the coast and at many local events as well as still holding performances in Sydney.

NAISDA students get to teach and perform at remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities during cultural residencies and many see distant parts of the world during their Diploma student placements. Last year these included Venezuela and the Philippines as well as theatrical residencies nearer home.



NAISDA students soar to greater heights at their new home on the Central Coast in New South Wales

How to enrol at NAISDA for a Career in Dance

The 4 year *Careers in Dance* Diploma from NAISDA delivers VETAB-accredited dance courses to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, teaching Traditional and Contemporary Indigenous dance and related performing arts skills including ballet, music, drama and yoga. There is a strong emphasis on the teaching of Traditional history and culture, and all students experience cultural residencies on campus and in remote communities where they learn from Cultural Elders.

How can I become a student at NAISDA? Admission is through a five-day residential audition program later in the year, and some auditionees are also likely to benefit from recognition of prior learning.

What will I have to do in the auditions? Auditionees take part in dance-related classes including Traditional and Contemporary Indigenous dance, ballet and music. Assessment will be based on your work in these. You will be assessed for fitness, literacy attendance and punctuality as well as for dance potential. Evidence of a committed attitude and keenness to learn is regarded as very important.

How old do I have to be to study at NAISDA? Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student aged between 18 and 30 is eligible to study at NAISDA. Admission if you are older or younger is at the College's discretion.

Where will I stay during audition week? You will be staying on campus at Mt Penang Parklands, an hour north of Sydney, in NAISDA's residential hostel. Your application package will explain the accommodation and travel arrangements.

Who pays for the audition process? Abstudy will cover costs for eligible applicants of their travel, accommodation and meals. You will need photo ID for any air travel needed.

How will I know the result of my audition? The audition proves will include an assessment interview with the head of Academic Programs and an Indigenous tutor to assess your readiness for admission to NAISDA and you will be notified by letter at your home after the auditions.

I'd like to know more - what should I do now? For more information, email NAISDA Dance College on naisda@naisda.com.au or call toll-free 1800 117 116 to register for application package or check out the web-site.

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The Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Arts Management is delivered by the VCA School of Production in partnership with The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development.

Applications for 2007/8 close
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Wilin Week features food, film and more

WILIN WEEK, on this week, is an annual festival hosted by the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Featuring music, dance, food, film and debate, this year's Wilin Week will be special as the Wilin Centre and the VCA celebrate 10 years of commitment to Indigenous participation at the college and highlight Indigenous Australian activism.

The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development provides a holistic approach to supporting, encouraging and nurturing Indigenous students and practising artists. The Centre is on the VCA campus at Southbank and offers student support, mentoring, tutoring and hosts artists-in-residences, cultural activities and celebrations.

Wilin Week features a line-up of Indigenous guests, including acclaimed singer/songwriter and actor Tom E Lewis (*The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith, 1977*); the Watbalimba Dancers; singers the Maza Sisters; activist, film-maker and singer/songwriter Richard Frankland; activist and sports personality Belinda Jakiel; didgeridoo player Ron Murray; activist Gary Foley; singer



TOM E LEWIS

Kutcha Edwards and more.

Other featured events include the launch of *ILLUMINATE: Shining the light on VCA's Indigenous Alumni*, a publication highlighting VCA Indigenous alumni and celebrating the VCA's ongoing commitment to Indigenous artists; an Indigenous lunch by celebrity

chef (and VCA graduate) Mark Olive; a film screening; an opening ceremony with a Welcome to Country; and a Wilin Indigenous art exhibition, profiling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students on campus.

Tom E Lewis along with internationally renowned visual artist and VCA graduate Trevor Nickolls (South Australia) will be this year's Wilin Week guest artists in residence.

Wilin Week 2007 will acknowledge and commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum (when Indigenous Australians were afforded the right to vote), the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day of Observation Committee) Week and the 10th anniversary of the Stolen Generations Bringing Them Home report.

'Wilin' means 'fire' in Woi Wurrung language of the Wurundjeri, one of the five tribes of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners of the land the VCA occupies. Throughout Wilin Week a fire is lit and kept alight, symbolising the centre's commitment to Indigenous artists and their creative flames.

All events are free, and for more details or program inquiries contact Kate Munro on (03) 9685 9324.

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- ▶ Travel and accommodation arrangements for block release students
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Scholarships for young Australians

THE Foundation for Young Australians is calling for applications from young Indigenous Australians for Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme Secondary Scholarships.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (IYLP) will offer scholarships and leadership opportunities to young Indigenous Australians aged 12-25, generally from remote communities, but also rural and regional areas, undertaking secondary studies in Australia. Scholarships of up to \$15,000 per eligible secondary student, per year, are available for tuition and accommodation costs.

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

Applications for secondary scholarships in 2008 will be accepted until Monday 7 May 2007. Applicants can find out more by visiting www.youngaustrians.org or by calling (03) 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316. The IYLP is delivered by The Foundation for Young Australians and is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training.

UQ celebrations to mark referendum

THE University of Queensland is ready to celebrate 2007 as a year of special university focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues to mark the 40th anniversary of the Referendum of 27 May 1967.

Vice-Chancellor Professor John Hay said that in 1967, more than 90 per cent of Australian voters approved the altering of the Constitution relating to Indigenous Australians.

"This provided for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be included in the Australian census for the first time," he said.

"It also enabled the Federal Government to enact laws to benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"One of the reasons the university is adopting a special focus is that that despite the referendum outcome, Australia has a long way to go before Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander peoples are living on an equitable basis with non-Indigenous Australians.

"As an institution with a significant intellectual and moral leadership role within the wider community, it is appropriate that the university uses 2007 to highlight issues related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander peoples to mark the university's Diversity Week theme, 'We All Count', for use through the year.

Professor Hay said a steering group had been formed to develop a program of events focusing on Indigenous Australian issues.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Michael

River Art Gang. This will open at the University Art Museum, James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre, St Lucia on May 5.

The exhibition will see both levels of the James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre filled with more than 100 works depicting Cape York's 'Sandbeach Country'. It includes the work of artists such as Rosella Namok, Samantha Hobson and Fiona Omeeny.

A book on the history of the Lockhart River Art Gang will accompany the exhibition, written by the curator, Dr Sally Butler, a UQ lecturer in art history.

This exhibition is supported by the Queensland Government, Australia, through Arts Queensland, Department of Education, Training and the Arts and the Queensland Indigenous Arts Marketing and Export Agency (QIAMEA), Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

'As an institution with a significant intellectual and moral leadership role within the wider community, it is appropriate that the university uses 2007 to highlight issues related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples both in its own core business, and more broadly.' – Vice-Chancellor Professor John Hay

Islander peoples both in its own core business, and more broadly."

To promote the significance of this event in Australia's history, UQ will hold a series of events and activities this year supported by the vice-chancellor. The focus will

Keniger will chair the group and activities will be announced soon.

One of the activities will be *Our Way, Contemporary Aboriginal Art From Lockhart River*, the first exhibition to survey the group of young artists known as the Lockhart



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STUDY IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

SUPPORT ON CAMPUS

Wollotuka is located in the Birabahn Building on the Callaghan campus in Newcastle. The Gibalee Centre is located in the IRC of the Ourimbah campus on the Central Coast and Port Macquarie Student Support is located at Port Macquarie campus, Port Macquarie.

These units are your very own place on campus and are fully staffed by Aboriginal people who understand what you need to complete your studies and get through university – no matter what degree you're in.

These centres provide the following services:

- Course and Career support
- One-on-one Academic support (ITAS)
- Intensive Support Programs
- Counselling and Student Support
- Access to an Aboriginal Resource Centre
- Indigenous Health and Medicine student support
- Scholarship and cadetship information and guidance
- Aboriginal Entry paths into university

"The support and friendliness is outstanding. The staff at Wollotuka are helpful and always available to assist."

Kim Bradford Graduated with Bachelor of Arts



You'll make friends for life. The staff at Wollotuka are fantastic. You can talk about your journey and you'll learn how to support each other.

Mick 'Didge' Davison Graduated with Master of Creative Arts (Didgeridoo Notation)



PROGRAMS

The University of Newcastle offers a range of programs including:

• **Enabling / Bridging programs** Yapug, Open Foundation, Newstep

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Architecture	Education	Nursing
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Building	Environmental Sciences	Science
Business	Health	Social Sciences
Commerce	Law	Social Work
Computer Studies	Maths	Visual Arts

• **Postgraduate** Research, Coursework, PhD (supported through Urmakika)

Applicants are able to access university study through standard entry and/or via the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry program.

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ENRICHING THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Situated on Wurundjeri land, The Centre for Indigenous Education has played a major role in the success of Indigenous students over many years. The University of Melbourne has a rich history of Indigenous graduates in disciplines including Law, Medicine, Education, History, Criminology, Indigenous Studies, Science, Engineering, Commerce and many more. These students have gone on to work in places like Oxford University, The Family Court, State and Federal Government, National Australia Bank, Rio Tinto and at the University of Melbourne itself. Helping drive our students to achieve their very best are the various support services delivered by many of the Indigenous staff and support units across the University.

The Centre for Indigenous Education aims to enrich Indigenous students' learning experience whilst at university through a range of social and academic activities. These include programs designed to help high school students aspire to studying at the university level, helping current students link in with local community organisations and providing all the necessary support mechanisms to help them achieve in life after university.

The services that the Centre for Indigenous Education provides for all prospective and current Indigenous students, and the wider

community, encompasses both social and academic aspects of university life. We assist students with applying to the University, structuring their course selection, we provide individual tutorial assistance with one-on-one tutoring, facilitate in finding adequate housing within either the residential colleges or the rental market, utilising study skills programs throughout the University, linking students with community organisations, help in applying for cadetships with various organisations, BBQ's and other social events with Indigenous staff, students and community.

The University is also home to many Indigenous academics who teach in diverse fields of Indigenous studies, Aboriginal Health, Education, Indigenous History and Culture and Creative Writing to name a few. Our Indigenous teaching staff are located in Indigenous units including The Koori Health Research Unit, The Indigenous Studies Program, The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Art & Cultural Development and within various faculties.

Our greatest assets are our Indigenous students, who number in excess of 200. These students are currently studying undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Medicine, Law, Arts, Psychology, Science, Commerce, Architecture and Engineering.

If you are intending to study at the university level, Melbourne University offers Access Scholarships for Indigenous students that allows you to be considered on a lower ENTER score and also pays money toward your HECS fees throughout your degree. Postgraduate students can also benefit from the many scholarships available throughout the University, including specific Indigenous postgraduate scholarships via the Centre for Indigenous Education.

Whether you are in high school, studying a current degree, in the workforce or would like a change to something new, the Centre for Indigenous Education can help you gain a place within your chosen field of study at the University of Melbourne. For further information about the University, what courses are available, how to apply and what financial support is available, please contact the Centre for Indigenous Education and speak to one of our staff.



Thomas Ahwang, from the Torres Strait, has recently commenced a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Print Making at the Victorian College of the Arts. Thomas' artwork "Freedom" tells the story of contemporary statements of what is happening in today's social structures in the Torres Strait, both positive and negative. The image itself is inspired from the seasonal activities of nature above and beneath the water.

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Ryen Diggle is currently in his first year at the University of Melbourne. He is undertaking the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Medical Science (MBBS). Ryen is also a resident at Trinity College and has been awarded the Access Melbourne Scholarship for Indigenous students.

MEDICAL STUDENT REALISES DREAM

With determination and dedication, Ryen Diggle set out at an early age to achieve his goals to study medicine. Ryen, who originates from the Yarrabah mob, started his journey from Darwin and will finish as a highly qualified doctor in the next six years. With the help of his family, the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association and the University of Melbourne, Ryen is starting to realise his dreams of one day becoming a qualified doctor. Accepted in 2007 as an undergraduate medical student at the University of Melbourne, Ryen has also been successful in gaining a residential scholarship at Trinity Residential College, and been awarded an Access Melbourne Scholarship for Indigenous students. Ryen is the latest of five Indigenous medical students currently studying at the University of Melbourne.

Upon graduating, Ryen seeks to work back in his home town of Darwin, perhaps at Danilla Dilba, the Aboriginal Health Clinic in the heart

of the city, which he has a close affiliation to. He believes he may go on to further studies in paediatrics helping young children, or go on to become a surgeon. Ryen believes that the key to success is being able to manage your social life and study commitments. Knowing when to study and knowing when to work or play footy made a huge difference in his high school days. Also, he was unaware of the excellent pathways available to Indigenous students wanting to study at the University.

The University of Melbourne fully supports all Indigenous students across all disciplines. The Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences also strongly encourages all Indigenous students, whether you have a previous degree, or are still studying at high school to contact their Indigenous Liaison Officer on 03 8344 8057 about applying to Medicine or any of the other Health Sciences. The Centre for Indigenous Education is a great resource for further information on courses, applications and the support services delivered to Indigenous students at the University of Melbourne.



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National Calendar of Events

Until 26 April: Pullima National Indigenous Languages Information and Communication Technology Forum at Newcastle. The conference will offer hands-on workshops, speaker presentations, product displays and panel discussions and show technology to assist Indigenous language programs. Limited places. Bookings: Daryn McKenny or Dianna Newman on (02) 4961 0515 or visit www.arwarbukari.com.au

Until 27 April: VCA Celebrates Indigenous activism. Willin Week is an annual festival hosted by the Willin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at the Victorian College of the Arts. Featuring music, dance, food, film and more. Held at the Victorian College of the Arts, 234 St Kilda Rd, Southbank. Details: Kate Munro (03) 9685 9324 or email kimunro@vca.unimelb.edu.au

Until 27 April: Exhibition launch and opening. Exhibition available for viewing Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm or by appointment. Artists include Ann Johnson, Margaret Adams, Jamie Davern, Lyla Carr, Garry Payne and Tam Turner. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or web www.boomali.org.au

Until 29 April: Wanted: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorian residents for a new Indigenous comedy competition titled *Deadly Funny*. If you can tell a five-minute-or-less funny story or a couple of jokes and would like to be a stand-up comedian, see details at www.deadlyfunny.com.au or contact Indigenous comedy producer Jason Tamiru on (03) 9417 7711 or (0423) 050 391.

Until 30 April: Dance 4 Film. Up to seven new dance films will be commissioned with original choreography, direction and sound. Proposals welcomed for films ranging from 30 seconds to six minutes with budgets ranging from \$5000-\$35000. Details call Jennifer McLachlan on (02) 9215 9114 or email j.mclachlan@ozco.gov.au

Until 30 April: National Indigenous Land and Sea Conference. Calling now for nominations for case studies on workshops and panel discussions. Details: Phil Rist on (07) 4066 6300 or email eo@girringun.com.au or web www.caringforcountry.com.au

Until 30 April: The 27th ASA Australian National Songwriting Contest. The ASA is Australia's largest and longest running competition for professional and amateur songwriters. Songs are judged on originality and craft.

The song does not have to be performed by the songwriter, but it must be original and not signed with a publishing company. Details: (02) 9516 2444 or email inquiries@asal.org.au or web www.asal.org.au

Until 5 May: Reconciliation Essay Competition 2007. To enter, fill in a nomination form and write a 450-500 word essay around the theme of *The Future Direction of Reconciliation in Australia*. All welcome. Details: Lisa Murphy on (02) 8567 0016 email lisa.x.murphy@off.commerce.nsw.gov.au or call Noni Ross on (02) 9895 0119 email noni.ross@off.commerce.nsw.gov.au

Until 6 May: Virtual Warrane records, preserves and presents the stories and cultural knowledge of the Cadigal of Sydney Cove through a virtual landscape. Free entry. Held at Customs House, Ground Floor Lounge, 31 Alfred Street, Circular Quay, Sydney. Details: (02) 9242 8593 or email customhouse@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Until 19 May: Bula'bula Aboriginal Arts Corporation: The Next Generation, featuring Elizabeth Nyuguwana, Peter Gambung, Johnny Pascoe, Robyn Djunginy, Richard Binbirrin, George Pascoe Junior, JB Fisher, Shirley Banalanydju, Gilbert Walkuli, Johnny Watson and Billy Black. Details: Mike Sill on (03) 9416 2961 or (0413) 087 263 or see the website www.austliadreamingart.com.au

Until 6 June: Drawn Together Art Competition. Entries must reflect a creative interpretation of the themes and concepts of reconciliation. All welcome. Details telephone (02) 6280 8122 or email drawntogether@communicationlink.com.au

Until 11 May: Indigenous Arts Management. The course will involve four one-week intensives throughout 2007/8. Study areas include Indigenous arts and cultural

To list your events in our calendar, send no more than two sentences with contact details to calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 66 222 600. The closing day for Calendar is 5pm on the Wednesday before publication. Send Sorry Day event listings to sorryday@koorimail.com and NAIDOC events to naidoc@koorimail.com

identity, industry and marketing, protocol, policy and law, arts and project management. Details call (03) 9685 9327 or visit www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilnapplly

Until 30 May: Lights, Camera, Action is looking for up to 10 females to be extras in the roles of housemaids aged from 15-55 years, slim with dark complexion. A film is to be set in Darwin in 1939. Filming will be in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, overnight for up to five nights. Details: David Beaumont on 0408 115 652 or (02) 9288 5711 or visit www.lightscameraaction.com.au

Until 5 June: The Elouera women's basketball team is seeking sponsorship to enter a team in the Alexandria competition. Sponsorship for the team's 10 player includes registration and game fees. Details call Dominic Siu on (02) 9698 9249.

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: Susan on (02) 8247 8624.

Until 19 August: Colliding Worlds. Exhibition. Displays brings together photographs, artifacts, paintings and artworks to provide an insight into the Pintupi people of Central Australia. Details: Michelle on (02) 9320 6181 or mobile 0421 617 019 or see the website www.amonline.net.au or visit www.australianmuseum.net.au

Until 31 October: The Young Achievement Australia Business Skills Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Through the program, participants establish a company, write and implement a business plan, sell shares, produce, market and sell goods or services. Running over a 24-week period. Co-ordinating Mentor provided. Details: Sara Hamilton on (02) 9232 3088 or email sara@yaa.org.au or visit www.yaa.org.au

Until 11 December: Koori Toastmasters Workshops. Improve communication skills in a relaxed environment with other Kooris. Learn how to run meetings, to motivate others, think on your feet, speak in front of a crowd, stage craft and giving constructive feedback. Held at the Redfern Community Centre, Hugo Street, Redfern. Start 6.30pm every second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Details call Julie Welsh on (02) 9550 9964 or email julie.welsh@worldvision.com.au or web www.worldvision.com.au/birring/

25 April: Anzac Day.

25 April: Anzac Day March and Service. The march will start at The Block in Redfern and finish at the Damien Minton Gallery in Redfern, with a special viewing of the Coloured Digger exhibition. From noon-4pm. Transport is available. Details call Ray Minniecon on 0417 929 701 or Chris Carbin on 0425 243 064.

29 April: Parramatta Film-makers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email lily@performancespace.com.au

26 April: Education Seminar. Education.au offers an exclusive opportunity to hear, discuss and debate with Jimmy Wales how the way knowledge is created and changing. Special keynote speakers, panel discussion and workshops. Cost \$300 with morning tea on arrival and lunch provided. Held at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney, from 9.30am-4pm. Details call Deanne on (08) 8334 3253 mobile (0417) 171 101 or web www.educationau.edu.au

April 26: Event manager for the Croc Festival will visit Kempsey for sub-committee meetings. For details call Meegan Jones on (02) 9417 4122 or mobile (0403) 330 950.

27 April: Satellite Youth Engagement Workshop. Indigenous young people between the ages of 18-30 are invited to this workshop to network and explore relevant issues affecting Indigenous youth. Held at Level 2/407 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010. Details call Grant Paulson on (02) 6273 9200 mobile (0418) 872 717 or web www.reconciliation.org.au

27 April: Lifestyle Records presents Street Warriors and guests bringing flavour from all directions to Hermann's Bar, Sydney University. Tickets \$10 and covers music from 9pm-3am. Details visit www.streetwarriors.com.au

27 April: FLAAG Aboriginal Awareness Workshop to learn more about Aboriginal culture, history, communication and kinship systems. Held at Woodville Community Services in Villawood from 9.30am-4pm. Free workshop with lunch provided and guest speakers.

Details call Jan Collie on (02) 9727 0477 or email jan@cabracc.org.au

27-30 April: ACON Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Retreat. Open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in NSW who are HIV-positive, their partners, carers and family members. Held at an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in the Hunter Valley. Limited places. Details: ACON (02) 9206 2000.

27 April: Redfern Community Centre trivia night. Proceeds will go towards the cost for a community member to travel to Rwanda, Africa, to participate in the 'Village of Hope' building project. Held from 6-9pm and costs \$20 a head with a light supper. Details: Lynette Bolt (02) 9085 7247 or 0403 235 951 or email lynetteb1@hotmail.com web www.thesmithfamily.com.au

28 April: Players wanted to take part in the Brunswick Power Football Club. Training every Tuesday and Thursday. All welcome. Held at Flemming Park, Albert Street, Brunswick. Start 6pm. Details: Mick Edwards (0401) 016 481.

29 April: Perth Australian Idol audition. Convention Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth. 8.30am-3pm. www.australianidol.com.au

30 April-3 May: Collaborative Indigenous Policy Development Conference at the Mercure Hotel, Brisbane. Details: (02) 9223 2600 or email info@iqpc.com.au

30 April-May 2: NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is helping Aboriginal families in Dubbo to register their children. Indigenous staff from the Registry will be available between 9.30am and 1pm to talk with families and Aboriginal people. For details contact the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, 167 Brisbane Street, Dubbo or call (02) 6884 9815.

30 April: Senior First Aid Certificate. Free for Indigenous people. Held at Mt Druitt TAFE G Block, ground floor, Room 45, 9am-3.30pm. Details: Amanda on (02) 4734 7900 or call Mt Druitt TAFE on (02) 9208 6247.

1 May: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander human resource and industrial relations workshops. This course will explain basic rights and obligations under NSW employment laws and the interaction with Federal employment laws to help understand how they apply in the workplace. Held at the Vibe Hotel 111 Goulburn Street, Sydney. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

1-2 May: Senior First Aid Certificate. Free for Aboriginal and ATSI. Held at Mt Druitt TAFE G Block, ground floor, Room 45, 9am-3.30pm. Details: Amanda (02) 4734 7900 or call Mt Druitt TAFE on (02) 9208 6247.

4 May: Mildura Australian Idol audition. Mildura Arts Centre Theatre 199 Cureton Avenue, Mildura. 2-8pm. See the website www.australianidol.com.au

4 May: Girls Rugby League Gala Day. This event is to give girls the chance to play competitive tackle rugby league. Girls turning 13, 14 and 15 in 2007 for under-15s and girls turning 16, 17 and 18 in 2007 for under-18s. Held at the Junior Rugby League Grounds, Main St, Cairns between 11.30am-5.30pm. Cost \$10 a team. Details call (0402) 892 834 or email cairns@ardevelopment.com.au

4-6 May: Message Sticks Indigenous Film

Festival (NSW). Created by Indigenous film-makers Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale, the program features the world premiere of 13 short films by emerging Indigenous Australian directors under the banner Bit of Black Business.

Held at the Sydney Opera House. Details call (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneypoperahouse.com/messagesticks

5 May: Rock the Block concert in Redfern to be held from 11am - 4pm. Details: Tracey on (02) 9288 5717.

5 May: Den the Fish CD launch at the Trades Hall Bar, Cnr. Victoria and Lygon St, Melbourne, from 7pm. Entry free. For details email toni_twilight@yahoo.com or call (0407) 664 426.

5 May: Traditional Indigenous Games. This provides the opportunity to learn about, appreciate and experience aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through physical activities. Held at Nimbla Education Precinct, DET Building T3C, Eastern Road, Quakers Hill, from 9.30am-3pm. All welcome. Entry free. Details: 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

6 May: Adelaide Australian Idol audition. Adelaide Entertainment Centre, corner Port Road and Adam Street, Hindmarsh, 8.30am-3pm. www.australianidol.com.au

7 May: Aboriginal Support Group. Indigenous speaker Anita Heiss, a Wiradjuri woman living in Sydney. Details: Lizzie (02) 9918 2594, Vanessa (02) 9970 5456 or visit www.asgmwp.net

It will be held at the Nelson Heather Centre, cnr Jacksons and Pittwater roads, North Narrabeen, from 7.30pm

7-8 May: The 3rd Annual Reintegration Puzzle Conference, in Sydney. This brings together people working in the areas of prisoner and offender reintegration, employment services, drug and alcohol services, mental health services, housing, mentoring and others. Registration details are available from www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/psychology/research/ease/ or call Jenny Crosbie (03) 9251 7887.

9 May: Redfern Legal Centre is having its 30th anniversary at the Town Hall, 73 Pitt St, Redfern, from 5.30-7.30pm. Cost \$20 at the door. Cocktails provided as well as a photo exhibition.

Details: Helen Campbell (02) 9698 7277 or (0415) 296 392. Email info@rlc.org.au or visit www.rlc.org.au

10 May: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Expo. The expo will emphasise the importance of health and well-being by providing information relating to substance use, health living and positive role models. Held at the St Clair Recreation Centre, Woodville, Adelaide, 10am - 2pm. Details: Sara (08) 8408 1313 email sara@charlessturt.sa.gov.au or call Janette on (0428) 114 803.

11 May: Applications close for the Youth Off The Streets National Scholarship Program for people aged 12-21 with talent, ability and determination in any field, including (but not limited to) education and training, visual or performing arts, sport, trade skills, and music. For details visit www2.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding/2938.html

12 May: All Aboriginal Rugby League and sporting clubs throughout NSW are invited to attend the official club delegates meeting at the Lismore Workers Club from 11am-3pm. Details call Ray Davison on 0425 222 567 or Ricky Lyons on 0415 665 400.

12-14 May: Melbourne Australian Idol audition. Park Function Centre off Batman Avenue, Melbourne, 8.30am-3pm. www.australianidol.com.au

12 May: Koori Mail 400th Edition celebrations gala dinner at the Lismore Workers Club from 6pm until late. Details: Solua or Naomi (02) 6622 2666 or email 400@koorimail.com

13 May: Family and Friends extend an invitation to celebrate and honour the life and legacy of Justine Saunders (Little Black Duck) in a Memorial Celebration at the Sydney Opera House, Drama Theatre, on Sunday 13 May from 2pm.

From the very top of Australia

Loyce Tom, left, and Florida Aruba enjoying time out from Boigu Island in Townsville.



By ALF WILSON in Townsville

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It was a genuine adventure when two women from Australia's most northern spot – Boigu Island, in the Torres Strait – travelled to the north Queensland 'big

smoke' of Townsville recently to undertake a training course.

Florida Aruba, 25, and Loyce Tom, 24, reckon that Townsville – with a population of 160,000 – is very big when compared with their beloved Boigu, which has just 200 or so permanent residents.

Most big city residents would consider that an understatement, especially the few who have seen Boigu's beauty, peace and tranquillity up close.

The Koori Mail met Florida and Loyce when they were having a meal at a South Townsville hotel.

One Townsville resident, John Donovan, had never heard of Boigu Island, but when told by Florida and Loyce of the population and geographical difference, declared 'They would be like two different worlds'.

John said he had spent a lot of time on the Townsville 'suburb' of Magnetic Island

– eight nautical miles across Cleveland Bay, which had a population of 3000.

"Boigu Island would not be anything like Magnetic," he said.

Florida said it had been a long trip from Boigu.

"We're doing a community development course here in Townsville with ten others from remote places," she said.

While they were delighted to be on their second visit to Townsville, they said they still enjoyed getting back to Boigu.

"Boigu Island is a real paradise and we love it there," said Florida. "It is our home but it is also good to travel down here to Townsville and see things like traffic lights, high-rise buildings and so many people."

"We can see Papua New Guinea from home and will be out fishing for barramundi when we get back."

Florida and Loyce said they hoped to become community welfare officers once they completed their training and would work with Torres Strait youth.



Florida and Loyce can see the Papuan New Guinea coastline from their island home of Boigu.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kamilaroi Employment Aboriginal Corporation

Applications are invited for the position of Chief Executive Officer with the Kamilaroi Employment Aboriginal Corporation. Kamilaroi Employment Aboriginal Corporation (KEAC) is a non-profit organisation with its main office based in St George which is situated in South West Queensland, on the Balonne River, approximately 450 km from Toowoomba.

KEAC has two offices. Main office situated in St George with a second located in Durrandale which is approximately 97 km south of St George.

Applicants must possess significant experience in a senior management position and have knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of a Chief Executive Officer.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the CEO will manage all aspects of the KEAC's business and provide strategic leadership to take advantage of the emerging opportunities.

KEAC is offering an attractive salary and package, including vehicle, mobile phone and rent assistance.

An information package containing a position description, selection criteria and salary can be obtained by contacting Joy Weatherall on 07 46 255 066.

Written application marked "Strictly Confidential" should be forwarded to: Miss Priscilla (Joy) Weatherall, KEAC Secretary, PO Box 426, St George QLD 4487.

Applications close at 4.00pm, 18th May 2007.

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or post it to: The Recruitment Officer
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous
Tertiary Education
C/- Post Office
Batchelor NT 0845

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

AFL on Indigenous airwaves



Love your AFL? Well listening to it just got easier thanks to a partnership between the Australian Government, the Australian Football League (AFL) and the National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS).

Starting last Friday, the partnership sees NIRS broadcasting four AFL games a week, including the finals' series and grand final.

NIRS provides programming to more than 160 Indigenous radio stations as well as Indigenous content for about 120 other Australian radio stations.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said last week that the Australian Government's co-sponsoring of the AFL broadcast on NIRS was recognition of the important role footy played in the lives of Indigenous Australians.

"AFL not only showcases outstanding Indigenous football talent, but provides a centrepiece for Indigenous people which can unite

and uplift communities," Mr Brough said.

"It also provides Indigenous youth with positive role models who have showed through sport, education and hard-work, Indigenous Australians are capable of achieving great things."

AFL Chief Broadcasting and Commercial Officer Gillon McLachlan said the AFL coverage was not only important in terms of reach, but would provide a vehicle for current and previous Indigenous players such as Gavin Wanganeen, Darryl White, Chris Lewis, Derek Kickett, Dean Rioli, Ronnie Burns, Gilbert McAdam, Phil Narkle and legendary former umpire Glen James - to work alongside other legends, including Mark Browning, Tony Morwood and Peter 'Crackers' Keenan.

Richard Griffiths of AFL Queensland also was pleased to see the return of the broadcast.

"The AFL community across Queensland is delighted to have NIRS AFL coverage back on the airwaves as they provide consistent, quality coverage of four AFL games

per weekend," he said.

"The NIRS coverage compliments our game development activities, particularly in remote communities and we are most appreciative of the Federal Government support to help us in our endeavours to spread the AFL gospel."

Last month, the Australian Government and the AFL announced \$2.4 million in sporting initiatives that would benefit Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

Participating clubs will send squads of players and coaches to visit individual communities and conduct coaching clinics as well as train community coaches, deliver healthy lifestyle and nutrition information, and run training camps as part of a reward and recognition scheme linked to school attendance and results.

The AFL All Stars Ambassador Program will use current or former AFL players as mentors to encourage young people to finish secondary school or get a job.

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
WRITER'S
PRIZE



An Australian Government Initiative

The 2007 Social Responsibility Writer's Prize will be launched on 27 April with a first prize of \$2000! The competition is a fun way for secondary school and tertiary students to express their opinions about socially responsible business practice. Australian students are invited to choose from a series of questions and respond in a creative style. As an Australian Government initiative this competition allows the Prime Minister to hear the views of youth in our community as Australia's future business and community leaders.



For more information, go to www.partnerships.gov.au or call 1800 050 009

New scheme to target diabetes



Diabetes Australia NSW has welcomed a major boost to help fight diabetes that was announced at the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting in Canberra on 13 April.

Prime Minister John Howard said the Commonwealth would commit \$100 million to the fight against diabetes and the States had agreed to collectively match this sum.

The scheme, to be developed by the COAG Reform Council, is part of a broader strategy to target chronic illness in Australia.

COAG also agreed to give the States greater input into decisions about how many new doctors and specialists were trained in Australia in year.

"We welcome this decision as good news for people with diabetes," said Diabetes Australia - NSW President Dr Neville Howard.

"We hope it will lead to a co-ordinated response, with everyone working together to make things better for people with diabetes and reduce the burden on the country. We will be very interested in looking at the details of the funding and we hope that part of the funding will be spent on reducing the risk and preventing type 2 diabetes for the future."

Health and welfare lobby groups immediately welcomed the funding, while South Australian Premier Mike Rann declared the money would help fight the 'epidemic of diabetes'.

Queensland Premier Peter Beattie said: "For someone who is fat and overweight, I'm delighted to see we are doing something about diabetes."

Welcome in NT

Northern Territory Chief Minister Clare Martin said the funding was particularly welcome in the NT where many Indigenous people lived with diabetes.

Aid group Oxfam and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) said the money should be spent primarily on Indigenous Australians.

"The States have highlighted the need for greater attention to be directed to combating type-2 diabetes," NACCHO chief Dea Delaney Thiele said.

"That need is especially high among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who are 10 times more likely to contract diabetes than other Australians."

Diabetes Australia President Gary Deed also welcomed the move.

"We are pleased with the Prime Minister's announcement and we look forward to working further with the Government to develop diabetes strategies," he said.

Mr Deed said the money



Fresenius Vice-President for the South Asia-Pacific Region Thomas Mechttersheimer presents Jimmy Little with a \$20,000 cheque to support the *Return to Country* Program.

Returning to country

AN inspirational program aimed at helping Aboriginal sufferers of kidney disease stuck in Alice Springs for dialysis treatment to make regular trips back to their traditional country has received a sizeable boost.

Since Christmas, the Jimmy Little Foundation's *Return to Country* program has helped more than 50 people go home for the first time in years.

Recently, the world's biggest provider of dialysis products, Fresenius, presented singing legend Jimmy Little with a \$20,000 cheque to help his foundation's life-changing work.

"The donation represents 30 per cent of Fresenius' worldwide donations to community organisations and we're thrilled that they thought Indigenous health was so important," Foundation representative Don Palmer told the Koori Mail.

After two years on dialysis and a kidney transplant, Jimmy Little realised the importance of all Australians being able to access quality health care no matter where they lived, and he wanted to make a concrete contribution to those communities most affected by kidney disease.

He established the Jimmy Little Foundation (JLF) last year to help improve kidney health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across regional and remote Australia.

should be used to create a nationally available diabetes risk assessment kit.

Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) Chairman Dr Tony Hobbs said the funding was an excellent start to combating the growing diabetes epidemic.

"Over one million Australians have diabetes and the rate is steadily growing at an additional 100,000 people a year," he said.

"We already know that diabetes and other chronic conditions have an enormous social and economic cost. We

According to the Foundation, the incidence of kidney failure in some remote Indigenous communities is between 30 and 50 times the national average, and about 50 per cent of sufferers live in regions with no dialysis facilities, forcing them to take long road trips sometimes twice a week or to relocate far away from their communities.

"It is just not practical or financially possible for people to get back home, many patients have not been able to return home for many years," Jimmy said.

"Their dislocation from family breaks their hearts and makes family life very difficult and leads to problems with their health treatment."

The Closing the Gap report released earlier this month by Oxfam and the National Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) says the burden of kidney disease, 'particularly the multi-generational occurrence in some families', was a major threat to the well-being of Aboriginal communities.

The JLF is a not-for-profit charitable institution with tax-exempt status. It welcomes donations from individuals, corporate sponsors and private companies. For details, go to the website at www.jlf.org.au

also know that with effective education and treatment these illness can be reduced significantly.

"It's good to see that the Australian governments recognise diabetes as a real problem now and into the future." — WITH AAP

Babies to get virus vaccine



All six-month-old babies will be vaccinated

against deadly rotavirus for free after the Government approved a \$124 million addition to the national immunisation program.

About 10,000 Australian children are hospitalised each year with severe diarrhoea caused by the common gastrointestinal disease.

Acting Health Minister Christopher Pyne recently announced that the vaccine would be included on the National Immunisation Program, at a cost of \$124 million over five years.

From July, the vaccine will be given in two or three oral doses to all babies born after May 1 before they are six months old.

"Rotavirus occurs more frequently in young children, with almost half of all cases occurring in babies under 12 months of age and the majority of cases occurring in children under five years of age," Mr Pyne said.

Affected

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are affected much more seriously by this disease."

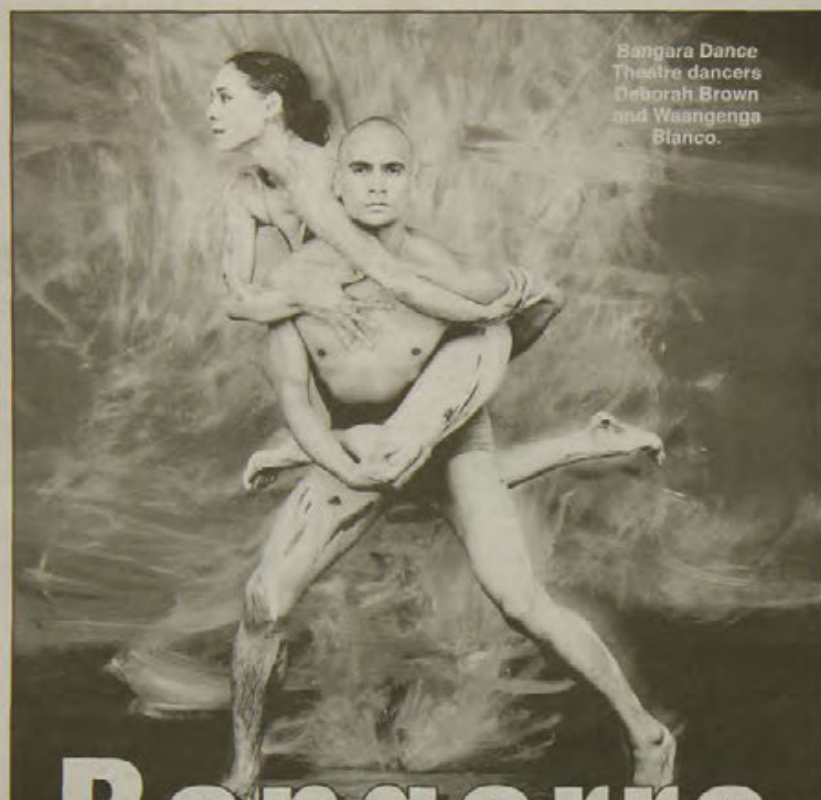
Two alternative rotavirus vaccines - Rotarix from GlaxoSmithKline and RotaTeq from CSL Limited - will be included on the national program.

The doses would generally be given at the same time as other immunisations at about two, four and six months of age, Mr Pyne said.

The Government decision comes more than four months after the its drug advisory committee recommended the two vaccines be included.

Health Minister Tony Abbott told Parliament last month that negotiations with suppliers over the price of the vaccine had just been completed.

Mr Pyne said spending on immunisation had increased from \$13 million a year in 1996 to \$207 million a year in 2007. — AAP



Bangarra Dance Theatre dancers Deborah Brown and Waangenga Blanco.

Bangarra takes on a new challenge



The Bangarra Dance Theatre is entering uncharted waters in its new production, *True Stories*.

For the first time, the double bill includes a full-length Torres Strait Islander work, Emeret Lu, alongside a hard-hitting contemporary tale of the desecration of Aboriginal land at Maralinga, X300.

The first choreographic foray for Elma Kris, who joined Bangarra as a dancer in 1997, Emeret Lu features Murray Island dances celebrating rain, wind, the hunt, desire and pleasure.

Tutors from Murray Islands have taught the company the ceremonial dances. Ms Kris was inspired by the book Emeret Lu, meaning 'very old things', a handbook of traditional Torres Strait Island material culture written by her former teacher, Lindsay Wilson.

In another first for the company, *True Stories* has two Indigenous women choreographing the production, with the multi award-winning Frances Rings leading X300.

Adelaide-born Ms Rings looked close to home for this new work. X300 was the codename the British gave the Maralinga site, 650km north-west of Augusta, which they used for testing 21 nuclear weapons in the 1950s and 1960s.

Ms Rings witnessed at close hand Indigenous families' loss and sense of displacement resulting from being ripped from their homelands.

"Aboriginal people have a very spiritual connection to the land," she said.

"The land means everything to them, the waterhole system, the sacred sites, the songlines. My work is an abstract response to the tragic events at Maralinga.

"I will look at the silent black mist that rolled along the ground when the blasts occurred and the blindness that affected so many.

"But the work is also about healing. It's a journey back to country – a chance to rejuvenate and heal old wounds."

Presented by QPAC and Bangarra Dance Theatre, in association with the Musgrave Park Cultural Centre, *True Stories* introduces two new young Queensland dancers – Jasmin Sheppard and Katina Olsen – and the return of Waangenga Blanco.

It also includes a special guest appearance by Murray Island descendant Smilar Sinak.

● *True Stories* will tour nationally. Brisbane ticket information: Dates, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 June, 7.30pm; 15 June, 8pm; 16 June, 2pm and 7.30pm. Venue, Playhouse, QPAC, Brisbane. Tickets, \$26 to \$55. Bookings, 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au @qpac.com.au or 3840 7984.

Photographer's positive turn

Story by REKO
RENNIE-GWAYBILLA in Melbourne
Photos by BINDI COLE
and OLLIE WINTER

Victorian Aboriginal photographer Bindi Cole hopes her latest exhibition will help to break down stereotypes and negative views of Indigenous people.

A Wathaurung woman, Ms Cole wanted to capture the Indigenous community of Victoria and further afield using images that represent positive individuals who are making a difference to their community within their chosen fields of expertise.

Ms Cole says her exhibition, *Heart Strong: Contemporary Indigenous Portraits*, currently on show at the Koorie Heritage Trust, contains no traditional images of possum skin cloaks, face/body paints or children in the Outback.

"Instead, we see striking images of mostly urban dwellers such as Kylie Belling, Gary Foley, Warren Mundine, Dan Sultan, Richard Frankland, Kutcha Edwards, Andrew Jackomos, Andrea James, Noel Tovey and others," she told the Koori Mail.

"I was looking to make a positive representation of the community that I could relate to.

"All my life I have seen traditional images of Indigenous people – kids in the Outback, body paints etcetera, but as a girl who grew up in the city, I never really related."

Ms Cole says many people have a view of what an urban Indigenous person should look like.

"I've heard a lot of negative stuff about Indigenous people and I wanted to show that as much as that is relevant, there are as many people doing great things in the community," she said.

"I wanted to create a show that inspires other Indigenous people, that provides role models and to the

non-Indigenous, perhaps lifts a little cultural ignorance.

"As Warren Mundine said, there are so many more Indigenous people living in urban areas than in remote communities."

Also in the exhibition is a series of portraits of elite Indigenous athletes that includes Greg Inglis, Xavier Clarke, Allan Murray, Nathan Lovett-Murray, Andrew Murray, Chance Bateman, Raphael Clarke, Sam Thaiday and more.

Ms Cole says the work was in



A patron admiring the photographs of Bindi Cole at Cole's Melbourne exhibition.

collaboration with the Unity Foundation creating an 18-month Calendar entitled MIB (Men In Black).

All proceeds from the sale of the calendar will be donated to the Unity Foundation for delivering programs, support and sponsorships to disadvantaged youth. The MIB calendar will be launched this month.

Heart Strong: Contemporary Indigenous Portraits by Bindi Cole will be exhibited at the Koorie Heritage Trust at 295 King Street, Melbourne until 11 May.



Xavier Clarke, one of Bindi Cole's subjects.



Bindi Cole.

Drawing together



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Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

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Entries will close on 8 June this year.

Christian faith inspires Aboriginal artist's work



For Indigenous artist Sharon K Nelson, her religious faith as a Christian is an inspiration for her creative endeavours on canvas.

The 43-year-old mother of four children has chosen to dedicate three of her artworks to the memory of close friends who passed away this year.

Using the theme of the Cross, the artworks will form part of an Indigenous art exhibition at the A Space Gallery at the Preston campus of Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE (NMIT) from 2-22 May.

The exhibition, called *Black & Deadly: Contemporary Indigenous Art* will feature about 50 artworks of 10 Indigenous students enrolled in Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts at NMIT's Koorie Services Centre.

For Ms Nelson, of Preston, the exhibition is an exciting opportunity to showcase her talents to the community and celebrate her Indigenous culture as well as her religious beliefs.

The Murri woman belongs to the Gureng Gureng Tribe, and came to Melbourne when she was 21. Her religious theme paintings are complemented by six other artworks called *The Boomerang Family* based on a gift of two boomerangs she received from one of her daughter's friends for her birthday.

While Ms Nelson's father is



Sharon K Nelson works on a painting.

Aboriginal, her mum and grandmother are Spanish, and it was her grandmother who shaped her artistic talents.

"I grew up watching my grandmother paint and started painting and doing copper enamelling at school in Queensland," she said.

"I was a full-time mother for a long time before I decided I wanted to have a career and do something with my life and not just

be a mum. Thinking of my grandmother, I wondered maybe I could do what she did one day."

Ms Nelson enrolled in NMIT's art course to see where it would lead and enjoys studying in an Indigenous cultural community at NMIT's Koorie Services Centre.

The official exhibition opening is from 12.30-3.30pm with a barbecue lunch provided. Exhibition hours are Monday to Friday 11am-4pm.

NGA mines major new exhibitions



A major exhibition of new Aboriginal art will be shown at the National Gallery of Australia

(NGA) in Canberra every three years following an unprecedented alliance with a mining company.

The first exhibition, *Culture Warriors*, will open at the gallery in Canberra on 12 October and feature the works of 30 artists from each State and Territory.

Works from the exhibition will then travel to galleries in South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia.

Gallery Director Ron Radford said the first National Indigenous Art Triennial was made possible through an 'unprecedented and unique' partnership with mining company BHP Billiton.

The gallery hopes the triennial will become a permanent and major part of the Australian and international contemporary arts calendar.

"Here we have with BHP Billiton an example of inspired corporate leadership, coupled with a new permanent event whose time has truly come," Gallery Chairman Rupert Myer told the exhibition launch last Wednesday.

"Their support for this national cultural institution, our National Gallery of Australia, is a warm acknowledgment of the role corporations can so beneficially play in the community."

The triennial will feature works by well-known and emerging artists that have been created in the three years since the previous show.

A guest Indigenous curator will select the works for each show, which will include paintings on canvas and bark, sculpture, textiles and new media.

BHP Billiton executive Chris Lynch said the partnership was very fitting as the company operated almost exclusively in very remote areas, where it had long-standing relationships with local Indigenous communities.

"What we want to have is a long and lasting positive legacy in the areas where we operate," he said.

"This program gives us an opportunity to do something off the normal path but to certainly acknowledge the great cultural heritage that's there in the indigenous community."

The sponsorship is worth about \$500,000.

NSW Parliament prize entries open



Entries in the 2007 Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize are now open. The annual prize, regarded as an important step in recognising the wealth of artistic excellence in NSW Indigenous communities, has an award of \$20,000 and the winning work is acquisitive to the NSW Parliament.

Contributing artists must be Indigenous, 18 years or older, and belong

to a NSW language group or have been born in NSW.

The works entered must not exceed 2m by 2m. They must have been produced in the past 12 months and not previously exhibited.

This year's prize will feature a second award, the College of Fine Arts Professional Development Award that will include a two-week residency and solo exhibition at the EPS Gallery at the college campus in Paddington. The new

award is supported by the University of New South Wales.

Entries will be received at Campbelltown Arts Centre until 1 June. The winners will be announced at the opening on 16 October, and an exhibition of selected entries will be displayed at NSW Parliament House in October and November before touring the State.

For more information, contact the Campbelltown Arts Centre Box Office on (02) 4645 4100.



artsACT

2008 ACT Arts Fund

Applications are invited from individuals, groups and organisations who propose projects and activities that support, promote, present, develop or provide access to high-quality arts in the ACT.

Applications for Project Funding, Community Arts Funding, ACT Creative Arts Fellowships, ACT Book of the Year Award, and the ACT Poetry Prize will close 5:00pm, Wednesday 30 May 2007.

Applications for the Key Arts Organisation Funding Category will close 5:00pm, Friday 15 June 2007. All those interested in this Category must meet with artsACT prior to lodging an application.

All applicants are encouraged to attend one of two Information Sessions, both of which will be held at the Griffin Centre, corner of Genge and Bunda Streets, Canberra City:

Tuesday 1 May - noon to 1pm (Room 10, Level 2)

Thursday 3 May - 6 pm 7pm (Room 6, Level 1)

For a copy of the Information Booklet and application forms, please visit www.arts.act.gov.au or phone 6207 2384.

2007 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards

nominations open now

The David Unaipon Award offers aspiring Indigenous authors from across the nation the opportunity to gain recognition in the literary community, as well as providing financial assistance to support the development of high quality writing.

The winning author of this manuscript award receives \$15 000 and has their work mentored and published by University of Queensland Press.

For more information visit www.literaryawards.qld.gov.au or phone 07 3405 5215

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Snappin' up Digger J

Sign of good writing, says educator

BY JIRRA LULLA HARVEY
in Melbourne



"To provoke in a person both sadness and gladness, that is the sign of good writing," said respected educator Lillian Holt at the recent launch of *Digger J Jones: Holy snappin' duckpool!* at The Koori Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

A packed house listened as Ms Holt, who was in the first wave of Aboriginal university graduates in Australia, read a passage from the 10-year-old

protagonist's diary.

"Me pops wants me to keep a diary 'cause he wasn't allowed to read and write on the mission and he spoke to my teacher and my teacher thinks it's a good idea. As if I don't get enough reading and writing to do from school," Ms Holt read.

Richard J Frankland's novel hit a personal note for Ms Holt, as it likely will for Aboriginal readers across the country.

"An arrow pierced my heart as I recalled my own dad – an Aboriginal stockman who, too, could not read and write, who was dismissed as 'illiterate' but who was, in my estimation, as with Digger's dad – truly educated in the holistic sense of the word," she said.

Amidst a changing political landscape, Digger continues to write about things important to a boy of his age, from piffing yonnies, brawling with the school bully and fishing with his cousins.

Digger provides contemporary audiences with a glimpse into 1960s life for a young Aboriginal boy.

Forty years after the historic Referendum, readers can join Digger on the 'Yes' campaign that changed the Australian constitution.

"(The book) is educating and enlightening for those not aware of the historical legacies which have wounded, moulded and informed us all," said Ms Holt.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings said *Digger J Jones: Holy snappin' duckpool!* provided an opportunity for children to understand and question Australia's cultural history, and was a platform for discussion of Indigenous affairs.

He said he would recommend the book be added to the suggested reading list for the 2007 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Mr Frankland told the Koori Mail that while many considered Digger a children's book, he had found a lot of adults were reading it and passing it on to their mates.

Ms Holt agreed. "The beauty of it, for me, is that it is both informative and humorous and thus is not limited in age-appeal given that all good story telling is simple and appeals to the child within," she said.

Mr Frankland hopes that the success of *Digger J Jones: Holy snappin' duckpool!* will encourage Scholastic Press to publish more Indigenous authors.



Richard Frankland signs copies of his new book *Digger J Jones: Holy snappin' duckpool!*



Author Richard J Frankland flanked with Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings and educator Lillian Holt.

Play stirs emotions

Story and photos by Tasmanian
Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



A new musical play performed in Tasmania recently explores the emotional highs and lows experienced by fair-skinned Indigenous people claiming and explaining their identity.

Inside Out, written and performed by Palawa woman Bree Langridge and Vanuatuan Danielle Matthews, looks at the ways that childhood experiences shape us as people.

"It's all 100 per cent raw and true. We didn't realise how powerful it was. We wanted people to laugh and cry with us," Bree told the Koori Mail after a show in Hobart where the audience did just that.

"Our past experiences ripple through our day-to-day life on every level, including perception of others, relationships, career, family and identity.

"The constant battle of life's choices can sometimes throw us at war with ourselves. You need to see where you come from to understand why you are where you are today."

The musical is emotive and personal journey for the young duo, all the while highlighting their writing, acting, dancing and singing talents.

Financially, the self-funded *Inside Out* just broke even. Bree Langridge and Danielle Matthews spent a straight three months writing and rehearsing four nights of the week, and Bree hopes that their hard work might earn them a

profit down the track.

Palawa women Bree Langridge (left) on stage with Danielle Matthews in a Hobart performance of *Inside Out*.



profit down the track.

"We've had a lot of industry people saying it's a great product to sell, but no-one's offered any money yet," Ms Langridge said.

"From the show we've a recording, DVD, a working script that's very easy and a cast and a crew."

She believes *Inside Out* would also be suited to being adapted for upper secondary school, an area where much of her recent experience lies.

The Tasmanian shows were something of a homecoming for Ms Langridge, who left the island State when she was 18 to study at the Victorian College of the Arts. She has since worked in a musical called *Tribe*, children's theatre, the Indigenous program of the 2006 Commonwealth Games opening ceremony, three consecutive Crocfests and numerous other Indigenous community events.

Most recently, she has been working as a child chaperone with the musical *Miss Saigon*, one of the worlds most successful musicals.

"It's nice to be involved with a big show," she said. "My love is in theatre."



Bree Langridge backstage.

7 categories in new national art competition

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Artist and museum of art see Eye to Eye

THE first major survey of the work of Wiradjuri visual artist Brook Andrew has opened at the Monash University Museum of Art in Melbourne.

Curated by Geraldine Barlow, *Brook Andrew: Eye to Eye* covers the scope of Andrew's practice over the past decade. It encompasses photography, printmaking, sculpture and neon installations.

The exhibition 'interrogates the politics of difference and, closely entwined, the implications of the gaze'.

Andrew explores the 'promising and yet fractured grounds of our contemporary intercultural engagement. Reflecting equally on global mass media and traditional grass-roots aesthetics, the artist asks audiences to consider the construction of history and

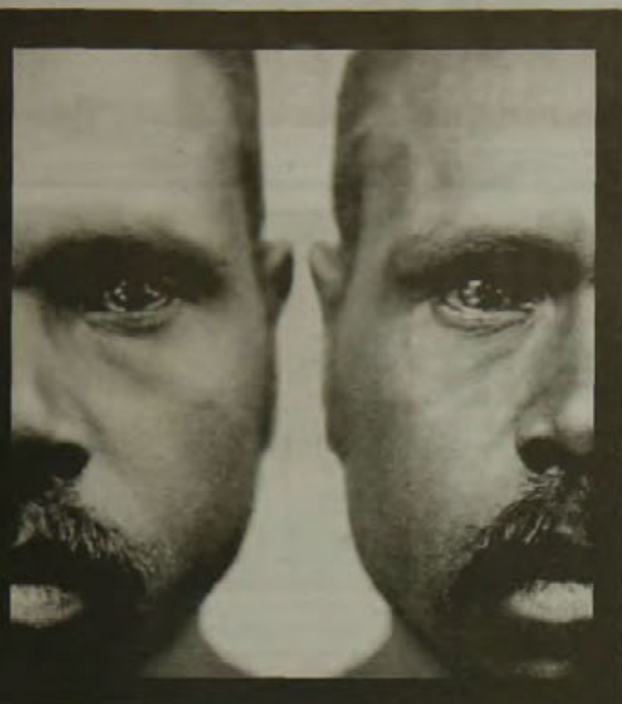


Brook Andrew, Parrot 2006 – courtesy of the artist and Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne.

power, identity and invisibility; in black, white and many shades of grey'.

Brook Andrew was born in Sydney but now lives and works

in Melbourne. His work is held and has been exhibited in galleries around Australia and he has completed several major public art commissions.



Brook Andrew, I Split Your Gaze 1997 – courtesy of the artist and Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne.

Cow Bay inspires landscape painter

Story and photo by
Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON

From a small rainforest property tucked away at Cow Bay, in far north Queensland, Aboriginal man Billy Marshall is making a name for himself painting landscapes.

Some would say the tranquillity of the lush spot is the perfect foil for the 25 years that the 63-year-old spent as an underground miner at Mount Isa before moving to Cow Bay in 1996.

The father of seven agrees, saying he takes his art seriously, and living among the rainforest makes painting much easier.

"I can just sit down and start painting and love it," he said. "My mob is from the Dajarra area out from Mount Isa and I have always been interested in art."

Mr Marshall was also an amateur boxer in his heyday who once fought former world champion Lionel Rose in an exhibition bout for charity, and later worked as a bouncer at a Mount Isa nightclub.

The quietly spoken 63-year-old was spurred on in his art by the great Central Australian artist Albert Namatjira. He uses acrylic colours and some oils.

Some years ago in Mount Isa, Mr Marshall did a painting of a bull rider at the rodeo and



Artist Billy Marshall with his son Wayne in his studio at Cow Bay, north Queensland.

won a major competition.

His 36-year-old son Wayne lives on the small property with him and said many people had heard of the art and just stopped in.

One such person was Moranbah miner Wally Latimore, who bought several paintings from Mr Marshall.

"The work is of the highest quality and I will be taking the

painting back to Moranbah to show others," Mr Latimore said.

Cow Bay motel licensee John Noonan described Mr Marshall as a 'genuine good fella' who was well respected in the small community which was about 16km past the Daintree River ferry crossing.

"He can hang his paintings up any time in the hotel and I

am sure many would want them," Mr Noonan said.

When the Koori Mail visited the isolated property, Mr Marshall was preparing to drive to Cairns to pick up his daughter 25-year-old Lydana who was arriving from Mornington Island.

"I'll be driving her to Townsville where she will graduate as a nurse," he said.

Character of city focus for workshop



A ten-day workshop aimed at capturing the memoirs of the people of Sydney and the objects and places that give Sydney its character and its chronicles is to be held soon. Metro Screen and the City of Sydney are combining to present Sydney Songlines, which will look at the people whose daily adventures, horrors, loves and history are played out among its architecture and natural features.

Metro Screen and the City of Sydney say they are offering all those who share 'this beautiful historic city of villages' the chance to capture the memoirs of the people.

"Discover, revitalise and record the eroding traces of history in a way that not only your fellow residents can share, but future generations can look back on and learn from. Map your personal experiences and relationships in and with the city," organisers say.

The workshop will teach a range of vocationally-focused multimedia skills. People will learn to write, capture, edit, record, conform and compress their personal audio/visual Sydney Songline. By the end of the workshop, organisers say they will have learned to create their own mobile phone playable movie, a website and a DVD.

Organisers say only a basic working knowledge of computer literacy is needed to attend. Metro Screen especially encourages applications from people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

To apply for Sydney Songlines, applicants must send a 150-word or less proposal briefly describing the approach they will take in creating their 'songline' of Sydney. The screened story must be between two and three minutes in length and applicants must include a list of images, photographs or video material they think might help to create their story.

The Sydney Songlines is a 10-day workshop based around a five-day full-time training course to be held at Metro Screen, Sydney in mid-June, 2007. Dates to be confirmed.

Send full applications to David Opitz, Metro Screen, PO Box 299, Paddington 2021. The deadline for applications is 25 May.

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Michael has got all the right answers in his job

By ALF WILSON in Townsville

WHEN Michael Passi was growing up on the island of Mer, in the Torres Strait, and later in the Queensland outback at Cloncurry, a secure, well-paid and rewarding career was not something he saw in his future.

But for the past six years, Mr Passi has been a valuable member of the Townsville Centrelink Call Centre, answering calls from students and young job-seekers from around the country.

"As an Indigenous person I never really thought that I'd land an office job, particularly one as good as this," says Mr Passi. "But the fact that I achieved it shows that anybody can do it."

After working in various jobs, including time as a porter with

Queensland Rail, Mr Passi applied for a position with Centrelink and joined the organisation in May 2001.

The Townsville Call Centre is looking for up to 15 new recruits to join Mr Passi as Customer Service Advisers. Applications can be made at www.select-teleresources.com.au/page/impact

Recommend

"I would recommend the Centrelink Call Centre to any person who has a positive can-do attitude and is interested in a secure, challenging career with great working conditions," Mr Passi says. "I have found the position extremely rewarding in the areas I've worked. The best feeling is when someone thanks you for helping them when they needed it the most."

Call Centre Staffing Manager Tracey Parker says no specific qualifications are needed, as all training is provided.

"What Centrelink looks for is people with the ability to connect with others – someone who can understand what people are going through and help them to find a way forward," she says.

"It's a challenging job at times, but that's part of the attraction of the role."

"Centrelink wages are also quite competitive, so it's a rewarding job in that sense as well."

For more information on the positions, contact Select Teleresources on (07) 3243 3942.

To find out about other vacancies and career opportunities within Centrelink, go to the website at www.centrelink.gov.au



Michael Passi on the job.

Cut above the rest

A HAIRDRESSING program in one of the most remote communities of South Australia is providing locals with the chance to learn the trade for the first time.

The program, in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, is supported by the SA Department of the Premier and Cabinet (through the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division), TAFE and the local community. It involves students attending weekly classes on Thursdays at a specially fitted-out salon at Amata, in the State's north-west.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill said the program opened many doors for the APY Lands community.

"Increasing opportunities is the key to improving the quality of life for Aboriginal people, particularly those living in remote



Amelia Stubbs ... "It will be good to try my skills on the community."

communities," Mr Weatherill said.

"Programs like this play a crucial role in training, skill

development and employment. This includes specialist industry skills such as hairdressing as well

as others such as communication, teamwork and problem-solving.

"That will not only add to their sense of personal fulfilment, but also increase their capacity to enjoy financial independence and enrich their contribution to their family and community."

Training for the program is provided by Tina Jukic, who has more than 20 years' experience in hairdressing and training.

The training includes a pre-employment program consisting of 46 activities and the opportunity to complete certificates towards the accredited TAFE course.

Currently, 14 students ranging in age from 14 to 35 are taking part.

Mr Weatherill said some students would soon be able to provide services to clients.

"One of the great benefits of this program is the flexibility it

provides for those who take part," he said.

"Individuals can work through the program at their own pace and this can be particularly important for some who have other commitments or move between communities."

"The other ingredient to this program's success so far has been the support it has received from the community. The locals have really got behind the program. They understand that it is more than just an activity – it is a pathway to a career and a bright future."

Amelia Stubbs, 18, said she hoped to gain an apprenticeship in Alice Springs after completing the program.

"I always do my sisters' hair so this (the program) is really good," she said. "I've learned how to cut and do braids. It will be good to try my skills on the community."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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SBS radio

SBS, Australia's multicultural and multilingual broadcaster has the following vacancy:

Aboriginal Program Casual Producers - Band 3

SBS Radio Melbourne is seeking casual Producers for the Aboriginal Program. Candidates with a background in journalism and broadcasting would be preferred.

The Duty Statement and Selection Criteria for this position can be found on our website at www.sbs.com.au or you can obtain a copy from the Recruitment Officer on (02) 9430 3654. For further information regarding this position, please contact John Golubic in Melbourne on (03) 9949 2117. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria should be received by the Recruitment Officer, SBS, Locked Bag 028, Crows Nest NSW 1585 or email recruitment@sbs.com.au by 5pm Friday 18th May 2007.

**NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
BIOSECURITY, COMPLIANCE AND
MINE SAFETY DIVISION**

**TRAINEE ABORIGINAL LIAISON
OFFICER, INVASIVE SPECIES**

Clerk Grade 5-6, Dubbo, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 07/3614MG. Total remuneration package valued to: \$71,566 p.a. (\$58,777-\$64,854).

Improve the management of agricultural lands by working with landholders, community groups, local Aboriginal communities and organisations, to develop/implement cooperative programs to actively control pest plants/animals in regional NSW.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Understanding of natural resource management issues, including appreciation of the principles and strategies of pest animal, weed and land use management. Understanding of Aboriginal community interests in rural NSW. Knowledge of agricultural land management or willingness to participate in training to enhance specific knowledge to operate effectively in pest, weed and land use management role. Ability to liaise and influence a broad range of stakeholders' especially Aboriginal communities across NSW. Good client service, liaison, communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team. Ability to assist communities to develop effective pest animal, weed and land use management programs and strategies. Good interpersonal, facilitation, written, and oral communication skills and negotiation skills. Commitment and ability to work with community groups to develop and implement pest, weed and land use management and planning programs and to work effectively with Aboriginal community groups. Current Driver's Licence and willingness to travel extensively through rural NSW to perform duties. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is targeted for employment of an aboriginal person with funding by DET through the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program, which has been granted an exemption under s126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Inquiries: Rob Williamson 02 6391 3539 Email: rob.williamson@dpi.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** Rob Williamson (02) 6391 3539.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Employee Services Officer (Recruitment) NSW Department of Primary Industries, Locked Bag 21, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 04 May 2007.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
VICTIMS SERVICES
COORDINATOR
ABORIGINAL & RURAL PROGRAMS**

Departmental Professional Officer, Grade III, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/436. Total remuneration package valued to: \$86,385 p.a. (\$71,661-\$78,283) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

To ensure Aboriginal victims of crime have access to culturally appropriate support and information and that the principles of the Charter of Victims Rights are promoted and upheld in specified rural/regional areas according to identified need.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality; Relevant tertiary qualification and significant post-graduate experience working as a counsellor with trauma victims; Experience working in community education and demonstrated ability to build effective partnerships within regional communities; High level communication skills including negotiation, relationship management, presentation and report-writing skills; Excellent problem solving and analytical skills; Understanding of the needs of victims of crime and knowledge of the role of the Victims of Crime Bureau; Demonstrated experience in policy and program development, implementation and evaluation; Commitment and capacity to implement the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategies; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This position will be based at the Sydney head office of the Victims of Crime Bureau however the position holder will be expected to travel throughout NSW according to identified need. This position will be relocating to the Parramatta Justice Precinct in late 2007 or early 2008. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 9374 3175.

Inquiries: Marianne Curtis (02) 9374 3012 Email: marianne_curtis@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9374 3175.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or The Recruitment Unit, Attorney General's Department, Level 7, Goodsell Building, 8-12 Chifley Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 or agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 18 May 2007.

UNSW
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Indigenous Health Study Coordinator

Faculty of Medicine
National Centre in HIV Epidemiology & Clinical Research (NCHECR)

FIXED TERM - Salary Level 7: \$60K - \$65K per year
REF. 4913KM

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**NSW HEALTH
HUNTER NEW ENGLAND**

Application kits may be obtained from www.hnhealth.nsw.gov.au or the Application Kitline on (02) 4985 3272 or email recruitment@hnhealth.nsw.gov.au Apply online www.ejobs.nsw.gov.au/job/HNE/HNERegistry/default.cfm Eligibility lists may be created

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Registered Nurse
Nursing, Manning Rural Referral Hospital

Temp Part Time, 32 hpw Position No: 54184
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

The Registered Nurse will provide clinical leadership, role modelling, mentorship and support, working collaboratively with the multidisciplinary team to achieve excellence in paediatric nursing care on the unit.

Enquiries: Tracey Laidlaw, (02) 6592 9282, tracey.laidlaw@hnhealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 11 May 2007

POPULATION HEALTH

Aboriginal Program Manager
Aboriginal Health, Population Health, Planning & Performance

Temp Full Time Position No: 53870
Location Negotiable

The position is responsible for the research, analysis and assessing the relevance for the Health Service of legislative developments; Government policy and practice changes; Aboriginal Health issues; industry best practice; community and stakeholder expectations and trends in Aboriginal Health.

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Tony Martin, (02) 6592 9630, tony.martin@hnhealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 4 May 2007

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Production Assistant

Clerical Officer 3/4, Sydney, Temporary Full-Time,
Job Reference No PC007/057.

Total remuneration package valued to \$53,431 p.a. (\$44,538-\$48,419). Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Provide a wide range of word processing, clerical, secretarial and administrative support duties including typing and formatting complex documents, bulk copying and delivering documents, secretarial services and reception desk.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated proficiency in general clerical and secretarial duties, including wordprocessing and a certified typing speed of 35wpm with 98% accuracy. Demonstrated ability to cope with a variety of work, meet strict deadlines and maintain high standards of accuracy. Well developed communication skills. Ability to lift weights of up to 16 kg. Current Class C driver's licence. Willingness to work overtime, especially at night during Parliamentary sessions. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a temporary position for a period of 12 months. Applicants will be required to undertake an aptitude test in keyboard and formatting skills. Please refer to the PCO website for additional information that may assist with your application: www.pco.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Michelle Butler (02) 9321 3381.
Information Packages: Tom Thornton (02) 9321 3333.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Consultant, Central Corporate Services Unit, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

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**Academic Division
Wollutuka Support Unit (Gibalee)**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Position No. 663

An Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is sought for the provision of high level administrative support to staff in the Gibalee Centre, Ourimbah Campus to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the centre.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

HEW Level 4 \$41,607 to \$45,224 per annum
Applications Close: Friday, 4 May, 2007

All applications must include a statement addressing each selection criteria. Before submitting an application, please obtain additional information about the position including the selection criteria and application procedure in one of the following ways:

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E employment@newcastle.edu.au or
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Make a difference in the lives of Indigenous Queenslanders

We are seeking an experienced Indigenous Advisor (Identified*) who is passionate about ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders have their cultures affirmed, heritage sustained and have the same prospects for health, prosperity and quality of life as all Queenslanders.

We are committed to achieving this vision by ensuring all levels of government, community and non-government sectors work together.

The Indigenous Advisor, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, will provide quality independent advice to the Minister, Director-General and the Assistant Director-General on sensitive and complex issues relating to improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The successful applicant will be expected to advise, lead, direct and coordinate high level engagement and consultation with key Indigenous stakeholders in relation to Indigenous policy and program development and service delivery implementation.

The successful applicant will demonstrate superior abilities in engagement, development and capacity building activities in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, high level conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills, high level communication skills and will have an ability to engage at all levels and ability to represent the department on a range of forums.

Position description: available at www.jobs.qld.gov.au
Contract term: to 30 June 2008
Salary package: \$115 459 — \$120 804 p.a. (total remuneration value)
Telephone: Michael Hogan on 3224 2519 or email michael.hogan@communities.qld.gov.au
Applications close: 5.00pm Tuesday 8 May 2007

* It is a genuine occupational requirement that this position be filled by an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by, and arguable under, Sections 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti Discrimination Act.

To find out more about the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships within the Department of Communities, visit www.communities.com.au

**Queensland Government
Department of Communities**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Project Manager

\$45,000-\$50,000
Full-Time (Vehicle supplied)

We are seeking to employ a Project Manager who will report directly to the Board of Management. You must have sound knowledge about community organisation structure; proven planning, policy and project management skills; proven ability to communicate, negotiate and work effectively with a range of individuals and groups; and excellent written skills.

Applications close 4th May.

For further information, contact Graham Armstrong, Treasurer/CEO Kaala Koori Assoc. on (03) 5979 8110.

NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL
Aboriginal Mental Health Professional
Maroubra Community Health Centre

Perm Full Time Position No: POW07/142

Enq: Janet Khoshbin, (02) 9366 8711

Apps: PHIP0707@seahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 04 May 2007

• Being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent is considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised by Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.seahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

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Community Development Officer Aboriginal Services

Permanent Part-time Position

Salary Range: (\$26.61 - \$29.59 per hour) plus super;
21 hours per week SPV No 04/07

This position reflects Council's commitment to social justice issues and the development of social capital. It has a key role in community development in the local government area with a particular emphasis on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

You will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, have demonstrated community development experience, high level written and oral communication skills, and have a degree, or be working towards one in the human services or social science disciplines.

You will be working within Council's Social Planning and Community Development Team, to promote community welfare, wellbeing and participation, in keeping with Council's Social Plan. As well as working in general community development programs, you will play a key role in fostering cultural awareness. You will plan, prepare and implement a range of programs and services to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Municipality. In consultation with local residents and service providers.

In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in terms of Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Click on 'Positions Vacant' at our website www.lmc.nsw.gov.au to obtain a full information pack. Written applications must address the essential criteria and include the SPV No 04/07. To discuss the position or obtain an information pack contact Erla Roman on (02) 9367 9149.

Applications close: Friday, 25 May 2007.



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Central Northern Adelaide
Health Service

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- Directorate - Regional Office
- \$66,302 - \$70,369 - Perm F/T - AS06

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You'll have a demonstrated commitment to the goals and aspirations of South Australian Aboriginal people and communities and experience working directly with them.

You'll bring a solid knowledge of the political, historical and socio-economic circumstances that have affected Aboriginal people, their culture and communities. A relevant degree in human services, social science or health related areas is desirable.

Applications by 7/5/07, Enquiries to and Position Descriptions from: Alicia Jarred, Executive Assistant, Central Northern Adelaide Health Service, GPO Box 1896, Adelaide SA 5001, telephone 8222 1401 or email alicia.jarred@health.sa.gov.au

All applicants must address the essential criteria of the Position Description including the name, address and contact number of 3 current professional referees.

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New South Wales Government
Department of Premier and Cabinet



New South Wales
TREASURY

INDIGENOUS CADETSHIP OPPORTUNITIES in NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and NSW Treasury

Are you of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and studying for an undergraduate diploma or degree, on a full time basis at a NSW or ACT University or TAFE College?

Are you interested in an opportunity to gain work experience while studying in your chosen discipline?

Are you interested in gaining permanent employment in a NSW public sector agency when you have completed your studies?

If your answer is 'Yes', then a Cadetship may be for you.

The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and NSW Treasury are calling for applications from students enrolled in a university or TAFE college in NSW or the ACT. Five cadetships are currently offered through the NSW Public Sector Indigenous Cadetship Program. It is envisaged that the Cadetships will commence in late June or early July 2007.

A study allowance of \$600 per fortnight is paid during the 40 week academic year. Cadets also receive a wage for the 12 week work placement period. The work placement period can be undertaken in blocks and/or on a part-time basis as negotiated.

NSW Treasury

(1) Cadetship: Financial Analyst Location: Sydney CBD

Area of study required: Undergraduate degree in Business, Finance, Commerce, Accounting, Economics or other relevant field.

Contact: Ms Sharon Bowers Ph: 02 9228 3131 Email: sharon.bowers@treasury.nsw.gov.au

NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

(1) Cadetship: Policy or Legal Officer (Cabinet Office) Location: Sydney CBD

(3) Cadetships: Project/Policy Officers Location: Sydney CBD (Public Employment Office, Office for Women and Performance Development Division); Sydney CBD, and/or Parramatta, Armidale, Coffs Harbour, Wagga, Newcastle, Gosford, Wollongong, Dubbo, Queanbeyan (Strategic Projects Division). Please note that on completion of cadetship permanent positions are available in Sydney office locations only.

Area of Study required: Diploma or undergraduate degree in Public Administration, Government, Social Science, Political Science, Arts, Law, Business, Commerce, Economics, Environmental Studies, Human Resources, Industrial Relations, International Relations, Management or other relevant field.

Contact: Ms Maria Duca Ph: 02 9228 3018 Email: maria.duca@dpc.nsw.gov.au

Please obtain a Cadetship Applicant Information Package from one of the Contact Officers (above) and nominate in your application the agency/ies you are interested in.

Closing date for applications is 4 June 2007.

The NSW Public Sector Indigenous Cadetship Program is supported by funding from the Commonwealth Government under its National Indigenous Cadetship Project, administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.



Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd

Located in Bairnsdale, Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative Limited (GEGAC) is the largest Aboriginal organisation in the Gippsland area.

GEGAC is committed to the delivery of high quality services to the Aboriginal community from Sale East to the NSW border to improve economic, social and cultural well being for this generation and future generations.

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 necessary 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 tertiary qualification in a relevant health or management discipline, or substantial progression towards this requirement as well as a minimum of two years experience as a practice manager. Experience in practice accreditation would be highly considered and experience working with Aboriginal communities in the delivery of health services would also be highly advantageous.

Aboriginal HACC Liaison Officer (Re-advertised)

This position is within GEGAC's Elders, HACC & Disability Division. The role of the worker will be to improve access to, and the quality of Home and Community Care (HACC) services, for members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities within the East Gippsland, local government area. Applicants will need to demonstrate a sound knowledge of HACC services, have an interest in, and commitment to working with the Indigenous community, and have completed a Human Services or Community Development course of study, and/or relevant experience. Experience and competence in basic research, reporting and organisational procedures would also be an advantage.

Family Services Division

Coordinator

Aboriginal Family Preservation Program,
Family Support and Innovations

Full time position-38 hours per week

This position aims to provide supervision, support and debriefing to staff from the respective programs. These programs aim to provide Aboriginal families with programs and activities that will promote a stable and nurturing environment for children, to provide effective and professional support to Koori families that meet their needs and strengthen their ability to care for children. The Coordinators role within these programs is to fulfill the aims and objectives of the programs as outlined in the Service Agreement in consultation with the Family Services Division Program Manager.

Aboriginal Family Preservation Program Worker(s)

2 x Full time positions-38 hours per week

Aboriginal Family Preservation program aims to provide families with programs and activities that will promote a stable and nurturing environment for children. The Family Preservation workers will work to provide intensive, effective and professional support to Koori families over a 12 week duration that meets their immediate needs in strengthening their ability to provide a safe and caring home for their children.

In Home Support Worker Position(s)

2 x Full time positions-38 hours per week

Working in conjunction with the Early Years Coordinator and the Family Services Program Manager, the position will actively work with families with children aged between 0 and 3 years.

- To improve the health, development, learning, safety and well being of Aboriginal children aged birth to three years of age
- To strengthen support and improve parenting capacity for Aboriginal parents and their families that is respectful of their culture identity and to promote Aboriginal child and family well being
- To promote social connections and linking with community and community services

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

These positions are subject to ongoing funding, and there is a requirement to possess and retain a current driver's licence.

For more information as to what the positions entail please contact Ms Alyson Fergusson, Manager Family Services on 03 5150 0700.

All 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, 3875.

Applications for this position close at

5:00pm on Friday May 11th.

Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd reserves the right not to appoint.



Australian Government Department of Defence

The Defence mission is to defend Australia and its national interests. In fulfilling this mission, we:

- Serve all Australians, and
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DEFENCE GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Defence is committed to increasing Indigenous representation throughout the organisation and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians.

Are you a dynamic individual who wants to develop yourself in a challenging and friendly environment? There are several university Graduate development opportunities within the Defence Organisation for non-uniformed Public Servants. These are:

Graduate Development Program (GDP)

Encompasses five specific streams: Generalist, People, Finance, Information and Infrastructure.

The GDP is a 10-month, three rotation development program that will help you to fast track your career within the Public Service.

All positions are based in Canberra and selection will be on the basis of merit.

Visit www.defence.gov.au/dpe/gdp for more information and an on-line application form.

Applications close **7 May 2007**.

Civilian Engineer Development Program (Navy Systems Branch)

Navy Systems Branch brings together Navy-unique platform, electronics and weapon engineering into one organisation. We are responsible for determining requirements and standards in support of the acquisition of surface ships, submarines and support craft for the Royal Australian Navy.

We are looking for graduates in the following areas of study: Communications, Electronics, Material, Electrical, Mechanical, Naval Architecture, Mechatronic, Computer, and Systems.

Online application form available at www.pageup.com.au

Visit www.navy.gov.au or e-mail civilianengineer.development@defence.gov.au for more information.

Applications close **28 May 2007**.

Defence Intelligence Development Program (DIGO)

DIGO produces Imagery and Geospatial Intelligence in support of the Government and the Australian Defence Force. If you are analytical, creative in solving complex problems, able to work individually and in a team, have very good communication skills and have a strong interest in current affairs and international and national issues, you would enjoy working with us.

A degree is not a pre-requisite for Intelligence Analyst (Imagery), Intelligence Analyst (geospatial) or IT professional positions.

To find our jobs visit www.defence.gov.au/digo

Applications close **7 May 2007**.

Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO)

Big Projects – Big Budgets – Big Opportunities

From fighter aircraft and satellites to tents and rations, DMO is arguably Australia's largest project management and professional engineering organisation. DMO is vital for the nation through our mission to acquire and sustain equipment for the Australian Defence Force. There are over 210 major projects and 200 minor projects in 50 locations around Australia and overseas.

Are you currently studying or have a degree in: Accounting, Business, Commerce, Finance, Information Technology, Law, Logistics or Engineering (Aeronautics, Aerospace, Chemical, Communications, Computer, Electrical, Electronic, Geometric, Instrumentation and Control, Maritime, Mechanical, Mechatronics, Naval Architecture, Space, Software, Systems, or Telecommunication)? Then big opportunities await you.

Visit www.defence.gov.au/dmo/careers/graduate/index/cfm for more information.

Applications close **11 May 2007**.

Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO)

At the DIO you will have the opportunity to analyse the highest level of intelligence information from a range of sources to make intelligence assessments on strategic security issues of national importance. You will investigate and report fast-breaking issues and longer-term global and regional defence and security developments. Your intelligence assessments will have a direct impact on the decisions made by senior policy makers, as well as influence the planning and conduct of the Australian Defence Force Operations.

All DIO employees have access to comprehensive training and developmental opportunities, including international exchange postings and secondments.

DIO values the contribution of a diverse range of employees that utilise the knowledge, skills and abilities gathered from all areas of their training, education and development.

DIO has two primary methods of recruiting intelligence analysts:

- 1) Direct Entry – DIO conducts bi-annual direct entry analytical recruitment rounds at the Australian Public Service (APS) levels 4, 5 and 6.
- 2) Defence Graduate Development Program (GDP) (see above).

Visit the DIO website at www.defence.gov.au/dio for specific information.

Defence Signals Directorate

Altitude @ DSD : One program... three streams. Analysts, Business and Technologists.

The work is as diverse as you are

DSD is a highly professional, people oriented organisation and a key Australian intelligence agency that collects and produces foreign signals intelligence and advises the Australian Government and the Australian Defence Forces on computer and information security.

DSD offers stimulating and challenging opportunities and is looking for people who have commitment and initiative, the ability to adapt and initiate changes and the capacity to quickly come to terms with new and complex concepts and issues. DSD is seeking graduates with strong academic records in a diverse range of disciplines.

We are offering three streams for our 2008 Altitude@DSD February intake with applications closing **25 April 2007**.

Visit www.dsd.gov.au/employment/graduate_program.html for more information.

Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO)

DSTO is the Australian government's lead agency responsible for providing science and technology support for Australia's Defence and national security.

As a values-based organisation we recognise that success depends on our people. We offer on-going entry-level opportunities in a stimulating and dynamic environment for innovation and creativity which has earned us a world-class reputation for scientific excellence.

We need motivated people with undergraduate and post-graduate qualifications, strong academic achievement, proven research skills or relevant experience, and well-developed communication skills in disciplines related to: Engineering; Mathematics and Physical Sciences; Information and Communications Technology; Chemistry, Biology and Nutrition; Human and Social Sciences.

Applications will remain open all year. For more details and information on how to apply go to the Careers page at www.dsto.defence.gov.au and follow the link to "Graduate and Post Graduate Recruitment".

Textphone (TTY) and modem callers may call through the NRS by dialing 1800 555 677 then asking for 1800 000 677.

The Department of Defence publishes a full list of vacancies every Thursday in the Australian Public Service Gazette. This is available online at <http://www.psgazetteonline.gov.au/>.

The department prefers email lodgement of applications.

For more information about jobs in the Department of Defence and how to apply visit www.defence.gov.au/dcr/



Manager, Aboriginal Education and Training

Job reference number: 137792

Applications close: 11 May 2007

The position manages the formulation and provision of strategic and policy advice to the Director, Aboriginal Education and Training, and leads and is accountable for strategic initiatives and projects relating to Aboriginal education and training.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Detailed knowledge of contemporary strategic issues in Aboriginal education and training and specific expertise and experience in TAFE or schools.
- Demonstrated skills in the successful management of organisational, program and cultural change in Indigenous communities.
- Experience in project management and in the development of educational policies and practices, in a complex and culturally diverse organisation.
- High quality analysis, research, planning and advisory skills, combined with creative problem-solving skills.
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills in intercultural contexts.
- Culturally sensitive interpersonal skills for consulting key stakeholders and for leading, motivating and convincing Departmental staff.
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline, or equivalent knowledge and experience.
- Common selection criteria also apply.

The position is a Senior Officer, Grade 1 located in Sydney. Total remuneration package valued to \$135,505 pa (Salary: \$113,961 - \$122,796) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

For enquiries contact: Mr John Lester on (02) 9244 5400.

Email john.lester@det.nsw.edu.au

Information packages: Ms Claire Dodds (02) 9244 5393.

Applications marked 'confidential' to Mr John Lester, Director, Aboriginal Education and Training, Department of Education and Training, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010.

Notes:

1. This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply.
2. In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in terms of section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
3. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Please complete the 'Working with Children Check' forms and include them in your application.
4. If you currently participate in a salary packaging scheme and package any item other than superannuation (for example, a novated lease motor vehicle) you are advised to seek independent financial advice.

For detailed information on the Department of Education and Training please go to www.det.nsw.edu.au See also the 'Related Information' and 'Related Links' on the right.

Department of Infrastructure

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



The Place to Be



WINNUNGA NIMMITYJAH ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service is a Community Controlled Health Service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas.

Winnunga is seeking suitably qualified people for the following positions:

Dentist

(35 hours per week - Salary Negotiable.)

A qualified Dentist is required for our busy dental clinic.

Dental Assistant

(35 hours per week, Salary Range 35K-47K, depending on skills and experience)

A qualified and motivated Dental Assistant is required for the Dental Clinic at Winnunga to provide chair-side assistance, reception and administrative support.

Antenatal Health Educator

(One day per month)

Winnunga is seeking someone with health education and promotion skills to work with our antenatal clients one day per month.

Youth Worker - Dyrimal Migay

(Shift work, Salary Range 30K-44K, depending on skills and experience)

A dedicated, skilled and enthusiastic female Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander youth worker is required to work with young women 12-17 years at our medium to long term accommodation service, Dyrimal Migay.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellor

(Full time, Salary Range \$30-\$50K, depending on skills and experience)

A dedicated, skilled and enthusiastic Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Counsellor is required to work within the Social Health Team to provide counselling and assistance for the full range of social and emotional wellbeing issues experienced by our clients. The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate their capacity and experience in working effectively with clients and colleagues in a busy multi-disciplinary team environment.

Dual Diagnosis Counsellor

(Full time, Salary Range \$30K-\$33K, depending on skills and experience)

Winnunga is seeking a dedicated, skilled and enthusiastic Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander woman to take on the challenging position of Dual Diagnosis Counsellor within the Social Health Team to provide assistance for the full range of social and emotional wellbeing issues experienced by our clients. The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate their capacity and experience in working effectively with clients and colleagues in a busy multi-disciplinary team environment.

Carers Program Officer

(Part-time 2 days per week, Salary Range 30K-50K pro rata, depending on skills and experience)

A suitably qualified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is required to administer the Carers Recognition Program within Winnunga. The successful applicant will work within the Social Health Team to provide support and respite for Aboriginal Carers and those they care for.

Finance/Human Resource Officer

(Full time, Salary Range 30K-53K, depending on skills and experience)
A Finance/Human Resource Officer is required to assist the Finance Team. The successful applicant will have experience using MYOB, Microsoft Excel and have recent experience in Human Resource management.

Hearing Health Program Officer

(Full-Time, Salary range 30-53K, depending on skills and experience)
A dedicated, skilled and enthusiastic Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is required to manage and implement Winnunga's Hearing Health Program. The successful applicant will have recent experience with hearing screening.
Generous salary sacrifice provisions are available to employees.

For more information and to obtain the selection criteria and job description for the above positions please call: Gemma Snarles on (02) 6284 6220 or email winnunga@winnunga.org.au

All applications should be addressed to: Julie Tongs CEO, Winnunga Nimmityjah AH5, at 63 Boolimba Crescent Narrabundah ACT 2604 or emailed to the above email address.

Previous applicants need not re-apply.

Applications for all positions close: Friday 18 May 2007.

Successful applicants will be required to undertake a mandatory Criminal Records Check as part of Winnunga's Child Protection Policy.



Healthy Life. Healthy Community.

East Gippsland Healthy for Life Indigenous Early Years Coordinator

- Full time
- Salary - \$55,000+ depending on experience
- Attractive salary packaging arrangements
- Based in Lakes Entrance/ Bairnsdale

A Healthy for Life partnership has been established in East Gippsland, Victoria, to improve the quality of Indigenous child and maternal health services and chronic disease care; and to improve the capacity of the Indigenous health workforce. We are seeking a motivated and experienced individual to coordinate the Early Years component of this program, including the development of models of care and health promotion plans relevant to this group.

The successful applicant must have a tertiary qualification in a health/human services related field and experience working with Indigenous communities in the area of Maternal and Child Health or Early Years.

For a detailed position description go to www.glc.org.au or phone 5155 8338.

Closing date: COB, Friday May 4 2007.



The NSW public sector is an equal opportunity employer. The public sector values social and cultural diversity in its workforce and applications are encouraged from all sectors of the community. Selection is by open competition. Consideration of applicants is based on merit and not influenced by their sex, marital status, age, race, ethnic or ethno-religious identity, disability, homosexuality, or transsexuality.

Hunter Residences is a large residential care facility for people who have an intellectual disability comprising of four sites: Stockton Centre, Stockton; Kananga Centre, Morisset; Peat Island Centre, Brooklyn; and Tomaree Lodge, Shoal Bay.

Applicants should contact Helen Winning, Acting Principal Nurse Manager Accommodation and Nursing Services, Stockton Centre on (02) 4928 0844 to confirm whether permanent vacancies exist.

Flexibility is offered to all applicants for either part time or full time work.

STOCKTON CENTRE - NURSING VACANCIES

(Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses,
Assistants in Nursing and Student Nurses)

FULL-TIME / PART-TIME, PERMANENT,
TEMPORARY, OR CASUAL

- Registered Nurses - Vacancy No: 07/025
- Enrolled Nurses - Vacancy No: 07/026
- Assistants in Nursing - Vacancy No: 07/027
- Student Nurses - (Casual positions only)
Vacancy No: 07/028

All applications MUST be accompanied by certified copies of required documents, as stated in the selection criteria.

Successful applicants will be required to work shift work on a seven (7) day roster. Part time work at Hunter Residences may be offered for either 4, 6 or 8 hour shifts in any combination up to the agreed part time arrangement. These shifts will be distributed over no more than five working days per week and will not include split shifts.

Salaries:

Registered Nurses

Total remuneration package of \$65619 per annum, including salary ranging from \$42,341 per annum to \$59,464 per annum (or a salary range of \$21.35 - \$29.99 per hour), employers contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Pro rata accordingly for part time salary.

Enrolled Nurses

Total remuneration package of \$44,850 per annum, including salary ranging from \$37,344 per annum to \$40,643 per annum (or a salary range of \$18.83-\$20.49 per hour), employers contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Pro rata accordingly for part time salary.

Assistants in Nursing

Total remuneration package of \$36801 per annum, including salary ranging from \$25,757 per annum to \$33,349 per annum (or a salary range of \$12.99-\$16.81 per hour), employers contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Pro rata accordingly for part time salary.

Student Nurses

\$12.98 - \$15.32 per hour plus casual loading, payment in lieu of annual leave and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Notes: Relevant criminal record checks, apprehended violence order checks, completed disciplinary proceedings checks, together with structured referee reports and prior employment checks, will be conducted on recommended applicants. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act, 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for these positions.

Inquiries: Helen Winning (02) 4984 0240.

PLEASE SEE THE APPLICANT PACKAGE FOR THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THESE POSITIONS.

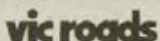
PLEASE NOTE AN APPLICANT PACKAGE MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION. ALL APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS AT HUNTER RESIDENCES ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO VISIT THE WORKPLACE.

Information Package: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Stockton Nursing Administration on (02) 49280871 (Stockton) or email: helen.winning@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Recruitment Officer, Hunter Residences Human Resource Unit, Stockton Centre, Fullerton St, Stockton, NSW 2295.

Closing Date for all vacancies: Friday 11 May 2007.

(02) 4984 0240



Indigenous Traineeship Opportunities

VicRoads manages the Victorian road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.

Traineeships are available at VicRoads offices as follows:

Metropolitan Melbourne traineeships

- Burwood (Business Administration)
- Sunshine (Business Administration)

Regional opportunities

- Traralgon (Business Administration)
- Shepparton (Customer Service)
- Swan Hill (Customer Service)
- Warrnambool (Customer Service)
- Portland (Customer Service)

Each location is offering one (1) traineeship opportunity within this bulk recruitment program.

All traineeships are anticipated to commence no later than June 2007.

Resumes indicating preferred location/s can be forwarded by close of business on Wednesday 7 May 2007.

- mail to Jane Kenny, Inner Eastern Group Training
PO Box 1246 Box Hill Vic. 3128
- or email to janek@iegt.com.au

These traineeships include both on the job and formal training including the opportunity to complete a Certificate III in Business Administration. Successful candidates will participate in the VicRoads Indigenous Staff Network.

These identified position are an initiative within the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Strategy. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A113/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

**Applicants with Certificate III qualifications and above need not apply.

Apply Exemption No. A327/2006. National Training Wages Apply.

For more information

- For more information about the opportunities, please contact Wendy Harris at VicRoads on (03) 9854 2099
- or email to wendy.harris@roads.vic.gov.au
- to find out more about VicRoads you may wish to visit the website www.vicroads.vic.gov.au



The Place to Be



ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Clerk Grade 3/4

Southern & Western NSW HS Division

Riverina-Murray

Location: Wagga Wagga

Permanent Full-Time - Position No. 07DOH7343

Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 per annum (Salary \$49,792 pa - \$54,520 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide administrative support to the Business Unit, through procurement of goods and services, records-management, assisting in financial reporting, fleet and office asset management, and ensuring integrity in relation to key performance indicators.

Selection Criteria:

- Research and investigate administrative problems, and recommend solutions.
- Use a variety of computer based systems and applications.
- Assist in budget estimates and projections and monitor expenditure.
- Co-ordinate procurement of stores, stationery, furniture and equipment.
- Monitor system reports as required.
- Develop and maintain Business Support Unit databases.
- Provide administrative support to the Business Support Manager.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Common Selection Criteria: Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

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: Lisa Campbell (02) 6921 0081. **Information Packages:** Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552 ORANGE NSW 2800 or e-mail: hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 4 May 2007.

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Senior Project Officer Working Together in Minto

Clerk Grade 9/10

Strategic Projects, Minto Renewal Project - Minto

Permanent Full-Time - Position No: DOH-07-00349

Total remuneration package valued up to \$92,591 per annum (salary \$76,142 pa - \$93,907 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This position exists to coordinate local efforts to achieve sustainable social and economic improvements within the Minto Renewal Project Area, through an integrated and collaborative community renewal plan.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the issues facing disadvantaged communities, and community renewal responses.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of human service delivery structures and processes, in government and non-government sectors.
- Demonstrated capacity to negotiate and manage partnerships with diverse local stakeholders.
- High-level negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- Demonstrated skills in project development, management, monitoring and improvement.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to analyse complex issues and develop strategic responses.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: David Lilley on (02) 8753 8600 or email: david.lilley@housing.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Cristina dela Cruz on (02) 8753 8746 or cristina.dela-cruz@housing.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Apply on-line as per link in the Information Package or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing Date: Friday 4 May 2007.

GA170850

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



MANAGER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 6, \$82,864 - \$110,889

Position No: DJ5329

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

The position of Manager, Community Development Programs will be responsible for managing and leading the Koori Recruitment and Career Development Strategy (KRCDS) and Lake Tyers Community Renewal Project. The Manager will be proactively leading the implementation and coordination of Lake Tyers Renewal Project and KRCDS initiatives.

The incumbent will have demonstrated strong leadership skills, proven experience in community development within the Koori community and project management skills.

The position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

For specific enquiries please contact Antoinette Gentile on 8684 1742.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 4 May 2007.

www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice

COT 5471

Development Coordinators

Australian Government Department of Families and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Northern Territory Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport

Administrative Officer 8 (\$76 423 - \$79 448)

Temporary vacancy for two years

Governance Reform in the Territory An Experience of a Lifetime

We are looking for a number of highly motivated and enthusiastic people, with strong leadership, communication, management and organisational skills, who enjoy a challenge.

If this is you, you will work as a Development Coordinator under the direction of a joint Australian and Northern Territory Government Steering Group as a Northern Territory public servant. You will work hand in hand with local councils, community members and key regional stakeholders in implementing a complex whole of government governance reform program within a specific region of the Northern Territory.

In October 2006 the Northern Territory Government announced a far-reaching reform program for local government involving the establishment of a new framework of municipal and shire councils to be implemented within the Northern Territory by 1 July 2008. The Australian Government is supporting this reform by contributing to funding for these Development Coordinators, who will play a key role in the implementation of the reform in regions of the Northern Territory with majority Indigenous populations.

A number of positions are available initially for a period of 2 years at a salary range of \$76 423 to \$79 448 per annum, along with a package of benefits including 6 weeks annual recreation leave. Relocation expenses are available and various allowances and subsidies are applicable, dependent on where the position is located.

Information about the department and new local government can be found on the department's website <http://www.dlghs.nt.gov.au/>

For a full job description, selection criteria and details on how to apply please call 1300 659 247 or visit www.nt.gov.au

For specific information about the vacancies please contact Julie Brimson, Director Development on (08) 8999 8388.

Applications, including resume and selection criteria should be sent to:

Recruitment Officer (LGH&S)
Department of Corporate & Information Services
GPO Box 2231
DARWIN NT 0801

Quote vacancy number: 24304

Closing date: 04 May 2007

Contact us now

Phone: 1300 659 247
Email: Recruitment@nt.gov.au
Visit: www.nt.gov.au/jobs



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in government

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND SPORT

Leadership in Sports

The Northern Territory enjoys Australia's best outdoor lifestyle, with year round sunshine and a great environment right on your doorstep. So it's no wonder that it also enjoys Australia's highest participation rate in sport and recreation.

Sporting facilities are of an excellent standard throughout the Northern Territory. The sporting season never ends and produces many high achievers from sports such as Aussie rules, rugby league, soccer, hockey and swimming. There are also enormous reserves of talent in our remote communities waiting to be discovered.

We are looking for two talented people who can take on leadership positions in this challenging and rewarding environment.

Executive Director, Sport and Recreation

(ECO2 \$165 039)

Vacancy number: 4387

Reporting directly to the Chief Executive of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport, this is a key position providing leadership to the full range of sport and recreation programs including water safety and animal welfare, undertaken by the Northern Territory Government. The position is an active member of the department's Board of Management.

Director, Northern Territory Institute of Sport

(ECO1 \$151 117)

Vacancy number: 13176

This role is responsible to the Executive Director, Sport and Recreation for the direction and management of the Northern Territory Institute of Sport, including the development of elite athletes.

The People

The successful applicants will already be leaders in the sporting community, with extensive experience in the public or private sector. They will have a demonstrated record of achievement, exceptional communication skills and a commitment to excellence in client service.

The Rewards

As employees of the Northern Territory public sector, the successful applicants will work in an environment that recognises and rewards commitment, service excellence, innovation and leadership. Personal and professional development is encouraged while benefits include generous superannuation benefits and five weeks annual leave.

Both positions are offered as four-year Executive Contracts.

To find out more about the positions contact:

Helena Jackson
Director Human Resources

Telephone: (08) 8999 8809

Email: helena.jackson@nt.gov.au

A full job description can be downloaded at www.nt.gov.au/jobs

To find out more about living in the Northern Territory go to www.thereterritory.com.au

Closing date: 4 May 2007

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce. All equal employment opportunity (EEO) groups are encouraged to apply.

www.nt.gov.au/jobs ■ 1300 659 247



Australian Government Australian Customs Service

CUSTOMS GRADUATE TRAINEE

Various Branches
Various Locations
\$41,162 - \$46,561

If you are a recent university graduate with a minimum three-year qualification then you are a prime candidate for employment as a Customs Graduate Trainee in 2008.

Customs recruits from across all disciplines. This year, we are also looking for graduates with qualifications in law, commerce, economics, finance, business, accounting, information technology, human resource, International. For information on the challenges you may face and the diverse range of projects undertaken as a Customs Graduate Trainee, please see the profiles of previous graduates on the Customs Website.

On successful completion of the program graduates are allocated to Customs Level 2 (Team Leader level) positions with a salary of \$49,875, and assigned roles in Canberra or other capital cities.

Applications are now being received on-line only, and will close on Saturday 19th May 2007. Go to our website at www.customs.gov.au and follow the links under 'careers, recruitment' tab for more information on the Graduate Trainee Program. The on-line application can only be accessed from this site. Inquiries may be directed to 1300 558 870.

For job specific questions, please contact DFP Recruitment on 1300 558 870.

Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, undergo a security assessment and medical examination and meet the required standard.

Closing date: 19 May 2007

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Looking to develop your skills in a challenging, diverse and highly rewarding environment? From Enforcement & Investigation, Intelligence & Targeting, Law Enforcement Strategy, Cargo to Trade there is opportunity in nearly every area of Customs for you to secure your future.

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Housing Services Officer Grade 1 (Trainee)

North & West Region, Eastern Region and Southern Region

Housing and Community Building

Salary: \$36,040 - \$41,161 (+ Superannuation)

A number of opportunities exist for highly motivated, well-organised people to provide client focused, needs based housing assistance from metropolitan housing office locations.

You will be responsible for delivery of services via the Housing Advice and Assistance Team and the Tenancy Property Team. Recruits receive comprehensive training followed with support in the workplace to become fully competent officers. Once staff become fully competent, they will be accelerated to the HSO2 salary.

Are you:

- Client focused?
- Able to deal with people sensitively and professionally?
- Able to work in a challenging environment with complex needs clients?
- Looking for an opportunity that allows for the further development of skills and knowledge in housing services?

If you answer YES and this opportunity excites you, it is highly recommended that you attend an information evening to be held on 26 April 2007 at the Department of Human Services, Conference Room, Level 1, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne at 6.30pm sharp to hear more about the positions in detail.

To apply on line and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on vacancies.

Alternatively, applications can be mailed to Franca Tiziani, Program Advisor, Service Improvement, Central Recruitment, Level 23, 50 Lonsdale Street Melbourne 3000.

To obtain a copy of the Position Description and Application for Employment Form or to discuss options for Rural Victoria please contact Franca Tiziani on 9096 7584 or Natasha Balac on 9096 8606.

All applications must include:

- Application for Employment - Department of Human Services
- Resume
- Completion of Questions
- Regions to be listed in order of preferred work location.

To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on vacancies or contact Franca Tiziani on (03) 9096 7584

Please quote reference no DHS/HOUS/46821

Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 2 May 2007.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.



Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

www.careers.vic.gov.au

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"Our People are Our Strength"

Employment Consultant Redfern

- Flexible work hours/ Family friendly
- Nationally recognised for our track record in recruiting, supporting and retaining Indigenous staff
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusion of Indigenous Australians across our staffing structure, programmes and locations

Campbell Page is a leading Employment, Training and Community Services provider operating throughout Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide and regional NSW. Our Vision is to be the acknowledged leader through excellence in service to our community.

As an Employment Consultant, you will work closely with job seekers to overcome employment barriers and achieve sustainable employment and training outcomes within a team environment. You will be customer focused, an excellent communicator and have experience in a target driven work environment.

To apply for this position you will need to review Application Information and address Selection Criteria listed in the Position Description. These are available at: www.campbellpage.com.au.

Applications close Wednesday 9 May 2007.

ICCWA

Injury Control Council of Western Australia

Project Officer (Aboriginal)

Building Resilience in the South West Project
Part-Time (45 hours/fortnight) until May 2009
Salary Range: \$51,138 - \$57,609 pro-rata
depending on experience

The Injury Control Council of Western Australia is the peak non-government not-for-profit organisation involved in injury prevention and community safety promotion in Western Australia. ICCWA is an Equal Employment Opportunity organisation.

We are seeking a highly motivated, multi-skilled and enthusiastic project officer to join our dynamic injury prevention team. You will be responsible for progressing recommendations of the Understanding and Building Resilience in the South West Project. The project is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and involves working with local communities to build resilience and develop suicide prevention strategies across the South West region.

You will be located with the **South West Aboriginal Medical Service** in Bunbury and will work in collaboration with their social and emotional team to deliver project outcomes.

For further information or an application kit, please contact Deborah Costello on (08) 9420 7212 or email dcostello@icwa.org.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria, including a resume with the contact details of 2 referees, can be sent to:

The President, Injury Control Council of Western Australia, City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth 6005.

Applications close: 5pm Friday 11 May 2007.

Aboriginality is considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position, under section 50d Equal Opportunity Act.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION

MANAGER POLICY & PERFORMANCE, ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS UNIT

Clerk, Grade 11-12, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/426. Total remuneration package valued to: \$112,390 p.a. (\$88,966-\$101,849) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Monitor and analyse key trends in crime and develop strategic policy approaches to reduce crime impacting on Aboriginal communities. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Extensive knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal affairs, issues, community representative structures and needs; Detailed knowledge of policy research and program evaluation methods and experience in analysing data; Experience in providing high level policy advice to government; High level written and oral communication skills including proven ability to positively influence, consult and negotiate using a range of appropriate communication strategies; Demonstrated project management experience; Sound knowledge of Government functions, relevant legislation, Commonwealth and State Agreements and policy; Common selection criteria also apply.

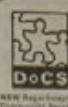
Notes: Coordinate policy development, research and evaluation for the Aboriginal Programs Unit and monitor delivery of services to Aboriginal people to ensure programs provide appropriate services that effectively contribute to reducing crime in Aboriginal communities. This position is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 9228 7790.

Inquiries: Liz West, telephone: (02) 9228 7179 Email: liz.west@agd.nsw.gov.au.

Information Packages: Liz West, telephone: (02) 9228 7179.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or The Recruitment Unit, Attorney General's Department, Level 7, Goodsell Building, 8-12 Chifley Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 or agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 04 May 2007



CASEWORKERS

Details about these job opportunities are on Page 17 of this paper.

www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

1800 819 542



Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) is a national independent not for profit company offering skills transfer to Indigenous communities and organisations. ICV provides effective skills transfer/capacity building to Indigenous communities and organisations across the country.

Project Officer \$45,000 - \$55,000
Field Officer \$40,000 - \$50,000

These positions require regular travel to communities in the eastern states from Tasmania to the Torres Strait. Applicants must hold a current drivers license, be able to travel regularly and have worked extensively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations.

The Project Officer will work in a small team based in the Brisbane or Canberra office, subject to negotiation. You will manage projects from inception to completion and liaise with a wide range of people, including volunteers, Indigenous communities and organisations and others associated with ICV.

The Field Officer will be based in Brisbane and visit urban, rural and remote Indigenous communities throughout eastern Australia to promote ICV's services and develop community based projects.

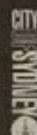
The successful applicants must be team players, be dedicated to strengthening Indigenous organisations and communities, have well developed IT and writing skills plus excellent representational and organisational skills. Visit ICV website at www.icv.com.au to obtain the position descriptions and selection criteria. For further information call Kevin Childs (07) 3121 9252 or email jobs@icv.com.au. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Applications to be emailed to kchilds@icv.com.au or posted to: PO Box 1585, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006.

Applications close on
Wednesday 9 May 2007

www.icv.com.au

Looking for a Career Working with Children?



City of Sydney is currently seeking after school and holiday staff (to work with primary school aged children) and child care staff (to work with 0-5 year olds) in our Children's Services.

Full time and part-time positions available.

City of Sydney is currently seeking qualified and unqualified staff to work in our Children's Services teams providing activities, services and programs for children. Council has 4 child care services for children aged 0-5 years and 6 children's after school and holiday services.

We are looking for full time and part-time child care staff to work in our pre-school, occasional child care and long day care centre. The services are located in Redfern, Glebe and Alexandria. No formal qualifications are required though you need experience in the care and supervision of children aged 0-5 years and a First Aid Certificate.

Child Care Workers (Unqualified position) - commencing salary of \$17.79/hr + super (Ref. No. S048470).

We are also seeking After School and Holiday staff to work in our after school and holiday programs for primary school aged children. The programs are located in Redfern, Surry Hills, Woolloomooloo, Pyrmont, Ultimo and The Rocks.

Children's Services Worker (Qualified position) - works 25 hrs/wk during school terms and full time during vacation time and is paid \$25.42/hr + super (Ref. No. S052066).

Children's Activity Officer (Unqualified position) - works 22 hrs/wk during school term and full time during vacation time and is paid \$22.31/hr + super (Ref. No. S052065).

In each position you will work with an experienced team in a well resourced centre to provide high quality services for children. Council provides good access to study and training opportunities.

Compliance with Child Protection legislation is essential.

For more information, contact Noelle Khalil on (02) 9288 5360 or Irene Fakas on (02) 2988 5364.

A full position description relating to these vacancies and instructions for applying for the jobs is available from the City's website at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs. Applications should be made online via this website by **Monday 7 May 2007** quoting the relevant Ref No.

Equal Employment Opportunity is the policy of City of Sydney

city of villages

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

(PRIVATE RENTAL SPECIALIST)

Clerk Grade 5/6

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

Newcastle

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 07DOM7531

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: The Private Rental Brokerage Service (PRBS) helps people who have complex needs and are homeless/facing homelessness, to find and maintain private sector tenancies using a variety of strategies.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in the Social Sciences or demonstrated extensive relevant work experience.
- Excellent communication skills, particularly in the areas of negotiation, facilitation, mediation and problem solving.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with complex support needs.
- Understanding of, and demonstrated ability to work with human service agencies.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the private rental market business environment and relate to real estate agents and landlords.
- Ability to advocate on behalf of clients to facilitate access to housing and support services.
- Ability to contribute to a team and find innovative solutions to issues.
- **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: An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and may be used to fill other temporary vacancies for this role. General induction and job specific training for the successful applicant will be conducted in Sydney following appointment. Appointment will be in terms of Section 27 or 85 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period up to March 2009. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the full details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Diane O'Brien on (02) 4926 9333

Information Packages: Available on-line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink telephone: (02) 4960 4635.

Applications marked confidential to: Apply on line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to: HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing date: Friday 4 May 2007.

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Senior Client Service Officer Specialist - Targeted

Clerk Grade 5/6

Southern & Western NSW HS Division - Illawarra Area

Temporary Full-Time - Position No: 07DOM7591

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Department requires a person with expertise to ensure quality housing and support packages are provided to clients with complex or high support needs, including Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander clients.

Selection Criteria:

- Excellent communication including negotiation and mediation skills, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with support needs.
- Understanding and ability to liaise with a variety of human service client groups and organisations and ability to initiate and develop networks.
- Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team and liaise with internal stakeholders.
- Experience in managing a range of complex tasks and setting priorities.
- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assisting clients with special needs including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, and people with disabilities.
- Capacity to train, supervise and support other team members.
- Current driver's licence.

Common Selection Criteria: Sound knowledge of and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary position under the terms of PSEM Act 2002 for a period of at least 6 months. As part of the Department's Aboriginal employment strategy we are targeting to employ an Aboriginal person to this position. Applicants should note that the position works with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients of the Department. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Information Packages: Available online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email: hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or contact (02) 6200 5820. **Inquiries:** June Lowe (02) 4224 5787 or John Quinn (02) 4224 5727.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply on line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 4 May 2007.

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Child Safety

Child Safety Support Officer (Identified) - Child Safety Services Division (Multiple full-time positions available)

Category: Health and Community Care

Salary: \$50 420 - \$56 609 p.a.

VRN: QLD/CHS1232/07

Location: Gulf (Mount Isa)

Key Duties: Provide prevention, early intervention, and family support strategies to children and families.

Skills/Abilities: Successful applicants will be expected to develop skills in operating office equipment.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone:

(07) 3006 7689 or E-mail: vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 14 May 2007

Employment and Industrial Relations

Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officer

- **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. Applicants for this role will be required to undergo a criminal history check to determine suitability for employment.)

Category: Administration and Customer Service

Salary: \$50 420 - \$55 444 p.a.

Location: Ipswich

VRN: IR1186/07

Key Duties: 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 opportunities.

Skills/Abilities: Well developed communication skills, sound project management skills.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

or Phone: (07) 3225 2268

Enquiries: Kevin Downie Phone: (07) 4687 2872 or E-mail: recruitment.services.applications@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Tuesday, 8 May 2007

Housing

Manager, Financial Management - Financial Services;

Financial Strategy and Performance

Category: Accounting and Finance

Salary: \$83 117 - \$87 907 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

VRN: HO1141/07

Key Duties: Provision of expert advice in relation to strategic budget, policies and procedures ensuring compliance with Treasury budget documentation. Manage all aspects of internal financial management reporting. Provide high level advice on emerging financial management issues to staff and senior management.

Skills/Abilities: High level financial and staff management skills. High level negotiation and communication skills with internal/external clients of the department.

Client Service Manager - Far North Queensland Area

Office; Client Services

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 508 p.a.

Location: Cairns

VRN: HO1143/07

Key Duties: Efficient and effective delivery of quality services and outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading/managing a client service team.

Skills/Abilities: Undertake planning, research, analysis, provision of advice and support in the application of the departmental policies/procedures and relevant legislation.

Financial Improvement Analyst - Finance Improvement

Branch; Financial Strategy and Performance

Category: Accounting and Finance

Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 508 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

VRN: HO1140/07

Key Duties: This position provides high level project support and advice to the Manager, Financial Improvement Branch.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to analyse financial and business related issues and assist in the development of technical and business solutions.

Senior Finance Officer - Business Management and

Development; Financial Strategy and Performance

(Permanent Part-time position (0.6))

Category: Accounting and Finance

Salary: \$35 059 - \$38 104 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

VRN: HO1138/07

Key Duties: Responsible for providing and supporting management on all aspects of finance, including operational, reporting, planning and policy matters.

Skills/Abilities: Effective self-management with the ability to work under limited direction to complete financial reporting, planning and policy related activities.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

or Email: johvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Phone: (07) 3238 3998

Closing Date: Tuesday, 8 May 2007

A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Dubbo

Position Number: B634056

Located in the recently established Centre for Indigenous Studies which is located at Dubbo Campus and within the Faculty of Education, the successful applicant will be responsible for assisting the Director with the development and implementation of the strategic directions and plans for Indigenous education at the University. Duties will include liaison and consultation with Australian Indigenous communities and key stakeholders within the University and higher education sector generally, together with consultations with industry. The incumbent will be required to assist with the development and administration of research projects as well as community projects in order to assist in the development and monitoring of the Indigenous education strategy for the University.

Conditions: Indigenous designated position.

Salary Range: \$52,346 - \$58,676 per annum

www.csu.edu.au/jobs

SUPERANNUATION: Compulsory superannuation arrangements, including a generous employer contribution, apply to most positions at Charles Sturt University.

APPLICATION DETAILS: Applicants are required to obtain the University's Application for Employment form, a Statement of Duties, and full Selection Criteria from the staff recruitment website at www.csu.edu.au/jobs or the Division of Human Resources. Contact Bathurst, telephone (02) 6338 4107, email recrbathurst@csu.edu.au

Applications close at 9.00am on Monday 7 May 2007.

Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.



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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND SPORT

Take a Leadership Role in Local Government and Public Housing Reform

Australia's Northern Territory is a great place to live and work. With a relaxed outdoor lifestyle, excellent facilities and services and a great environment right on your doorstep, it also enjoys one of Australia's best performing economies. The Territory also offers a challenging and rewarding work environment, particularly in regional centres that are about to undergo significant reform in both local governance and public housing management. We are looking for four talented people who can take on leadership positions through the reform period and beyond.

Regional Directors

(EO1/ECO1 \$91 271/\$151 117)

Four positions: Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy

Reporting directly to the Chief Executive of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport, these are key positions providing leadership to agency staff in these communities. In particular, the positions will take responsibility for ensuring the Government's reform initiatives are implemented by providing effective communication and cooperation between the agency and key stakeholders in the region.

Vacancy Number: 15166

The People

The successful applicants will already be leaders in their organisation, with extensive experience in the public or private sector. They will have a demonstrated record of achievement, exceptional communication skills and a commitment to excellence in client service. They will have a keen understanding of the issues unique to regional and remote communities.

The Rewards

As employees of the Northern Territory Public Sector, the successful applicants will work in an environment that recognises and rewards commitment, service excellence, innovation and leadership. Personal and professional development is encouraged while benefits include generous superannuation benefits and five to six weeks annual leave.

The positions may be offered as either permanent or four-year Executive Contracts.

To find out more about the positions contact:

Helena Jackson

Director Human Resources

Telephone: (08) 8999 8809

Email: helena.jackson@nt.gov.au

A full job description can be downloaded at www.nt.gov.au/jobs

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Closing date: 4 May 2007

The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce.

All equal employment opportunity (EEO) groups are encouraged to apply.

www.nt.gov.au/dlghs

Journalist

The Koori Mail is seeking an experienced and creative journalist with photographic, sub-editing and design skills to work full time in our Lismore office.

The successful applicant will have the ability to report on a range of issues, including general news, features and sport.

He/she will have good contacts in Indigenous communities and organisations and the ability to maintain professional standards in line with the Koori Mail's reputation.

Applicants must have either professional qualifications or relevant on-the-job experience.

Ability to work to tight deadlines is a must.

Travel will be involved. Salary negotiable.

Expressions of interest succinctly addressing the above criteria, as well as a brief CV, should be sent to journjob@koomail.com

Applications close: 11 May 2007



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

There's no better time to join our team.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) Section of the Department of Health and Ageing's Western Australian Office, based in Perth, is looking to fill several positions and establish an order of merit for Executive Officer and Senior Project Officer positions. OATSIH focuses on working with organisations delivering health and substance use programs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It administers service funding arrangements and undertakes associated program administration and monitoring.

APS LEVEL 6

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

\$59,912 - \$67,590

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 07-0850

PERTH

As an Executive Officer you may be responsible as the leader of a small team of Project Officers in:

assisting with the administration of needs based funding and planning systems, including the provision of regional information, development of new services and involvement in applications and/or tendering processes; managing service agreements and contracts, preparing payments, monitoring expenditure, analysing and interpreting financial reports and monitoring service delivery and outcomes; consulting with community and health service organisations, other areas of the department and other Commonwealth and State agencies in relation to the planning and delivery of health related services; representing the department at related meetings/forums; and assisting in the development, implementation, review and evaluation of health policy at the national and local levels, with particular focus on Western Australian issues and conditions.

The positions are located in Perth, and the successful applicant may be required to travel within Western Australia to rural and remote locations. A current driver's licence is required.

Contact officer: John Tunney on 08 9346 5320 or john.tunney@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Cheryl Cartledge on 08 9346 5449 (cheryl.cartledge@health.gov.au)

APS LEVEL 5

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

\$54,310 - \$57,322

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 07-0861

PERTH

As a Senior Project Officer you may be responsible for assisting with the administration of needs based funding and planning systems, including the provision of regional information, development of new services and involvement in applications and/or tendering processes and assisting with the managing of service agreements and contracts, preparing payments, monitoring expenditure, analysing and interpreting financial reports and monitoring service delivery and outcomes.

The positions are located in Perth, and the successful applicants may be required to travel within Western Australia to rural and remote locations.

Contact officer: Rebecca Skinner on 08 9346 5448 or rebecca.skinner@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Cheryl Cartledge on 08 9346 5449 (cheryl.cartledge@health.gov.au)

Positions close 10 May 2007, 7pm AEST 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 02 6289 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Certified Agreement. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

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For further information please visit www.health.gov.au

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF 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, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

REGIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

EPO Class 9, Griffith, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC07-156. Total remuneration package valued to: \$89,883 p.a. (\$73,117-\$81,453) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

The position provides expert cultural heritage support, advice and direction to the Regional Managers & Project Managers of individual regional Return & Renewal Program conservation projects including teams from across the Region, Division & DEC. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, and detailed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures and Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues. Well developed understanding of the workings of Government at State and Local level, and knowledge of relevant legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection in NSW. Demonstrated extensive project management & financial management experience & computer skills, including demonstrated ability to utilise and access information from databases & analyse data to interpret trends & make recommendations for improvements. Demonstrated experience in undertaking targeted research, assessment and planning for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values. Superior written and verbal communication skills, liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills. Experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated effective analytical skills and ability to produce high quality written material, policy and management recommendations. Current Drivers Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Gary Currey (02) 6966 8111 0417 270 415 Email: gary.currey@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lesley Crawford (02) 9585 6164 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential': Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 11 May 2007.

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Queensland Government
Queensland Health

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker (Indigenous Client Care Coordinator) - Community Aged Care Services, Redlands Health Service Centre, Cleveland, Southside Health Service District. Remuneration based pro rata on equivalent full time value up to \$52 431 p.a., comprising salary rates: \$21.06 - \$23.17 p.h., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary rates: \$20.75 - \$24.73 p.h. (T02) (Part time position, 56 hours p.f. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JRN: H07BAY106. **Duties/Abilities:** Focus on coordination activities to facilitate access to Home and Community Care (HACC) services for Indigenous clients who reside within the bay area and require assistance to gain access to more than one service.

Enquiries: Loreta Allen (07) 1488 4366.

Application Kit: (07) 3121 1412 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Tuesday, 15 May 2007.

Mental Health

Occupational Therapists or Social Workers or Psychologists or Clinical Nurses (Mental Health Workers) - Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Community Health Centre, Kingaroy, West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$74 012 p.a., comprising salary between \$43 793 - \$64 868 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (P02/P03) or Remuneration value up to \$71 627 p.a., comprising salary between \$58 601 - \$62 778 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (N02) (Two positions) JRN: H07SB15. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide comprehensive assessment and treatment interventions in partnership with children and young people and their families. Coordinate the process of referral management in collaboration with other service providers, to ensure effective and timely response to children, young people and their families, including crisis intervention, assessment, review and discharge planning. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000) requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Bev McDonald (07) 4162 9220.

Application Kit: (07) 4162 9186 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

(Please specify discipline)

Closing Date: Tuesday, 8 May 2007.

Advanced Health Worker - Indigenous Mental Health, Adult Community Mental Health, Gold Coast Mental Health Service, Palm Beach, Gold Coast Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52 431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 777 - \$45 954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$41 566 - \$49 017 p.a. (T02) (Applications will remain current for six months) JRN: H07GC166. **Duties/Abilities:** Deliver a range of high quality mental health services including mental health promotion and prevention primarily to Indigenous consumers. Provide specialist information, advice and training regarding Indigenous cultural issues to non-Indigenous staff of the division and work closely and collaboratively with relevant Indigenous organisations. Under s25 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld), it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island person.

Enquiries: John Bradley (07) 5525 5661.

Application Kit: (07) 5537 0394 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 14 May 2007.

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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BURDEKIN DRY TROPICS NRM

Sustaining our resources

Vacancy:

Aboriginal Land Management Facilitator (ALMF)

Full-time position, contracted until 30th June 2008 with potential for extension with the roll out of future Commonwealth funding. Full copies of the position descriptions with selection criteria and details of how to apply are available from: www.bdmnm.org.au/opportunities/employment

To find out more about our organisation and view the M&M Plan and the Regional Investment Strategy please visit: www.bdmnm.org.au/index.html

Applications close: 9:00 am on Monday, 14th May 2007. For further information contact Michelle Allen, Manager - Contracts, HR & Policy on telephone: (07) 4724 3544.

BDMNM is an equal opportunity employer.

OFFICE OF MARKETING

MANAGER, INDIGENOUS OUTREACH

Salary: HEW Level 9 \$78,159 to \$83,467 p.a.
Ref No. 70050

The University of Western Sydney is developing an exciting Indigenous Education strategy. Engagement with Indigenous students, communities and agencies is a significant component of that strategy.

The newly created role of Manager Indigenous Outreach is responsible for managing the delivery of Indigenous outreach services including marketing strategy development, planning, implementation and assessment.

The Manager will also lead a small team of Indigenous outreach and student recruitment staff and will also work collaboratively with the Dean of Indigenous Education, the University's Indigenous Education Centre, Badanami and Colleges and Divisions in advancing Indigenous education objectives and opportunities. The position is located within the Office of Marketing and will report to the Director, UWS Marketing.

Position Enquiries: Angelo Kouritis, (02) 9678 7502.

Closing Date: 8 May 2007.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

ABORIGINAL PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8
Aboriginal Service Improvement Unit
Service Programs, Operations
Preferred location is Ashfield, but is negotiable
Permanent Full Time
Position No: DOH-07-00348

Total remuneration package valued up to \$81,591 per annum (salary \$66,796 pa - \$73,938 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: Responsible for the provision of culturally appropriate advice on service delivery needs for all Aboriginal clients of the Department of Housing. The position also provides key liaison with the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality and capacity to engage, consult and work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.
- Well developed oral and written communication and negotiation skills and proven capability to develop networks and work collaboratively with government and non government stakeholders.
- Understanding of Aboriginal housing and related service issues and demonstrated analytical, conceptual and research skills with a capacity to develop social policy initiatives.
- Understanding of the principles of performance monitoring and an ability to develop and implement information systems.
- Well developed computer skills with demonstrated understanding of common software for word processing, spreadsheets and data base applications.
- **Common selection criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Travel throughout NSW may be required. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full text version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Information Packages: Val Dojcinovski (02) 8753 8660 or via email: val.dojcinovski@housing.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Ivan Simon (02) 8753 8829.

Applications marked 'Confidential': To apply on-line as per link in the Information Package or email: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing Date: Friday 4 May 2007.

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The department is a non-smoking workplace. Common Selection Criteria: All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common selection criteria' - Equal Employment Opportunity, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statements, and Occupational Health and Safety - as they relate to the job.

Local Facilitator, Schools as Community Centres

Clerk Grade 7, Irrawang Public School, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 138693.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$75,914 p.a. (\$68,796-\$88,794) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Implementing and facilitating the Schools as Community Centres Program.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated experience in community development, consultation, project management and evaluation. Demonstrated ability working with families in disadvantaged communities in an interagency approach. High level oral, written and negotiation skills and good computer skills. Sound knowledge of early childhood development, parenting issues and services available to families from the participating departments. Demonstrated ability to coordinate resources. Experience working with Aboriginal and NESB communities. Current NSW Drivers licence or willingness to obtain one.

Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2010. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Julie Kiloby (02) 9266 8728

Email: Julie.kiloby@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Erin Richards (02) 9244 5154.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Ms. Nicole Clavier, Principal, Irrawang Public School, Geer Street, RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324.

Closing Date: Friday 11 May 2007.

GA170606

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

ADMIN ASSISTANT TO GENERAL MANAGER

Clerical Officer Grade 3/4, Wellington Correctional Centre, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07178. Total remuneration package valued to: \$53,430 p.a. (\$44,538-\$48,419) Total remuneration package includes salary range \$44,538pa to \$48,419pa employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide effective and confidential executive secretarial and administrative support to the General Manager and the Management Team to ensure the administrative needs of executive staff are met in a timely and professional manner.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated experience in providing high quality administrative support. Proven ability to use time management and set priorities, with sound analytical and organisational skills. High degree of expertise and experience in word processing and utilisation of a variety of software applications. Knowledge and ability to manage computerised systems. Sound experience in preparing reports, correspondence and minute taking. High level oral and written communication and problem solving skills. Aptitude to work under pressure and with minimum supervision. Ability to exercise initiative, sound judgement, discretion and confidentiality. Competence in working with a wide variety of people and coping with differing problems. Common selection criteria also apply.

ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerical Officer Grade 3/4, Wellington Correctional Centre, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07179. Total remuneration package valued to: \$53,430 p.a. (\$44,538-\$48,419) Total remuneration package includes salary range \$44,538pa to \$48,419pa employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. A 50% environmental allowance (currently \$1,072pa) applies during the occupancy of this position.

Provide broad range of clerical support duties in the Administration Officer, Accounts Payable, Inmate Accounts, Records and other Administration Duties directed by Business Manager to facilitate effective provision of administrative support. **Selection Criteria:** General administrative experience and ability to operate electronic office equipment such as photocopiers, fax machines etc. Sound data entry/keyboard skills and experience with computerised office systems and associated software, particularly word processing and spread sheets. Experience in banking and cash handling procedures. Sound organisational, communication and customer service skills. Ability to work as part of a team and / or independently in a high volume work environment and meet deadlines. Appreciation of the office environment within a Correctional Centre. Ability and aptitude to provide assistance across a broad range of clerical and administrative areas including fleet management, accounts, records and general administration. Ability and aptitude to provide assistance across a broad range of clerical and administrative areas including fleet management, accounts, records and general administration. Ability to maintain confidentiality in relation to sensitive correctional centre issues. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor.

Inquiries: Michael Kneipp, Telephone: (02) 6845 3730 Email: michael.kneipp@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kelly Powell, telephone: (02) 6845 3730. Email: kelly.powell@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 27 April 2007.

GA170607

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

(PRIVATE RENTAL SPECIALIST)

Clerk Grade 5/6

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

Wyong

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 07DOH7530

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Private Rental Brokerage Service (PRBS) helps people who have complex needs and are homeless/facing homelessness, to find and maintain private sector tenancies using a variety of strategies.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in the Social Sciences or demonstrated extensive relevant work experience.
- Excellent communication skills, particularly in the areas of negotiation, facilitation, mediation and problem solving.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with complex support needs.
- Understanding of, and demonstrated ability to work with human service agencies.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the private rental market business environment and relate to real estate agents and landlords.
- Ability to advocate on behalf of clients to facilitate access to housing and support services.
- Ability to contribute to a team and find innovative solutions to issues.
- **Common selection criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and may be used to fill other temporary vacancies for this role. General induction and job specific training for the successful applicant will be conducted in Sydney following appointment. Appointment will be in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period up to March 2009. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the full details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Diane O'Brien on (02) 4926 9333.

Information Packages: Available on-line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink telephone: (02) 4960 4635.

Applications marked confidential to: Apply on line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to: HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing date: Friday 4 May 2007.

GA170606

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST

(TARGETED)

Clerk Grade 5/6

Far South Coast Team, Bega

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 07DOH7574

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (Salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Department requires a person with expertise to ensure quality housing and support packages are provided to clients with complex or high support needs, including Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander clients.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent communication including negotiation and mediation skills, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with support needs.
- Understanding and ability to liaise with a variety of human service client groups and organisations and ability to initiate and develop networks.
- Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team and liaise with internal stakeholders.
- Experience in managing a range of complex tasks and setting priorities.
- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assisting clients with special needs including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, and people with disabilities.
- Capacity to train, supervise and support other team members.
- **Common selection criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: As part of the Department's Aboriginal employment strategy we are targeting to employ an Aboriginal person to this position. Applicants should note that the position works with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients of the Department. The position is responsible for delivering housing services to towns between Bateman's Bay, Eden and Bombala. The position will require the successful applicant to travel and often stay overnight at locations throughout the service area, and at times in other major centres. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Marilyn Banfield (02) 6492 2727.

Information Packages: email: hrcsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or contact (02) 6200 5820.

Applications marked confidential to: Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1829, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email hrcsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply on line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Friday 4 May 2007.

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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.

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Department of
Sustainability and
Environment

Executive Officer, Winyula Council - Horsham, Victoria

Salary \$45,917 to \$55,752

Position No. DSE800787

Are you looking for new challenges? Seeking an opportunity to make a difference? Interested in working with a wide range of people?

The Department of Sustainability and Environment is looking for a suitable person to support the work of Winyula Council. The Council has been established under the Co-operative Management Agreement between the Borengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and the State of Victoria. Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Friday 5, May 2007.

www.dse.vic.gov.au
Customer Service Centre 136 186



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

SECURITY SUPERVISOR

Facilities & Services - ANU Security

ANU Officer Grade 5

Several Positions

Salary Range: \$47,574 - \$ 53,777 pa plus 17% super

Reference: FAS 4018

The Security Section of Facilities and Services operates on a 24-hour 7-day week roster to provide a security service to Students, Staff and visitors and the University Acton Campus buildings and site. The Acton campus has over 140 buildings on 140 hectares.

The role of the Security Supervisor is to supervise the security patrol activities on Campus and the Control Room, whilst at the same time carrying out operational Security Officer duties.

A demonstrable level of physical fitness and stamina to undertake the various duties is required. Applicants must be willing to undergo an Australian Federal Police security check and clearance and must hold and maintain a current ACT Security license including fingerprint provisions. Applicants will also undergo a fitness assessment.

Female applicants are encouraged to apply.

Appointment will be at ANU level 5 Salary (\$47,574 - \$53,777) per annum plus composite allowance \$9,787 in lieu of shift penalties. Generous superannuation provisions apply with a total remuneration salary package of \$67,112 pa. The position also attracts six weeks annual leave and generous personal leave provisions.

Selection Criteria: <http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/jobs/> or from Jan Grubb

T: 02 6125 2047 E: Jan.Grubb@anu.edu.au

Closing Date: Friday 4 May 2007

The University's diverse workforce contributes to its success. Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with disabilities, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and women are most highly valued. Occupations are fairly sought. CHC050 09/2007



Enquiries: Brett Byron T: 02 6125 2045 E: Brett.Byron@anu.edu.au



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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION BRANCH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA STATE OFFICE

Deputy State Manager

\$93,000 - \$104,000

DEST Executive Level 2*

Reference no: 07-123

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Education, Science and Training are crucial to building Australians' future prosperity and well-being. The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) provides national leadership in developing and implementing innovative policy solutions in three priority areas: learning, skills acquisition and building Australia's knowledge.

One of DEST's diverse roles in South Australia is its commitment to the acceleration of educational outcomes for Indigenous people in the schools, vocational training and higher education sectors. DEST manages a range of agreements, projects and programmes as part of a whole-of-government framework that delivers Australian Government services to the Indigenous community.

The successful applicant will provide high-level support to the State Manager and lead a dynamic team located in Adelaide, Port Augusta and Ceduna engaged in the delivery of DEST's Indigenous education programmes and services.

Please note: In order to perform the duties of this employment opportunity efficiently and effectively, the successful applicant will need to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and possess the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them. In addition, applicants who are shortlisted for further consideration will need to provide the selection panel with 2 referee reports, with at least one from an Indigenous Australian in either oral or written form.

Please note: This position is a security-assessed position. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a security assessment prior to engagement.

* Please note successful applicants for DEST Executive Level 2 jobs will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA). An EL2 AWA commencing salary would normally be \$93,000, however a higher salary may be negotiated based on skills and experience.

For further information about the position please contact
Chris Sheedy, State Manager, on (08) 8306 8875.

For selection documentation see below.

SYDNEY/ILLAWARRA REGION, NSW STATE GROUP

Regional Manager

\$75,151 - \$80,928

DEST Executive Level 1

Reference no: 07-120

SYDNEY

Come and work with us to improve outcomes for Indigenous clients and achieve DEST's vision for education, science and training in NSW and the ACT.

You will provide leadership to DEST's field staff in our Sydney and Wollongong offices to continue to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous Australians through a range of DEST programmes.

You will also lead our strategic interests in the design and implementation of Whole of Government interventions in Indigenous Coordination Centres.

Finally you will be a key member of DEST's Indigenous Leadership Team and the State Leadership Team and so play a pivotal role in contributing to the achievement of DEST's vision for science education and training in NSW and the ACT.

Successful applicants will be passionate about achieving successful outcomes for Indigenous communities. You will be a leader able to build partnerships and work collaboratively with people from other agencies to identify areas for improvement and opportunities in the delivery of programmes. You will have sound negotiation, liaison and influencing skills, be highly analytical and be able to contribute to the government's and DEST's Whole of Government agendas. You will also have knowledge of DEST's policies and programmes and an understanding of their applicability in improving education and training outcomes for Indigenous clients.

Please note: In order to perform the duties of this employment opportunity efficiently and effectively, the successful applicant will need to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and possess the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them. In addition, applicants who are shortlisted for further consideration will need to provide the selection panel with 2 referee reports, with at least one from an Indigenous Australian in either oral or written form.

For further information about the position please contact
Michelle Kerr on (02) 4350 6861.

For selection documentation see below.

How to Apply

The selection documentation is available on our website at www.dest.gov.au/recruitment, or by email recruitment@dest.gov.au, or 24 hour answering service on (02) 6240 9154.

Please note that applications will not be acknowledged on receipt. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted regarding the next phase of the selection process. To those applicants who are not shortlisted, we extend our thanks for considering DEST as a potential employer.

Successful applicants must be Australian citizens. Conditions of employment are contained in the Department's Certified Agreement.

SYDNEY/ILLAWARRA REGION, NSW STATE GROUP

Indigenous Education Unit Manager

\$58,668 - \$65,519

DEST Level 3 (APS 6)

Reference no: 07-121

SYDNEY

Come and work with us to improve outcomes for Indigenous clients and achieve DEST's vision for education, science and training in NSW and the ACT.

As the Indigenous Education Unit (IEU) Manager in Sydney you will manage DEST's field staff in our Sydney and Wollongong offices to continue to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous Australians through a range of DEST programmes.

You will provide expertise to support, policy information and interpretation to staff, clients and other parties in relation to the work of the Indigenous Education Branch and associated programmes.

You will also have knowledge of DEST's policies and programmes and an understanding of their applicability in improving education and training outcomes for Indigenous clients. Regular travel within the state/territory is required.

Please note: In order to perform the duties of this employment opportunity efficiently and effectively, the successful applicant will need to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and possess the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them. In addition, applicants who are shortlisted for further consideration will need to provide the selection panel with 2 referee reports, with at least one from an Indigenous Australian in either oral or written form.

For further information about the position please contact

Mr Colin Bissett on (02) 9298 7274.

For selection documentation see below.

TRANSITIONS PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS BRANCH, TASMANIA STATE OFFICE

Operations Support Manager

\$52,989 - \$55,998

DEST Level 2 (APS 5)

Reference no: 07-118

HOBART

The Tasmania DEST Office has the responsibility for the implementation in Tasmania of Australian Government programmes and policies in the education, science and training portfolio. The diverse roles for DEST in Tasmania include working with Indigenous Education, Vocational Education and Training, and Transitions Programmes and managing a range of agreements, contracts and projects. The work is conducted in the context of the whole of government approaches including delivery of Australian Government services to the Indigenous community. The office currently has a staff of 15 people.

The person we are seeking will be able to initiate, co-ordinate and deliver a range of corporate and administrative activities to support the activities of the Tasmania DEST office. They will enjoy working as part of a small team, and with a range of stakeholders, and contributing to the planning and decision making within the office.

Please note: In order to perform the duties of this employment opportunity efficiently and effectively, the successful applicant will need to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and possess the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them. In addition, applicants who are shortlisted for further consideration will need to provide the selection panel with 2 referee reports, with at least one from an Indigenous Australian, in either written or oral form.

For further information about the position please contact Alison van den Berg on (03) 6222 9610

For selection documentation see below.

Applications addressing the selection criteria may be emailed to recruitment@dest.gov.au, faxed to (02) 6123 5111 or mailed to:

The Recruitment Officer - Location 758
Department of Education, Science and Training
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Applications close: 3 May 2007

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Indigenous Artist Wanted for Western Sydney Public Art Project

"Plantlines" Project

Bonnyrigg Town Centre Park, Edensor Park

The "Plantlines" Project involves the planning, design and installation of interpretative artworks in Bonnyrigg Town Centre Park, Edensor Park in Western Sydney. Proposed artworks shall explore the significance of the parkland and its environs to the local Aboriginal people, and be developed by an artist of Aboriginal heritage. Submissions shall be assessed by the Aboriginal Arts Facilitator for the project.

The selection of the artist shall be made by the "Plantlines" Working Party. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND A COPY OF THE BRIEF PLEASE CONTACT:** Matt Poll, "Plantlines" Project Aboriginal Arts Facilitator, phone (02) 9560 2541, mob 0412983603, email: baoma19@gmail.com

All submissions including brief biography of artist and examples of other public artworks should be forwarded to: Postal: PO Box 176, WESTGATE NSW 2048

All submissions are to be made by Friday 11th May 2007.

This project is made possible by the generous support of Fairfield City Council and NSW arts.



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Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

Indigenous Community Relations and Communications Officer

- \$54,828 - \$59,968
- Generous salary packaging and superannuation benefits
- Full-time
- Darwin Based

The Indigenous Community Relations and Communications Officer will be responsible for assisting in the development of strategies for the communication of activities and outcomes related to research and education at MSHR.

The role has a particular emphasis on, but is not restricted to, liaison and networking with Indigenous organisations, communities and individuals to raise the profile of MSHR's work and outcomes and to gain community feedback.

The role will advise the organisation about Indigenous community protocols and develop and monitor guidelines for consistent and appropriate consultation and communication activities.

This position has been identified as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander position. In particular, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men are encouraged to apply.

The Position Description (including Selection Criteria) may be obtained from Karen.Drarton@menzies.edu.au on 08 8922 7667, or downloaded from our website www.menzies.edu.au. For further information about the position, please contact Julie Carmichael, Communications and Development Manager on 08 8922 6759. Applications addressing the selection criteria and including three nominated referees and your CV should be sent to: Human Resources Officer, MSHR, PO Box 41096, Casuarina NT 0811 or the above email address by 14th May 2007.



The Sax Institute is funded by NSW Health to build capacity in population health and health services research and to increase the impact of this research on policy and practice.

The Study of Environment, Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health (SEARCH) Project Officer

The Study of Environment, Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health is a large-scale cohort study involving an estimated 2000 urban NSW Aboriginal children designed to describe the links between environment, resilience and health outcomes among these children. SEARCH will also trial the impact of a Health Broker on improving child health outcomes.

The successful applicant will work with the Study Manager to ensure the successful day-to-day running of the SEARCH program. They will play a key role in liaising with participating Aboriginal Medical Services in order to set up and implement the study. The successful applicant will have experience in working with Aboriginal people or communities, or on Aboriginal projects. They will be highly organised and possess excellent administrative and communication skills. Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply.

The position is offered full-time for one year. The salary package is \$50,000 - \$55,000 per annum inclusive of 9% superannuation. The Sax Institute is a Fringe Benefit Tax Exempt Employer with opportunity for salary packaging.

The job description and other information can be obtained from Anna Williamson by phone (02) 9514 5971 or email anna.williamson@saxinstitute.org.au. Applications close: May 9, 2007.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT VICTIMS SERVICES

CLERK VICTIMS COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL (ATSTI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 1-2, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/435. Total remuneration package valued to: \$53,430 p.a. (\$44,538-\$48,419) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Responsible for providing a range of administrative and clerical support services in the Victims Compensation Tribunal. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Demonstrated ability to process information in a high-volume work environment; Demonstrated organisational and general administrative skills including the ability to prioritise work and meet deadlines; Ability to extract and analyse information from documentation including the ability to interpret and apply guidelines; Ability to work in a team; Skills and experience in the use of computerised databases; Information management systems and other applications; Skills and experience using court monitoring equipment and associated tasks; or ability to acquire skills within a short period; Ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of clients and show empathy on difficult issues; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This position will be relocating to the Parramatta Justice Precinct in late 2007 or early 2008. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 9374 3175.

Inquiries: Cheryl Heyhorn (02) 9374 3042 Email: cheryl_heyhorn@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9374 3111.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or The Recruitment Unit, Attorney General's Department, Level 7, Goodsell Building, 8-12 Chifley Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 or agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 04 May 2007.



Yirara College DEPUTY SENIOR HOUSEPARENT (Female Students)

Yirara College is a Lutheran boarding school located 7km from Alice Springs catering for secondary-aged Aboriginal students from rural and remote communities in the NT. The school provides 24-hour, 7 days-a-week care for resident students during school terms.

The school is highly regarded among Aboriginal families for its academic program and excellence in Christian residential care. All staff at the College enjoy unique opportunities to learn about and experience traditionally-oriented Aboriginal culture.

Yirara College is seeking a **DEPUTY SENIOR HOUSEPARENT** to work in the female boarding house, and who has the ability to provide leadership within the boarding house in the long term. It is anticipated that our current long-serving Senior Houseparent will relinquish leadership responsibilities in 2008, and the College would like to mentor a suitable replacement and provide opportunities and training to move into the leadership role. The unique cultural background of the students requires a considerable amount of learning on the job. Currently there are six full-time and several part-time staff working in the boarding house at the direction of the Senior Houseparent.

The college is seeking to employ someone who:

- preferably, has experience in boarding schools and/or with teenagers;
- possesses effective administrative, communication and relational skills;
- is able to work effectively as part of a team and direct other staff, when necessary;
- enjoys optimum health and can cope with the physical demands of the job;
- is willing to work at the college in a medium to long term capacity; and
- is a practising Christian who is able to provide spiritual leadership.

An attractive remuneration package includes accommodation.

Closing Date: 13th May, 2007

Commencement Date: 23rd July 2007

Applications should be forwarded to: The Principal, Yirara College, PMB 51, Alice Springs 0872. Phone: 08 8950 5830, Fax 08 8950 5866 or via email: info@yirara.nt.edu.au



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- Strong team skills

Call Centre experience is not essential however customer service experience will be viewed favourably. Comprehensive training will be provided.

Applicants must successfully complete a health check and a police records clearance. A six-month probationary period will apply to all successful applicants.

To Apply:

Please proceed to our website www.ipa.com.au under the Job Search heading, please enter the job reference number **601c200203177c1bun** and complete the application as requested. Applicants are encouraged to apply online, however alternatively you can call (08) 9224 6700 between the hours of 9am-5pm Monday to Friday VST, should you not have access to the Internet.

Applications close 5pm Friday 4th May 2007

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Opportunity Commission

DIRECTOR SENIOR POLICY RESEARCH OFFICER Native Title Team

The Commission has two vacancies in the Native Title Team of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Unit. The position of Director, Executive Level 2, (\$84,727 - \$101,807 pa plus superannuation) works closely with the Social Justice Commissioner and leads the Native Title team which has a particular focus on native title and related legislation. This is an ongoing (permanent) employment opportunity.

The position of Senior Policy Research Officer, Executive Level 1 (\$73,462 - \$80,559 pa plus superannuation) is a non-ongoing (temporary) vacancy for 12 months with the possibility of ongoing employment arising during this time. The position is responsible for undertaking research and analysis, report writing and providing high level policy advice.

Selection will be based on job specific selection criteria. Applicants should obtain a copy of the documentation from the Commission's website at <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/jobs/index.html> or by telephoning (02) 9284 9660. Applicants who are hearing impaired may contact the TTY phone on 1800 620 241.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 11 May 2007.

The Commission promotes and supports workplace diversity in employment.

(HUMANRIGHTS)

The Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre Wyong requires the services of an Aboriginal Person to fill the following position of Early Intervention worker 0 - 8 years.

Families First, Early Intervention Family Worker Aboriginal

This position will be based at the Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre Wyong, and is responsible to the Medical Services Coordinator.

This position will provide support for Aboriginal families, parents and carers in the WYONG Local Government Area, assist in weekly playgroups, link in with other services including Government and non Government organizations. Establishing referral processes and collaborating and advocating with health and other agencies on behalf of Aboriginal families. The position's direct focus is on prevention and early intervention. **Key Objectives are:** Support parents who are caring for infants or a young child; Assist families who need extra support; Strengthen the connection between communities and families. **Essential:** Aboriginality; Demonstrated ability in working with young parents and families; Clear understanding of issues and support needs of Aboriginal families; Good knowledge of child development and parenting strategies; Excellent written and verbal skills; Demonstrated ability to set and measure outcomes; Experience in community development including the ability to involve the local community in this project; Ability to work independently and be organised; Awareness of health issues in the local Aboriginal community; Awareness of mental health and drug alcohol issues; Knowledge of local support services and referral mechanisms; Current NSW Drivers License; Must have knowledge of EEO, OHS and work-cover laws. **Desirable:** Childcare certificate or registered or enrolled nurse; Demonstrated experience in group work/presenting educational programs as well as individual and family counseling.

Applicants for this position must undertake a working with children and relevant police checks

This is an Identified position under section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Conditions of Employment: 35 hours per week with four weeks annual leave. Wages as per Aboriginal Health workers awards depending on experience.

Applications Marked Private & Confidential to: Mr. Robert Skeen, Medical Services Coordinator, PO Box 466 WYONG NSW 2259.

Closing Date: 28 April 2007.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS (PETROLEUM)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, c/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) that applications have been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, Exploration Permits (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the Petroleum Act (NT) as follows.

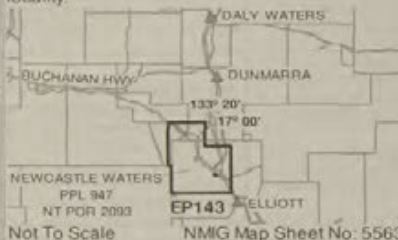
Application(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit 142 sought by POLOWANNA PETROLEUM PTY LTD, ACN 122 803 678 over an area of 150 Blocks depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the CARRUTHERS locality.



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Exploration Permit 143 sought by SWEETPEA PETROLEUM PTY LTD, ACN 074 750 879 over an area of 26 Blocks depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the NEWCASTLE WATERS locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the Petroleum Act, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including (but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit

area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801, or Centrepont Building 40-50 Smith St Mall, Darwin NT 0800.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Notification Day: For the purposes of section 29(4) of the NTA, the notification day is 25 April 2007.

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.

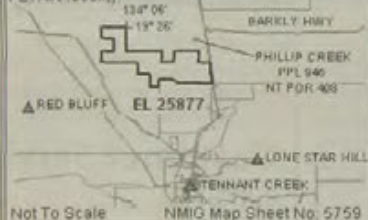
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 25870 sought by AGRICOLA RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 111 720 597 over an area of 11 Blocks (17 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 25877 sought by AGRICOLA RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 111 720 597 over an area of 22 Blocks (83 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FLYNN locality.



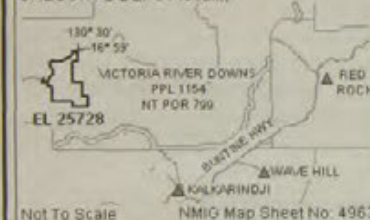
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Exploration Licence 25878 sought by AGRICOLA RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 111 720 597 over an area of 58 Blocks (147 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 25728 sought by ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES N.L., ACN 009 159 077 over an area of 58 Blocks (183 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GREGORY'S DEPOT locality.



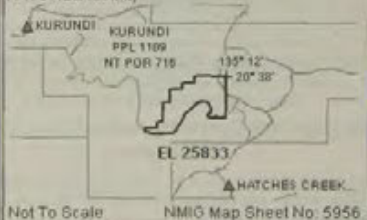
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Exploration Licence 25831 sought by SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 117 304 006 over an area of 35 Blocks (105 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.



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Exploration Licence 25833 sought by SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 117 304 006 over an area of 64 Blocks (180 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the HATCHES locality.



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Exploration Licence 25935 sought by UNITED MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 122 921 153 over an area of 64 Blocks (210 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the INVERWAY locality.



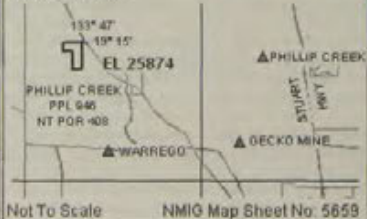
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Exploration Licence 25873 sought by WAANYI GARAWA MINING PTY LTD, ACN 116 070 207 over an area of 10 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SHORT RANGE locality.



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Exploration Licence 25874 sought by WAANYI GARAWA MINING PTY LTD, ACN 116 070 207 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SHORT RANGE locality.



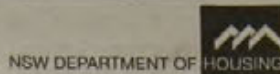
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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 25 April 2007



CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4

Southern & Western NSW HS Division
Western Area, Parks

Temporary Full-Time - Position No. 07DOH7564

Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 per annum (salary \$47,127 pa - \$54,520 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Responsible for the effective provision of a variety of housing services to a diverse range of clients. The focus of these positions will be the assessment of housing need and the management and recovery of rental arrears.

Selection Criteria:

- Capacity to work with clients and community groups in the assessment of their needs and provision of appropriate services.
- Sound decision making and problem solving skills in a service delivery environment.
- Good communication, negotiation and interviewing skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to work as part of a team.
- Sensitivity to the needs of diverse client groups and in particular, Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Computer literacy and experience in preparing correspondence and report/submission writing.
- Current driver's licence.
- Understanding of contemporary housing issues.
- **Common selection criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

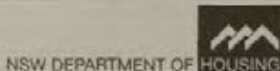
Job Notes: This is a temporary position for the period 11 June 2007 to 28 September 2007. Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains further details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Jenny Rolfe (02) 6360 8125. **Information Packages:** Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Apply on-line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to: HRWestern@bzlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: 4 May 2007.

04/170632



SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (PRIVATE RENTAL SPECIALIST)

Clerk Grade 5/6

Central Sydney Division/Greater Western Sydney Division
Various Locations

Temporary Full-Time - Position No: DOH-07-00359

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Private Rental Brokerage Service (PRBS) aims to help homeless clients with complex support and housing needs to access and sustain tenancies in the private rental market.

Selection Criteria:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in the Social Sciences or demonstrated extensive relevant work experience.
- Excellent communication skills, particularly in the areas of negotiation, facilitation, mediation and problem solving.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with complex support needs and capacity to coach and encourage clients to become independent.
- Understanding of, and demonstrated ability to work with human service agencies.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the private rental market business environment and relate to real estate agents and landlords.
- Ability to advocate on behalf of clients to facilitate access to housing and support services.
- Ability to contribute to a team and find innovative solutions to issues.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.
- **Common selection criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: There are various temporary positions available under the terms of PSEM Act 2002, for a period up to 30 March 2009. An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and may be used to fill other temporary vacancies for this role. Applicants MUST obtain an information package which contains the full text version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. General induction and job specific training for the successful applicant will be conducted in Sydney following appointment.

Inquiries: Sarah Elliott (02) 8753 8209.

Information Packages: 1800 502 766 or email: Elise.Snelson@bzlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked confidential to: Apply on-line at per link in the Information Package or e-mail: JobsDOH@bzlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing date: Friday 4 May 2007.

04/170639



LEGAL OFFICER

The Central Queensland Land Council seeks applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the above position.

Applicants should possess advanced written and oral communication skills, at least two years post admission experience, be available to travel to remote areas and work weekends, and have the capacity to work well as part of a team in a community controlled Aboriginal organisation.

Contact officer for selection criteria: Jo Hughes (07) 4940 0800.

Applications in writing or by email should be received by 5.00 pm Friday, 4 May 2007 and be directed to:-

The Compliance Officer
Central Queensland Land Council
PO Box 108, Mackay QLD 4740
or jhughes@cqlc.com.au

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER

Country Locations, Permanent Full-Time/Permanent Part-Time, Vacancy Number 07226. Total remuneration package valued to: \$71,566 p.a. (\$58,777-\$64,854) Total remuneration package includes, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Part-time positions will be remunerated on a pro-rata basis.

Fulfill a vital justice role of managing & working with offenders providing intervention & supervision to reduce the risk of re-offence. Provide pre-release reports & advice to Courts & releasing bodies to assist in sentencing & releasing decisions. Selection Criteria: Demonstrated skills in conducting background enquiries, analysing information including assessment of risks, related needs and the capacity to draw relevant conclusions in the development of case plans and reports. Outcome focused case planning and management skills within the context of community safety. Experience in promoting, influencing, negotiating and monitoring appropriate behaviour. Understanding of the NSW criminal justice and offender management system. Demonstrated interpersonal, oral and written communication skills. Knowledge of or experience in group work facilitation. Demonstrated experience in working with data-bases and computer applications. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Successful applicants for these positions will be required to perform shift work, involving weekend and evening work. Penalty rates will apply when shift work is performed. Employment will be on probation for 12 months with confirmation of employment dependent upon satisfactory completion of the required training course: Certificate IV in Correctional Practice. An eligibility list may be created for future vacancies in country locations. Applicants must nominate locations they wish to be considered against (in order of preference). Applicants will be considered in order of merit at the nominated locations submitted with their applications. Background checks will require applicants to be fingerprinted.

Inquiries: Maria Smith (02) 8822 1988 Email: maria.smith@dcs.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: www.dcs.nsw.gov.au/careers/probation_and_parole.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To Human Resources Officer, Custodial Recruitment Unit, Level One, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 04 May 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 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
09/1416	Eastern Goldfields Exploration Pty Ltd	310.74km ²	167km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°32' Long 116°05'	Ashterton/Upper Gascoyne
09/1417	Eastern Goldfields Exploration Pty Ltd	626.43km ²	125km SWly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°48' Long 116°38'	Upper Gascoyne
45/2920	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	9.64km ²	18km Wly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°20' Long 119°21'	Port Hedland Town
53/1283	Agricola Resources Pty Ltd	216.27km ²	103km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 26°06' Long 121°06'	Wiluna

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 25 April 2007

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 25 July 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. 25 August 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 PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

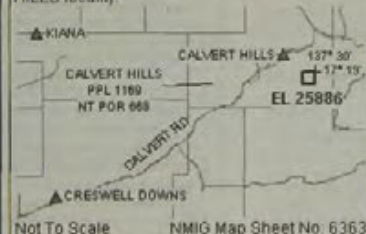
Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

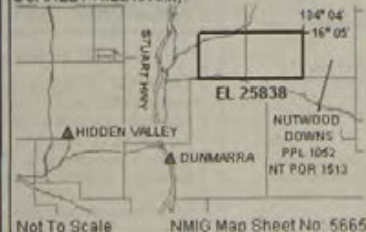
Substitution Exploration Licence 25748 sought by BUFFALO CREEK MINES PTY LTD, ACN 097 907 625 and TERRITORY GOLDFIELDS PTY LTD, ACN 066 581 075 over an area of 197 Blocks (643 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 4 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



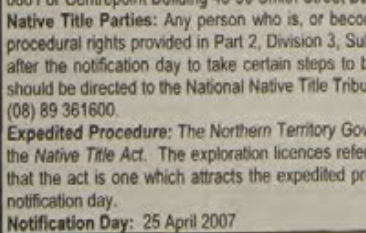
Exploration Licence 25886 sought by HARTZ RANGE MINES PTY LTD, ACN 084 999 413 over an area of 16 Blocks (53 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



Exploration Licence 25838 sought by UNITED MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 122 921 153 over an area of 403 Blocks (1321 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SCARLET HILL locality.

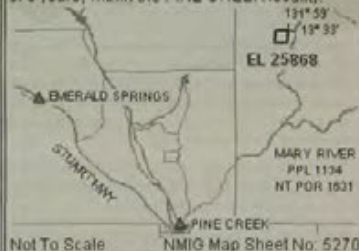


Exploration Licence 25839 sought by UNITED MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 122 921 153 over an area of 55 Blocks (183 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the THROSBY locality.

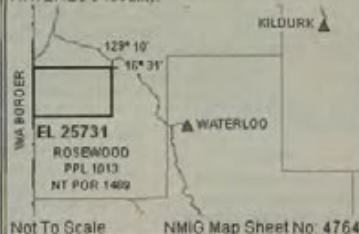


Notification Day: 25 April 2007

Exploration Licence 25868 sought by ELEMENT 92 PTY LTD, ACN 119 094 423 over an area of 1 Block (4 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



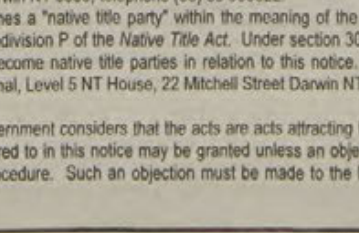
Exploration Licence 25731 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 60 Blocks (197 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WATERLOO locality.



Exploration Licence 25841 sought by UNITED MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 122 921 153 over an area of 140 Blocks (462 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ARNOLD RIVER locality.



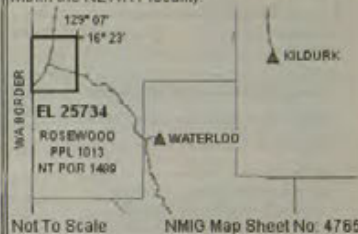
Exploration Licence 25734 sought by THUNDERRA EXPLORATION LTD, ACN 085 782 994 over an area of 56 Blocks (185 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NEWRY locality.



Exploration Licence 25859 sought by GRAVITY DIAMONDS LIMITED, ACN 009 178 689 over an area of 284 Blocks (924 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MANTUNGULA locality.



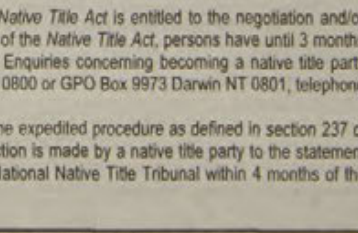
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Exploration Licence 25841 sought by UNITED MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 122 921 153 over an area of 140 Blocks (462 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ARNOLD RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 25734 sought by THUNDERRA EXPLORATION LTD, ACN 085 782 994 over an area of 56 Blocks (185 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NEWRY locality.



Notification Day: 25 April 2007

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4

Southern & Western NSW HS Division
Western Area, Parkes

Temporary Full-Time - Position No. 07DOH7564

Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 per annum (salary \$47,127 pa - \$54,520 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Responsible for the effective provision of a variety of housing services to a diverse range of clients. The focus of these positions will be the assessment of housing need and the management and recovery of rental arrears.

Selection Criteria:

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- Current driver's licence.
- Understanding of contemporary housing issues.
- 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 position for the period 11 June 2007 to 28 September 2007. 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: Jenny Rolfe (02) 6360 8125. **Information Packages:** Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250.

Applications marked 'Confidential': To Apply on-line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to: HRWestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: 4 May 2007.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept. of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
24/797	Heron Resources Ltd	805.23ha	54km S/W of Merces	Lat 30°10' Long 120°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/815	Heron Resources Ltd	68.86ha	54km S/W of Merces	Lat 30°10' Long 120°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/312	Heron Resources Ltd	478.08ha	51km S/W of Merces	Lat 30°08' Long 120°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Merces
47/1404	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	4341.19ha	65km W/W of Tom Price	Lat 22°29' Long 117°12'	Ashtabuton

Nature Of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

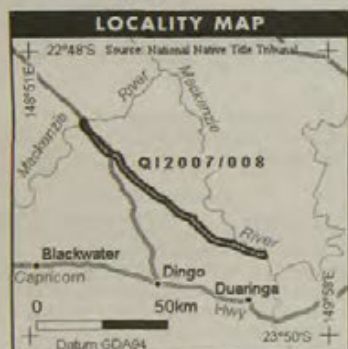
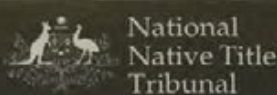
Notification Day: 25 April 2007

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 25 July 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 an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 25 August 2007), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Enertrade - Kangoulu CQGP Agreement - QI2007/008
State of Queensland
Notification day: 9 May 2007



Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 187.9km² is located about 60km north-east of Blackwater on the Mackenzie River and extends 90km in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 18km north-east of Duaringa, also on the Mackenzie River, as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Broadsound Shire Council, Duaringa Shire Council and Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council local government areas.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Queensland Power Trading Corporation trading as Enertrade, GPO Box 10, BRISBANE QLD 4001
Elizabeth Jacobs, Royce Richardson, Priscilla Broome, Elizabeth Johnson, Ernest McAvoy Jr, Paul Hegarty, Peter Mickelo, Bernadette Anderson, Patrick Malone, Lillian Harrison, Cliff Kina, Gavin Costelloe and Marshall Saunders

on their own behalf and on behalf of the Kangoulu People Native Title Claim Group, c/- Ghungulou Aboriginal Corporation ICN 3830, 21 Hanity Street, ACACIA RIDGE QLD 4110.

Clause 13 Consent to future acts

13.1 Project and associated rights

The parties consent to the grant of:

- the Project Rights;
- any other act necessary or expedient to give effect to the Project and any act necessary to enable the Project to proceed in accordance with all Applicable Laws, Applicable Authorisations and any works necessary or desirable to develop, construct, operate, or maintain the structures and works comprising the Project;

in the ILUA Area and agree not to challenge their validity at any time in the future.

13.3 Requisite consent

The Parties acknowledge that the consents in this clause 13 constitute the requisite consent of the Parties for the purposes of sections 24EB(1)(b) of the Native Title Act, and Regulation 7(5) of the Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) Regulations 1999 (Cth) to the doing of any of the acts referred to in clause 13.1.

Clause 3 Statement for the purpose of the Native Title Act

For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(c) of the Native Title Act, the Parties state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to the grant of the Project Rights.

Definitions

'Project Rights' means all approvals, consents, licences, titles, renewals and other entitlements that may be required for the Project in the ILUA Area, including but not limited to:

- pipeline licences and associated easements (if necessary), and the registration of such easements under the Land Title Act 1994 (Qld) to deliver the gas to market; and
- any permit, licence to occupy, lease or other similar right or consent or renewal for the purposes of the Project and any act done by Enertrade for the purposes of the Project including, without limitation, any works necessary or desirable to construct, operate, maintain or develop the structures and works which are part of the Project.

Objections

This application includes a statement pursuant to s 24CG(3)(b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth).

Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a State or Territory. This application must be made by 9 August 2007.

A person wishing to provide any other information regarding authorisation should forward it to the Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the NNTT. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply.

For assistance and further information call Ruth Loli
on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE (PIAC)

Lawyer - Indigenous Justice Project

PIAC invites applications from lawyers to work with its Indigenous Justice Project. This is an opportunity to work in a dynamic community legal centre as a member of a professional team committed to achieving social justice.

In this position you will build and maintain links with Indigenous organisations and work with PIAC staff to identify public interest issues that impact on Aboriginal communities with a view to conducting associated legal advice, casework and advocacy.

This is a challenging and rewarding position requiring a creative and energetic person with litigation experience, demonstrated understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal people and organisations and strong communication skills.

Job information, including the selection criteria, can be found at our website on <http://www.piac.asn.au/about/jobs.html>. Further enquiries should be directed to Alexis Goodstone on (02) 8898 6516. Applications, which must address the selection criteria, should be sent to PIAC, Level 9, 299 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000 by 14 May 2007. Applications will not be accepted by e-mail.

This is a position for an Indigenous person established as a special measure in order to help address disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.

Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service

(Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing)

Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service is currently recruiting a number of positions to support the set-up and operations of its newly funded medical service. These key positions are integral in ensuring that the appropriately skilled and experienced people are employed to support and oversee the health service provision to the Coonamble community. Employment within Aboriginal community controlled health services is a very rewarding career and interested persons are encouraged to apply.

Senior Aboriginal Health Worker

Aboriginal Health Worker • Transport Officer

Medical Receptionist • Administration Officer

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above positions and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Finance Officer

Enquiries: All interested applicants for the above positions will need to contact Jo Hutchinson on 6845 3545 to obtain an information package detailing the selection criteria.

Further information relating to the positions or the newly funded service can be directed to Darren Ah See on 6845 3545.

General Information:

The successful applicants will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and working with children's checks.

Salary and conditions for the above positions will be negotiated in accordance with the Health Services Union of Australia (Aboriginal Health Award 2002) and in line with the funding allocated by the Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health.

Applications should be marked confidential and sent to the CEO, Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service, PO Box 236, WELLINGTON NSW 2820. Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 4 May 2007.

No late or faxed applications will be accepted.

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, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

REGIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

EPO Class 9, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC07-157. Total remuneration package valued to: \$89,883 p.a. (\$73,117-\$81,453) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

The position provides expert cultural heritage support, advice & direction to the Regional Managers & Project Managers of individual regional Return & Renewal Program conservation projects including teams from across the Region, Division & DEC. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, and detailed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures and Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues. Well developed understanding of the workings of Government at State and Local level, and knowledge of relevant legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection in NSW. Demonstrated extensive project management & financial management experience & computer skills, including demonstrated ability to utilise and access information from databases & analyse data to interpret trends & make recommendations for improvements. Demonstrated experience in undertaking targeted research, assessment and planning for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values. Superior written and verbal communication skills, liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills. Experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated effective analytical skills and ability to produce high quality written material, policy and management recommendations. Current Drivers Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Kathleen Schilling (02) 9585 6546 Email: kathleen.schilling@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lesley Crawford (02) 9585 6164 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 11 May 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS DIVISION

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

ABORIGINAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR

EPO Class 10, Wollongong, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC07-166. Total remuneration package valued to: \$87,241 p.a. (\$79,059-\$79,059) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Responsible for managing service delivery improvements for Aboriginal people in the Illawarra Region in consultation with the Illawarra Aboriginal Community Based Working Group (IACBWG). Selection Criteria: Proven ability to work and successfully communicate with Aboriginal communities. Sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and peoples including the social, economic and political environment in the Illawarra area. High level communication and presentation skills. Proven ability to prioritise own workload, exercise initiative, judgement, flexibility, discretion and to work in a dynamic and challenging environment that includes the management of a range of complex issues. Proven ability to identify, design and implement policy and systems that will impact on the improved delivery of essential services to Aboriginal community groups. Experience in the provision of support to a high level committee including advice on policy and strategic matters relating to the Terms of Reference of the committee and general secretariat support. Competent computer skills in word processing and the use of spreadsheet. Current drivers licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a targeted position under the DEC Aboriginal Employment and Development Strategy in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply. Temporary position for up to 12 months. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: June Lowe (02) 4224 5787 Email: june.lowe@housing.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** Gerry Gillespie (02) 6124 3012 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.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday 14 May 2007.

Ganyju Family Support is currently advertising for the position of
Recognised Entity Family Support Officer

If you would like further information about this position please contact: Ms. Karen Dawson-Sinclair, Ganyju Family Support Services PO Box 406, Woodridge QLD 4114. Phone (07) 3808 9957 / karen.dawson@ganyju.org.au
Please note that due to Queensland Government Funding agreements, all applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.



**Emama Nguda
Aboriginal Corporation**

Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation is seeking a suitable qualified and/or experienced person to work, liaise and support CDEP Participants and Council Members of its operational activities.

Employment & Training Officer

Derby, Western Australia

Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation is seeking a person to fill the position of Employment & Training Officer. Duties will include development of employment and training programs, interviewing staff and participants on training needs or requirement, identify, explore and negotiate employment and training opportunities while canvassing employees, agencies and employers. Continue to develop ENAC Training plan and policies. Salary to be negotiated.

Emama Nguda Aboriginal corporation is seeking a suitable qualified and experienced person to work, liaise and support CDEP Participants and Committee Members of its CDEP Activities. Duties will also include Reception Duties, Taking Minutes, and Typing for Committee Members and Manager and all Reception Duties.

The successful person will also be required to have the following skills: Current driver's licence; Microsoft Word and Excel, working unsupervised at times; arrangement of meetings and travel. This Position is a 12 month Contract with intention of extension.

For more information on these positions, please contact Jodie Beacham on 0891931600.

Submit Letter of Interest, and Current Resume by the Close of Business 30th April 2007.

Please address all letters of interest to: The Manager, Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation Inc, PO Box 513, DERBY WA 6728. Address as Confidential OR fax to 08 9193 1700, email to Jodie.beacham@bigpond.com.

**NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES
MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M**

1. **TECK COMINCO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** (ACN 091 271 911) of Level 2, 35 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth WA 6005, mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land (land):

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 80 km northeast of OLARY, in the area of KALKAROO and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°36'S and longitude 140°40'E, thence east to longitude 140°59'E, south to latitude 31°37'S, east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 31°41'S, west to longitude 140°58'E, south to latitude 31°46'S, east to longitude 140°59'E, south to latitude 31°47'S, west to longitude 140°58'E, south to latitude 31°49'S, west to longitude 140°57'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, west to longitude 140°55'E, north to latitude 31°50'S, west to longitude 140°53'E, north to latitude 31°47'S, west to longitude 140°52'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, west to longitude 140°50'E, north to latitude 31°38'S, west to longitude 140°40'E, and north to the point of commencement, but excluding:

1. the area bounded as follows: Commencing at the point of the intersection of latitude 31°38'S and longitude 140°53'E, thence east to longitude 140°55'E, south to latitude 31°39'S, east to longitude 140°56'E, south to latitude 31°40'S, east to longitude 140°57'E, south to latitude 31°41'S, west to longitude 140°56'E, south to latitude 31°43'S, west to longitude 140°54'E, south to latitude 31°46'S, west to longitude 140°52'E, north to latitude 31°39'S, east to longitude 140°53'E, and north to the point of commencement; and

2. any of the land that falls within the Adnyamathanha native title claim, Federal Court file number SAD6001/98, that is registered with the National Native Title Tribunal, Tribunal file number SC99/1.

All those latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA of the land approximately 341 square kilometres.

2. The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralization, which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; downhole probing.

3. The proposed operations are authorized by the following exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971: Exploration Licence 3328, of which **TECK COMINCO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** is the current registered holder.

4. **TECK COMINCO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

Note: IF, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, **TECK COMINCO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent **TECK COMINCO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** as follows:

1. Contact telephone number: (08) 8235 7814
2. Contact facsimile number: (08) 8232 2944
3. If a company:
 - (1) A.C.N. 091 271 911
 - (2) Contact person: Julia Dnistrianski



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
25/1879	Nel William Hass	141.75ha	48km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°56' Long 122°03'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1886	Southern Gold Ltd	49.03ha	29km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
36/1588	David Gough-John	9.71ha	21km SWly of Leinster	Lat 28°02' Long 120°31'	Leonora
46/1387	William Robert Richmond	9.15ha	7km SEly of Nullagine	Lat 31°55' Long 120°09'	East Pilbara
46/1394	William Robert Richmond	114.18ha	26km SEly of Nullagine	Lat 31°54' Long 120°07'	East Pilbara
77/3818	Joseph Allen Treacy	14.41ha	55km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°40' Long 119°33'	Yilgarn

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 25 April 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 25 July 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. 25 August 2007), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

**Notice of an application to register
an area agreement on the Register of
Indigenous Land Use Agreements**

Raine Island National Park (Scientific)

ILUA-QI2006/044

State of Queensland and adjoining waters
where applicable

Notification day: 9 May 2007



Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 329km² is located about 100km north-east of Cape Grenville as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area is the land and waters comprising MacLennan Cay being Lot 2 on JD3, Moulter Cay being Lot 1 on JD3 and Raine Island being Lot 4 on SP171836 and the waters extending to 3 Nautical Miles from the High Water Mark of those lots.

The agreement area falls within the Cook Shire Council local government area.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Wuthathi People,
C/- Wuthathi Land Trust,
PO Box 469H,
EDGE HILL QLD 4870

Erubum Le, Meriam Le and Ugarem
Le, c/- Torres Strait Regional
Authority, PO Box 261,
THURSDAY ISLAND QLD 4875

State of Queensland, c/- Director
(Northern Region) Queensland Parks
and Wildlife Service, PO Box 2006,
CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 5 – Consent to Dedication of the National Park (Scientific) and Declaration of a RA-SMA
Clause 5.1

The parties consent to the dedication of the Land Area as national park (scientific) under the NCA and the declaration of the Non-Land Area as a RA-SMA to the extent that those acts are Future Acts.

Clause 5.2
The parties agree to the validating of the dedication of the Land Area as

national park (scientific) under the NTA to the extent that act is a Future Act.

Clause 7 – Non-Extinguishment Principle

The parties acknowledge that the Non-Extinguishment Principle will apply to the Agreed Acts to the extent that they are Future Acts.

Clause 9 – Right to Negotiate
Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA is not intended to apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

Definitions:
‘NCA’ means the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld)

‘RA-SMA’ means a Restricted Access Special Management Area under section 57(1) of the Zoning Plan within the Agreement Area

‘Zoning Plan’ means Marine Parks (Great Barrier Reef Coast) Zoning Plan 2004 (Qld)

‘Future Act’ has the meaning given in the NTA

‘NTA’ means the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

‘Non-Extinguishment Principle’ has the meaning set out in the NTA

‘Agreed Acts’ means [the acts described in clauses 5.1 and 5.2]

Objections

This application includes a statement pursuant to s. 24CG(3)(b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a State or Territory. This application must be made by 9 August 2007.

A person wishing to provide any other information regarding authorisation should forward it to 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. Search and photocopy fees may apply.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Gary Lui on
freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that SOUTHERN IRON PTY LTD ACN 119 611 068 ("Southern Iron") of Level 11, Kyle House, 27-31 Macquarie Place, Sydney NSW 2000 proposes to undertake mining operations on an area within Retention Lease 103 held by Southern Iron in which a mining lease is to be applied for ("Land"). Southern Iron has served Form 27 Notices on all relevant parties in accordance with section 63M of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

The proposed mining lease is located in the Peculiar Knob area, Out of Hundreds Billakalina South Australia. The proposed mining lease is approximately 2.5 square kilometres, being the area generally bounded by coordinates as follows:

MGA Zone 53, Co-ordinates in GDA 94, commencing at a point being the intersection of Easting 535710mE and Northing 6727000mN, then north east to a point being Easting 537480mE and Northing 6727920mN, then south east to a point being Easting 538050mE and Northing 6726820mN and then south west to a point being Easting 536280mE and Northing 6725880mN and then north west to the point of commencement.

Southern Iron 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 haematite using open pit mining techniques at Peculiar Knob, South Australia located approximately 770 Kilometres north-west of Adelaide and 90 Kilometres south-east of Coober Pedy.

The area is subject to Native Title Determination Application SC95/7 Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara 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, Southern Iron may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) 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, Southern Iron, 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, Southern Iron 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 (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:

Southern Iron Pty Ltd
Attention: Mr Bob Duffin, Executive Chairman
Level 11, Kyle House
27-31 Macquarie Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Telephone: 02 92511044
Facsimile: 02 92473434



BARAMBAH REGIONAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Executive Assistant

Permanent Position

Do You: Demonstrate good communication and interpersonal skills? Have an excellent knowledge of computers & can type 40 - 50 wpm? Have a knowledge & understanding of the Indigenous Culture? Hold or are currently obtaining a Certificate 2 or 3 in Business Administration or have 2 years Office Work experience?

Are you: Interested in a career in the Indigenous health industry? Able to supervise the stationary supplies to ensure the stock is maintained at a high level? Comfortable answering the phone and making Chief Executive appointments and Scheduling travel? Willing to work as part of a dynamic team? Able to work independently?

Purpose of Position

- The Executive Assistant will be working as part of a culturally appropriate and multi-disciplinary team that seeks to provide quality comprehensive primary health care within the Cherbourg community and its surrounding towns in the South Burnett District.
- The position will provide administrative support to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of management and perform general office duties including: Filing, Typing of correspondence, reports & special documents. Ordering, Data entry, Figure typing, etc.

Transport Officer

Permanent Position

Applicants must:

- Hold a current open driver's licence.
- Have good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Comply with Work, Health & Safety standards.
- Have a knowledge & Understanding of the Indigenous Culture and able to liaise and communicate with the Indigenous community.

Purpose of Position

- To ensure the continuity of quality care to clients is provided in a culturally appropriate manner through safety, confidentiality and respect when transporting Barambah clients.
- To transport Barambah clients to and from the medical centre.
- To transport Barambah clients to and from Appointments in Brisbane and Toowoomba and surrounding districts.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For an application package please contact:

Bruce Simpson (CEO)
Barambah Regional Medical Service
Cnr of Bligh and Broadway Streets
CHERBOURG 4605
Tel: (07) 4169 5146 e-mail: ceo@barambah.org

Applications close 4pm FRIDAY 18th May 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 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1971:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1622	Diamond Pty Ltd	48.09km ²	30km NW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°32' Long 125°01'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1624	Kimberley Quarry Pty Ltd	71.70km ²	45km N of Broome	Lat 17°33' Long 122°18'	Broome
04/1630	Regalpoint Asset Pty Ltd	545.55km ²	60km NE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°40' Long 125°55'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
04/1649	Lunard Shelf Pty Ltd	29.32km ²	22km E of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°07' Long 125°47'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1650	Lunard Shelf Pty Ltd	61.72km ²	59km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°39' Long 125°51'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1651	Lunard Shelf Pty Ltd	45.49km ²	63km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°38' Long 125°56'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1916	Rand Mining NL	18.93km ²	102km S of Panamonica	Lat 22°31' Long 116°50'	Ardburton
09/1617	Rand Mining NL	50.57km ²	103km S of Panamonica	Lat 22°35' Long 116°57'	Ardburton
09/1690	Pais Winston Askes	83.13km ²	158km S of Onslow	Lat 23°01' Long 116°29'	Ardburton
09/1748	Venture Minerals Ltd	9.47km ²	115km S of Panamonica	Lat 22°40' Long 116°18'	Ardburton
09/1758	Zhuoqi Permian	628.74km ²	94km SE of Coral Bay	Lat 23°25' Long 114°37'	Ardburton, Onslow
09/1776	Auriongold Exploration Pty Ltd	15.77km ²	105km W of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°51' Long 119°43'	Ardburton
09/1296	Artfield Holdings Pty Ltd	210.01km ²	81km S of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°44' Long 114°56'	Gascoyne
20/125	Hampton Hill Mining NL	60.43km ²	62km NW of Gair	Lat 26°57' Long 117°33'	Gair
28/1997	Fausta Resources Ltd	44.29km ²	83km E of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°39' Long 122°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1701-4	Rumell Holdings Pty Ltd	826.89km ²	135km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°35' Long 122°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1705	Rumell Holdings Pty Ltd	205.99km ²	109km E of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°52' Long 122°43'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1706	Rumell Holdings Pty Ltd	590.39km ²	152km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°34' Long 123°05'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
42/2965	Brumby Resources Ltd	539.73km ²	42km NE of Goldsworthy	Lat 30°01' Long 119°45'	Broome-East Pilbara/Port Hedland Town
42/2978	Pandell Pty Ltd	206.19km ²	57km N of Shay Gap	Lat 20°01' Long 120°14'	Broome-East Pilbara
42/2979-31	Bookbums Minerals Pty Ltd	670.5km ²	66km NE of Nalgine	Lat 21°21' Long 120°22'	East Pilbara
46/736-7	Clinton Dean Head	22.23km ²	44km SW of Nalgine	Lat 22°08' Long 119°47'	East Pilbara
46/738	Clinton Dean Head	22.24km ²	45km SW of Nalgine	Lat 22°06' Long 119°44'	East Pilbara
51/1264-6	Pandell Pty Ltd	276.83km ²	72km NW of Wiluna	Lat 26°17' Long 119°35'	Meekatharra
51/1206	Pandell Pty Ltd	138.24km ²	70km W of Wiluna	Lat 26°25' Long 119°33'	Meekatharra
51/1207	Pandell Pty Ltd	151.59km ²	54km W of Wiluna	Lat 26°29' Long 119°42'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
51/1208	Pandell Pty Ltd	82.87km ²	73km W of Wiluna	Lat 26°33' Long 119°30'	Meekatharra
52/2036-7	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	435.41km ²	117km S of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°15' Long 117°39'	Meekatharra/Upper Gascoyne
52/2041	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	218.75km ²	105km S of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°09' Long 117°40'	Upper Gascoyne
52/2054	Dakota Consolidated Ltd	108.14km ²	128km NE of Meekatharra	Lat 25°44' Long 119°29'	Meekatharra
52/2065	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	200.75km ²	130km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 25°42' Long 117°39'	Meekatharra
53/1260-1	Fraser Resources Pty Ltd	312.81km ²	30km E of Wiluna	Lat 26°32' Long 120°31'	Wiluna
53/1265	Sunny Resources Pty Ltd	6.1km ²	60km SE of Wiluna	Lat 27°06' Long 120°33'	Wiluna
53/1301	Pandell Pty Ltd	166.09km ²	27km NW of Wiluna	Lat 26°25' Long 120°02'	Wiluna
53/1302	Pandell Pty Ltd	27.57km ²	20km SW of Wiluna	Lat 26°40' Long 120°02'	Wiluna
53/1331	Navarra Resources Pty Ltd	206.14km ²	31km N of Wiluna	Lat 26°19' Long 120°09'	Wiluna
59/1284	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	192.06km ²	40km NW of Paynes Find	Lat 28°53' Long 117°25'	Yalgoo
59/1290-1	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	364.71km ²	22km SE of Paynes Find	Lat 29°21' Long 117°53'	Sindidarra/Yalgoo
59/1293	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	86.91km ²	43km NE of Morawa	Lat 29°00' Long 116°23'	Morawa/Yalgoo
70/2886	Maloca Services Pty Ltd	26.92km ²	22km SW of Hyden	Lat 32°33' Long 119°42'	Koodin/Kuh
70/2972	Falcon Minerals Ltd	159.13km ²	49km SE of Katanning	Lat 34°04' Long 117°45'	Tambellup
71/1229	Frank Hill	6.94km ²	133km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°38' Long 119°22'	Merced
71/1230	Sombar Resources Ltd	119.41km ²	137km N of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°35' Long 119°33'	Merced
71/1232	Ochre Resources Ltd	79.48km ²	24km SE of Koolyanobbing	Lat 31°00' Long 119°39'	Yalgoo
71/1289	Glyndon Minerals Ltd	137.57km ²	33km S of Southern Cross	Lat 31°30' Long 119°27'	Yalgoo
80/3815	Regalpoint Asset Pty Ltd	626.02km ²	90km E of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°56' Long 125°24'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 25 April 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 **25 July 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 attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **25 August 2007**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

NSW MURRAY WETLANDS WORKING GROUP INCORPORATED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

1 x 300MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

at Lot 51/756112 in the Parish of TAILA, County of TAILA

for purposes of ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION of wetland sites

within Lot 4441/767426 in the Parish of TAILA, County of TAILA,

within Lot 51/756112 in the Parish of TAILA, County of TAILA,

within Lot 61/756112 in the Parish of TAILA, County of TAILA

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0350-516200.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 23/05/2007. Please quote the application number 724 on all correspondence. (GA2-524322)

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer, Compliance & Licensing,
Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 363, BURONGA, NSW 2739

Commencement Date: 25/04/2007. **Closing Date:** 23/05/2007.

NSW MURRAY WETLANDS WORKING GROUP INCORPORATED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

1 x 300MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

at Lot 2/815736 in the Parish of MOURQUONG, County of WENTWORTH

for purposes of ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION of wetland sites

within Lot 1/285034 in the Parish of MOURQUONG, County of WENTWORTH,

within Lot 2/815736 in the Parish of MOURQUONG, County of WENTWORTH,

within Lot X/388592 in the Parish of MOURQUONG, County of WENTWORTH,

within Lot Y/388592 in the Parish of MOURQUONG, County of WENTWORTH

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0350-516200.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 23/05/07. Please quote the application number 725 on all correspondence. (GA2-524322)

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer, Compliance & Licensing,
Department of Natural Resources, P O BOX 363, BURONGA, NSW 2739

Commencement Date: 25/04/2007. **Closing Date:** 23/05/2007.

NSW MURRAY WETLANDS WORKING GROUP INCORPORATED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

1 x 300MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

at part State Forest adjacent Lot 5/756186 in the Parish of WANGUMMA,

County of TARA

for purposes of ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION of wetland sites

within Lot 5/756186 in the Parish of WANGUMMA, County of TARA,

within part State Forest adjacent to Lot 5/756186 in the Parish of WANGUMMA,

County of TARA

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0350-516200.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 23/05/2007. Please quote the application number 726 on all correspondence. (GA2-524322)

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer, Compliance & Licensing,
Department of Natural Resources, P O BOX 363, BURONGA, NSW 2739

Commencement Date: 25/04/2007. **Closing Date:** 23/05/2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

Ernest George RICHARDSON & Marjory Dawn RICHARDSON have submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Wakool River).

Works: 1 x 80mm pump
Works Location: Lot 48 DP756576, Parish Poon Boon, County Wakool
Purpose: Domestic & Stock Water Supply

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 23/05/2007. Please quote the Application No. 801 (50WA505946) on all correspondence. (GA2: 484725)

Lindsay Holden, Senior Natural Resource Officer, Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the MOONEY MOONEY AND MULLETT CREEKS GROUNDWATER SOURCE for a BORE at Lot 760/806339 in the Parish of GOSFORD, County of NORTHUMBERLAND for the purpose of domestic and commercial use (at a volume of 1 litre per second) in its capacity as the LOCAL WATER UTILITY.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 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 18/05/2007. Please quote the application number 610 on all correspondence.

Bruce Westbrook, Licensing Officer, Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 2213, DANGAR, NSW 2309 Commencement

Date: 20/04/2007. Closing Date: 18/05/2007. GA2:529545

MURRAY VALLEY

Barry Robert WARBURTON & Nancy Isabel WARBURTON have submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x bore
Works Location: Lot 143 DP756353, Parish Yalgadoodi, County Townsend
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 23/05/2007. Please quote the Application No. 800 (50WA505945) on all correspondence. (GA2: 484724)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Licensing Officer, Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

MURRAY VALLEY

PURTILL BROS NOMINEES PTY LIMITED has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x bore
Works Location: Lot 399 DP756325, Parish South Deniliquin, County Townsend
Purpose: Industrial (car wash)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 23/05/2007. Please quote the Application No. 789 (50WA505938) on all correspondence. (GA2: 484723)

M S & A K WRAGGE PTY LIMITED has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x bore
Works Location: Lot A DP416367, Parish Bullatella, County Townsend
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 23/05/2007. Please quote the Application No. 790 (50WA505939) on all correspondence. (GA2: 484723)

ACKERS PASTORAL COMPANY PTY LTD has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x bore
Works Location: Lot 2 DP230272 or Lot 126 DP756383, Parish Yalgadoodi, County Townsend
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 23/05/2007. Please quote the Application No. 791 (50WA505940) on all correspondence. (GA2: 484723)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Licensing Officer, Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

DAVID WILLIAM KINSEY has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MACQUARIE ZONE 5 GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 BORE on Lot 13/755099 in the Parish of DERIBONG, County of NARROMINE for INDUSTRIAL purposes.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 02 6841 7415.

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 21/05/2007. Please quote the application number 80WA703751 on all correspondence.

Angus Foster, Resource Officer (Licensing), Licensing and Compliance Division
Department of Water and Energy, PO BOX 717, Dubbo, NSW 2830

Commencement Date: 23/04/2007. Closing Date: 21/05/2007. GA2: 310233

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of New South Wales
Notification day: 9 May 2007



NI2006/01 Githabul People

Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 1,199km² is located north of the townships of Casino and Tenterfield south of the Queensland/New South Wales State border as shown on the locality map. The area includes Border Ranges National Park, Richmond Range National Park, Richmond Range State Forest, Yabba National Park, Yabba State Forest, Toonumbar National Park and Toonumbar State Forest.

The agreement area falls within the Kyogle, Tweed and Tenterfield Shire Council local government areas.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Anthony Bernard Kelly, Minister
for Lands for the State of New South
Wales, c/- Crown Solicitor's Office,
GPO Box 25, (60-70 Elizabeth St),
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Trevor John Close on his own behalf
and on behalf of the Githabul People,
c/- New South Wales Native Title
Services, Suite 13, 245 Chalmers
Street, REDFERN NSW 2016

Githabul National Aboriginal
Corporation, c/- New South Wales
Native Title Services, Suite 15, 245
Chalmers Street, REDFERN NSW
2016

Forestry Commission of New South
Wales, c/- Regional Manager, North
East Region, Forests NSW, PO
Box 535, (130 High Street), COFFS
HARBOUR NSW 2450

Casino Rural Lands Protection Board,
c/- Chairman, PO Box 158, (147 Barker
Street), CASINO NSW 2470

Woodenbong Common Trust, c/- The
Secretary, Mr N J Everitt, McPherson
Street, WOODENBONG NSW 2476

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by
the National Native Title Tribunal]

16. National Parks

16.1 The Parties agree that the
Management Committee
shall be established and shall
function in accordance with
the provisions of Schedule H to
provide the Githabul People with
an opportunity to be consulted
about the management of the
National Parks. [Schedule H
sets out the scheme for operation
of the Githabul National Parks
Management Committee and the role
of the Committee in making plans of
management]

16.2 The Githabul People agree that
they shall not exercise Native
Title on the National Parks
other than in accordance with
the provisions of Schedule L,
notwithstanding the Consent
Determination Orders. [Schedule
L sets out conditions and restrictions
on the exercise of native title in
National Parks]

18. State Forests

18.1 The Parties agree to the
provisions of Schedule K to
provide the Githabul People with
an opportunity to be consulted
about the management of the
State Forests. [Schedule K sets
out the State Forests Consultation
regime]

18.2 The Githabul People agree that
they shall not exercise Native Title
on the State Forests other than in
accordance with the provisions of
Schedule L, notwithstanding the
Consent Determination Orders.
[Schedule L sets out conditions and
restrictions on the exercise of native
title in State Forests]

19. Dairy Flat Travelling Stock Reserve

19.1 The Githabul People agree that
they shall not exercise Native
Title on the Dairy Flat Travelling
Stock Reserve other than in
accordance with the provisions of
Schedule M, notwithstanding the
Consent Determination Orders.
[Note: agreement mistakenly refers to
Schedule M, Schedule N sets out the
conditions for exercise of native title]

22. Procedure for Future Acts

22.2 The Parties agree that the
procedures outlined in Schedule
Q shall be followed in relation

to the classes of Future Acts
in Schedule Q in the Consent
Determination Area after the
date on which this Agreement is
Registered. [Schedule Q sets out a
future act regime including consent
to a range of listed National Parks
Low Impact Future Acts, State Forest
Low Impact and Reservation Future
Acts, Dairy Flat Travelling Stock
Reserve Future Acts, and Renewal
of Water Interests, and consent
to varying degrees of procedural rights
in relation to Right to Comment
Future Acts, Third Party Non
Extinguishing Exclusive Possession
Future Acts, Extinguishing
Exclusive Possession Future Acts,
Game Hunting Declarations, and
New National Parks]

22.3 Without limiting the rights of
the Native Title Parties set out
in Schedules H, K and Q, the
Parties consent to the doing of
the classes of Future Acts in
Schedules H, K and Q which shall
be valid provided the procedures
in Schedules H, K and Q have
been complied with and that the
Future Acts are otherwise lawful

22.5 Except as provided for in clause
8.3, the Parties consent to the
doing of any Future Acts lawfully
undertaken in accordance with
the Rural Lands Protection Act
1998 on the Travelling Stock
Reserves in the Withdrawn Area
shown in Diagram 2 of Schedule
C, provided those land and
waters continue to be reserved
under the Rural Lands Protection
Act 1998. [Clause 8.3 provides that
the Native Title Parties may lodge a
claimant application in response to
a non-claimant application or notice
under section 29 of the NTA]

Schedule P - Tooloolool Falls

Para 7 (Schedule P) The Parties agree
that to the extent that any action taken
in accordance with this Schedule is a
Future Act:

- (a) the Native Title Parties shall have
no procedural rights in relation to
the Future Act under the NTA;
- (b) the Future Act is valid; and
- (c) no Compensation is payable for the
Future Act.

[Schedule P relates to protection and
management of Tooloolool Falls]

12. Surrender of Native Title

12.1 The Parties consent to the
surrender of Native Title in the
Surrendered Area.

12.2 The Parties acknowledge that
the surrender of Native Title
is intended to extinguish any
Native Title that may exist in the
Surrendered Area.

14. Validation Provisions

14.1 The Parties agree that any Future
Acts (other than Intermediate
Period Acts) in the Agreement
Area after 1 January 1994 but
before the date on which this
Agreement is executed, are valid,
to the extent they are invalid
because of the existence of Native
Title

14.2 The Parties agree that any Future
Acts in the Agreement Area after
the date on which this Agreement
is executed but before the date
on which this Agreement is
Registered, are valid, to the extent
they are invalid because of the
existence of Native Title, provided
they are carried out in accordance
with the procedures in the
Agreement or the NTA.

15. Public Works

15.1 The Parties agree that Public
Works constructed or established
prior to the date this Agreement is
executed (other than Intermediate
Period Acts) are valid, to the
extent they are invalid because
of the existence of Native Title,
and have wholly extinguished all
Native Title in:
(a) the land or waters on which
the Public Works were or are
situated;
(b) the land or waters which
is or was necessary for or
incidental to the construction,
establishment or operation of
the Public Works.

15.2 The Parties agree that any Public
Works in the Agreement Area
constructed or established after
the date on which this Agreement
is executed but before the date
on which this Agreement is
Registered, are valid, to the extent
they are invalid because of the
existence of Native Title, provided
they are carried out in accordance
with the procedures in the
Agreement or the NTA.

1. Relevant Interpretation

"Future Act(s)" has the same
meaning as in the NTA but does
not include Future Acts done by the
Commonwealth.

"NTA" means the Native Title Act 1993
(Cth).

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 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 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 9 August 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, Sydney NSW 2001 by 9 August 2007.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the NSW Department of Lands. 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 Amy Barrett on
freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Team by team look at the

Big opening for the '07 competition

PETER ARGENT reviews the opening three rounds of the 2007 AFL competition

Adelaide Crows

Aboriginal players: Andrew McLeod and Graham Johncock.

The three matches Adelaide has played have seen contrasting performances. After a modest first-up effort, Andrew McLeod was the architect of the Crows' amazing away win against the Western Bulldogs. His best-on-ground effort was a catalyst for the impressive 38-point victory.

Graham Johncock was one of Adelaide's better players in round one, but received a significant ankle injury in the round-two MCG clash and will be out of action for at least another couple of weeks.

In the Showdown XXII 'rivalry round' clash against the Power, McLeod added to his record, having 30 possessions in a dominant performance, as underdogs Adelaide won comfortably.

He also walked away with his first 'Showdown Medal' for the game's best player. His odds for the 2007 Brownlow Medal have shortened dramatically.

Brisbane Lions

Aboriginal players: Ashley McGrath, Anthony Corrie (rookie), Rhan Hooper, Chris Johnson, Jason Roe, Albert Proud and Sam Sheldon.

Ashley McGrath and veteran and co-captain Chris Johnson, along with Jason Roe, have been a part of a Lions combination which looks to have recaptured a game style reminiscent of the club's halcyon days between 2001 and 2003.

The Lions opened with two strong victories to start the season and a commendable performance against Sydney.

Anthony Corrie has not yet returned from a knee reconstruction, but he has started running and is expected

to be fit by mid-season. Rhan Hooper injured his quad during this year's pre-season training and is a couple of weeks away from rejoining full training. Sam Sheldon and Albert Proud have been impressive for the Suncoast Lions in the QAFL. Proud is showing plenty of pace across half back and Sheldon is being seen as displaying plenty of promise.

Carlton Blues

Aboriginal players: Eddie Betts, Andrew Walker, Joe Anderson and Clinton Benjamin.

Perhaps the most consistent footballer this year of Aboriginal descent since the start of the pre-season has been Blues running defender Andrew Walker. Even in the modest match against Geelong, Walker could hold his head high. He is on the verge of being one of the next group of dominant players in the competition.

Eddie Betts has shown his explosive pace and freakish goal-kicking ability, being among the best in the amazing come-from-behind victory against Essendon.

Joe Anderson, already having senior experience in the NTFL, has played the first two rounds with Carlton's VFL affiliate, the Northern Bullants.

Clinton Benjamin has been struggling with a quad injury and is expected to be back soon.

Collingwood Magpies

Aboriginal players: Leon Davis, Chris Egan, Shannon Cox, Brad Dick and Sharrod Whellingham (rookie).

After a slow start in round one, Leon 'Neon' Davis has taken the next step and is now one of the key small forwards in the competition. His pace, ball sense and goal-kicking ability is a pivotal part of the Magpies forward line.

In the Magpies' rivalry round

win over Richmond, defender Shannon Cox (after a brilliant game in round one of the VFL with Williamstown) and the lightning quick Brad Dick, both got their first opportunity at the top level.

Dick displayed his pace and football 'know how', kicking a soccer goal in the second term and finishing with two goals in this initial outing.

Rookie Sharrod Whellingham started his season in the Williamstown side in the VFL senior competition, as has Chris Egan. Whellingham kicked a goal in both the round-one win and the draw against Port Melbourne.

Fremantle Dockers

Aboriginal players: Jeff Farmer, Antoni Grover, Roger Hayden, Des Headland, Michael Johnson, Troy Cook, Clayton Collard and Calib Mourish.

What a tumultuous start to the season by the Dockers! Jeff Farmer and Michael Johnson are serving out suspensions from the pre-season competition and in the fiery round-three home derby with West Coast Des Headland has been handed a six-week holiday after the former Brisbane premiership player took exception to callous comments.

Defenders Antoni Grover and Roger Hayden have been stoic in defence during all of this. Well-travelled footballer Troy Cook did a couple of clever things in the spiteful game against West Coast.

Youngster Clayton Collard has played all four rounds in the WAFL, being used in variety of roles for South Fremantle and is continuing to learn about the game.

Calib Mourish moved well against East Fremantle's league side in round three, and in the season opener he kicked four goals in the reserves, prompting his promotion.

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Lance 'Buddy' Franklin in action for Hawthorn. He has been a leading player up forward for the Hawks so far this year.

opening rounds in the AFL

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Essendon Bombers

Aboriginal players: Courtenay Dempsey, Richard Cole, Patrick Ryder, Andrew Lovett, Nathan Lovett-Murray, Leroy Jetta, Dean Dick (rookie) and Alwyn Davey.

In the season opener against Adelaide at AAMI stadium, Leroy Jetta and Alwyn Davey made solid debuts.

Jetta, after being felled by Nathan Bassett in the third term, displayed his class and composure by slotting through a goal from the free kick.

Playing in the key centre-half-back position, young Western Australian talent Patrick 'Paddy' Rider added to the celebrations by collecting the first round's nomination for the 2007 NAB rising star award.

The only blot on the opening day was Davey's report during the game, which was withdrawn early in the next week.

The trio of Richard Cole, Andrew Lovett and Nathan Lovett-Murray have been consistent performers in the opening rounds.

Courtenay Dempsey started his season being among the best in the Bendigo Bombers' second-round win over Tasmania.

Geelong Cats

Aboriginal players: Travis Varcoe, Matthew Stokes, Nathan Djerrkura and Liam Bedford (rookie).

Travis Varcoe exploded onto the AFL scene, joining a unique group of players in scoring a goal with his first kick at the top level. This was during the Cats' initial victory of the season, when they beat an in-form Carlton side by 78 points.

Varcoe finished with 2.1, scoring with each kick in his first game.

Nathan Djerrkura has been in the mix for AFL selection, already being named as an emergency several times.

Rookie Liam Bedford was good in the Geelong Football Club's (VFL) first-up win over Tasmania in Bellerive Oval, being high in the best players and slotting through a major.

After playing two NAB Cup games, Matthew Stokes hasn't been able to force his way into the senior team.

Hawthorn Hawks

Aboriginal players: Lance Franklin, Mark Williams and Chance Bateman.

Starting to make an impact at the top level, Lance 'Buddy' Franklin has been a shining light up forward for the Hawks this year. In the dismal round-one effort against the Lions, Franklin still displayed an ability to have a significant impact. Expect this to continue.

Mark Williams, after what could only be described as a modest effort in round one, followed up with a six-goal haul in the win over Melbourne, and another four in the rivalry round victory over the Kangaroos.

Chance Bateman missed the round-three win over the Kangaroos, but secured his usual mountain of possessions in the previous week's win over Melbourne.

Kangaroos

Aboriginal players: Daniel Wells, Eddie Sansbury, Djaran Whyman, Lindsay Thomas and Matt Campbell (rookie).

Before the season even started, due to an injury to key forward Nathan Thompson, former North Adelaide footballer Matt Campbell was elevated from the rookie list



Leon Davis in action for Collingwood.



Port Power's Shaun Burgoyne.



West Coast's David Wirrpunda.

to the Kangaroos' senior squad after a strong pre-season. Along with Port Adelaide Magpies speedster Lindsay Thomas, Thompson made his AFL debut in the opening-round fixture against Collingwood.

Thomas was mentioned among the Kangaroos' best players in the opening round, despite leaving his kicking boots behind. In the three-point loss to the Magpies, Thomas kicked no less than five behinds.

Djaran Whyman was a key player in the first two rounds of the season with North Ballarat, being mentioned high among the best players in both games.

Daniel Wells continues to build on his pre-season form and is one of the marquee players at the Kangaroos, while Eddie Sansbury is one the brink of regular selection.

Melbourne Demons

Aboriginal players: Aaron Davey (64), Byron Pickett (195), Matthew Whelan (123), Isaac Weetra (0) and Daniel Hayes (rookie).

Expected to be a finals contender this year, the Demons were winless in their opening three rounds and need to lift quickly or their season will drift away.

The same thing has happened to Aaron Davey's form, which is not helping the club's cause.

A veteran of 195 AFL games and the 2004 Norm Smith medallist, Byron Pickett has spent the first two rounds of the VFL season with Sandringham as he tries to find some fitness.

Northern Territory native Matthew Whelan started to find the type of form he has shown since his arrival at the start of this century. Tough, quick, determined and committed, Whelan was a proven performer for the Demons in rounds two and three, despite a scare with neck spasms after a sickening clash in round one.

showed signs of their rich and largely untapped talents.

Tambling was certainly the Tigers' best in the game against arch-rivals Collingwood, while Krakouer kicked three goals.

After getting a taste of AFL football with four games last year, Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls started this year with consecutive games with the Coburg Tigers in the State-based competition.

Carl Peterson has been suffering from otitis pubis and the medical staff at Richmond cannot put a definitive time on his return.

St Kilda Saints

Aboriginal players: Raphael and Xavier Clarke.

The Clarke boys are again dealing with injury issues early in the 2007 season. This time Raphael spent time on the outer after another hamstring-related injury.

They both are members of the Saints' best 22 on the park, and for the club to be successful at the business end of the season they need the talents of Xavier and Raphael up and firing.

Older sibling Xavier was among the side's best players in an impressive season opener.

Sydney Swans

Aboriginal players: Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes.

In the come-from-behind win over Brisbane, Koori Mail columnist Michael O'Loughlin celebrated his milestone 250th AFL game with three goals. This included two critical majors from him in a dynamic last quarter.

On current form, if injury doesn't interfere, there is no reason while this Swan cannot join Gavin Wanganeen as the second Indigenous player to reach the 300-game landmark.

Dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes has not yet recaptured his 2006 form, although he has made a couple of solid contributions so far.

West Coast Eagles

Aboriginal players: Ashley Sampi and David Wirrpunda.

David Wirrpunda displayed his tremendous versatility, being pushed in attack by coach John Worsfold and kicking three goals in the victory over Collingwood.

He continues to be one of the most attacking defenders in AFL football.

The Eagles' other Aboriginal player, Ashley Sampi, has been meandering along in the WAFL competition. Missing round two of the State League competition, he has been a moderate performer for the club, who are surprisingly sitting in eighth position.

Western Bulldogs

Aboriginal players: Cameron Faulkner (17), Josh Hill (0), Malcolm Lynch (0), Brennan Stack (0) and Jarrod Harbrow (rookie).

The most experienced of a young Bulldogs Indigenous group, Cameron Faulkner has started the season in the Werribee first XVIII.

Murray Bushrangers rookie recruit Jarrod Harbrow was quickly promoted to the Werribee senior side after a best-on-ground performance in round one at reserves level.

Josh Hill, Malcolm Lynch and Brennan Stack are looked upon as longer-term options.

Port Adelaide Power

Aboriginal players: Peter Burgoyne, Shaun Burgoyne, Daniel Molloy, Danyale Pearce and Nathan Krakouer.

Among five Aboriginal debutants in round one, Nathan Krakouer (a nephew of stars from the 1980s Jimmy and Phil), was a noteworthy performer in his initial game at the top level.

Krakouer showed his class and composure in the round-two win over the Kangaroos, being involved in two late goals which sealed the three-goal win.

Shaun Burgoyne has been in champagne form in the opening rounds and would have already picked up Brownlow Medal votes.

His elder brother Peter returned in the second match of the year after a long injury lay-off and was high in the side's best players as well.

After a brilliant start in game one with three goals and a solid pre-season, Daniel Molloy injured his ankle during the win over Fremantle in Perth.

Danyale Pearce showed signs he is returning to the form which won him the NAB Rising Star award last year, before missing the Showdown XXII clash with injury.

Richmond Tigers

Aboriginal players: Andrew Krakouer, Richard Tambling, Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls and Carl Peterson.

Although the Tigers are in the doldrums, being winless after the first three rounds, Richard Tambling and Andrew Krakouer

Knockout at risk

WHEN I was growing up in Armidale, northern NSW, I always had a dream of playing rugby league in the best competition and testing my skills and strength against the biggest and the best.

Eventually that dream focused on playing in the NRL, but at first my dream was to represent the mighty Narwan Eels in the NSW Aboriginal Knockout.

It was a dream I was to achieve and, even now, I look forward to the weekend in October when I will meet up with my mates to pull on that treasured jersey.

This year I am not certain what I will be doing because there is so much confusion about the number of competitions being organised and which one will be the true 'people's knock-out'.

I have written previously about the need to improve the structure and administration of the competition, but have always argued that there should be one strong, united competition.

I have also recognised the hard work of the people who have put up their hands to organise a competition.

It just appears to me that too much of this time and energy is contributing to division when we should be discussing the best way of servicing the needs of all under a united banner.

There is a lot of right and wrong in everybody's argument – including some of the comments made about the current structure.

But perhaps it's time for some people on all sides to stand back and bite their tongues for the common good and remember what made the Knockout not only the major Aboriginal sporting event of

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the year in NSW but also the major community event.

I want my sons to feel the same way about the Knockout as I did when I was growing up.

My Dad (who has written a letter to the Editor on the subject – see Page 26) played for the Narwan Eels and I wanted to follow in his footsteps.

Even as a kid I realised how important it was for the town and the community to see their own people representing them.

It makes me feel proud that I have only

ever played for the Narwan Eels in the Knockout and when I go home it is the same group of locals who are there ready to do their best one more time.

It is loyalty and pride rather than money which remain the prime motivation to play.

At some point in time the money took over and the traditional sides were cast aside as new team models were developed, with sides having players from a number of different communities the norm.

I know I make my living from the game and I don't want to sound hypocritical but I have – like my team mates – paid to play for the privilege of representing my community.

I have always recognised how the Knockout helped me develop as a player. Like those before me, I knew I had to train hard and play hard to make the team.

Because there were no 'constructed' teams we all had a realistic ambition to train towards a common goal of beating the boys from the City who had the advantage of playing in better competitions.

That was – and should be – the beauty of playing in the one united Knockout consisting of true community teams.

It will give everybody a fair chance of playing against the best and increase the motivation to train for that opportunity.

Importantly, it will give everybody the opportunity to know what it means to play for your local town.

Without this opportunity we run the risk of losing some people forever.

If this happens there will be a lot of social consequences, but it will also have a tragic impact on Aboriginal rugby league.

To me rugby league is a game almost made for Aboriginal athletes. It is a game where the gifts of agility and pace are rewarded and doubly so if these gifts are combined with what to many people seems to be the intuition or sixth sense of players like Matt Bowen, Jonathan Thurston and Greg Inglis.

As great as these players are, I prefer to believe their natural talents have been honed by playing football with their brothers growing up in their communities.

Competitions like the Knockout teach you about the Aboriginal brand of football: intuitive but tough.

Your intuition actually comes from playing with your brain – thinking while running and being prepared to take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself.

With the decline of Aboriginal-based teams in the CRL (that's another story!) we will lose this style of playing unless we preserve the community-based traditions of the Knockout.

In his letter my Dad invites opinions and I am happy to use this column as a forum for people's thoughts.

My view is clear.

We need to look at what did work and build on those successes to reunite a competition for all communities.

We need to ensure that our kids experience the pride of representing their town or community.

We need a forum to be organised for all the proposed competitions to come together in the spirit of unity.

Otherwise we will end up knocking ourselves out.

What do you think?

Under-16s down New Zealand



The Australian Indigenous Under-16 rugby league side took a 24-18 win over New Zealand in the curtain-raiser to the Anzac Test in Brisbane last Friday. The Australian side was the stronger, with a loose completion rate allowing the Kiwis to stay in the game.

Australian Indigenous Under-16s Coach Scott Meini praised his side, saying it had been a privilege to coach the boys. Outstanding for the Australians was prop forward Ryan James, from Tweed Heads, who was named man of the match on a vote by the Australian selectors as well as the New Zealand management.

Meini also praised fellow Australians Lyndon Law, Albert Kelly and Casey Fraser.

He said all the boys had been a credit to themselves, their families and the communities they hailed from.

Working with greats in the Australian management including Lionel Morgan, Larry Corowa, Ron (Rambo) Gibbs and Ricky Walford had also been a privilege.

Australian Rugby League National Indigenous Manager Ricky Walford was pleased with the result and the way the boys performed on and off the field.

He said it was great to see history being made with the Australian Indigenous Under-16s' first international match.

Walford thanked and acknowledged the Australian Rugby League, Queensland Rugby League, NSW Rugby League, Department of Communications, Information, Technology and Arts (DCITA), NSW Aboriginal Land Council and the Queensland Government, as well as MP Warren Pitt, for supporting the game.

Australians scorers: Lyndon Law 2, Robert McLeod, Trevor George and Casey Fraser tries; Tyrone Roberts two goals.

— Koori Mail thanks Greg Appo for his assistance with this report



Australian Indigenous Under-16s players and management celebrate their victory over New Zealand in the curtain-raiser to the Anzac Rugby League Test last Friday in Brisbane.

250 reasons to give thanks

In many respects I did not want to write this column. There has been more than enough fuss made over my 250th game for the Swans and, although I am certain I will treasure milestones such as this when I reach retirement, I was more focused on beating Brisbane than any sense of personal achievement.

Media focus being what it is, however, I could not escape the event and the whole week has made me think about the concept of each individual's life journey.

The media naturally focused on my AFL career, but my journey – both as a person and a player – started well before my first game for the Swans.

Without the help of those people – many of whom I will not be able to individually name – I would not have even reached the AFL, let alone played 250 games.

Growing up in Salisbury I discovered my love of the game like any other kid, kicking a ball around the park or on the roads with my brothers and cousins.

Like any favourite sport it is the one you are happy to play until dark or until somebody breaks a neighbour's window with a mistimed kick.

If I needed any further encouragement I also had the privilege of playing for Salisbury North which had produced a champion like Gavin Wanganeen as well as noted players like Troy and Shane Bond and my brother Ricky.

Pulling on the same junior jersey of players such as these gives you the confidence to dream.

Representing Central Districts as a youngster allowed me to start to think that I might play at the AFL level.

Like many kids of that age it was a simple dream, but one that inspired me to work harder. I was fortunate, however, to have a mother

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who was determined to keep her son's head out of the clouds, and my Mum (Muriel) made certain that school came first or there was no footy.

Mum made certain I had my priorities in the right order, and I would like to think that the values she gave me as a kid are still central to my life today.

They are certainly the values I will try to pass on to my daughter Taya.

By ensuring that I stuck it out at school she not only taught me the value of a good education but also the rewards that come through perseverance and effort.

These are the things you do not always appreciate at the time but always value greatly when you look back over your life.

This did not mean that she did not encourage me in my footy pursuits. She was – and is – my greatest fan.

Along with my grandparents – Glenn and Cecilia O'Loughlin – she continually not only encouraged me to follow my dreams but also gave me a great deal of physical support.

All sports should not underestimate the value of a supportive parent or the loyal club volunteer that provide the oil for the machine of junior development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thanks all those sporting mums and dads and junior club officials whose time and devotion to their junior clubs gave me the opportunity to play as a youngster.

Included in this are those often-unacknowledged people who man the canteen, set up the grounds and wash the team gear!

They are the true lifeblood of junior sport. Of all the volunteers, however, it is the good junior coach that is a truly rare breed of person.

I am not talking about those coaches who rant or rave, or those who want to live through the reflected glory of their players' achievements.

I am talking about those passionate individuals whose main desire is to give children the gift of their knowledge and love of the game.

I was fortunate to have a succession of good coaches and would like all kids to appreciate the time volunteer coaches give up to provide them with a game.

Every coach I had gave me a new skill or a piece of knowledge that helped me improve as a player.

But the most important thing they gave me was their time.

My Uncle Wilbur Wilson and the great Gilbert McAdam had a special influence on me but I remember every coach I had.

None of this, however, filled me with confidence when I was selected by the Swans as a third-round pick and 40th overall in the 1994 National Draft.

Don't get me wrong – I was thrilled, but I certainly wasn't thinking of a premiership flag and 250 games back then!

I just hoped to play a game and when I came over I didn't think I'd last that long here – maybe one or two years then back home to Adelaide and doing ... I'm not too sure what!

The continuation of my life's journey has been great and exciting and I owe a lot to the footy club.

The calibre of people at the Swans make it a special place.

It is like family and I could never imagine playing for another club.

Again, my coaches during this time have played a special role in my success.

I've been around the club for a long time now, so to play 250 for this club is certainly an honour.

I was also thrilled that my 250th was played in front of my home crowd at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The SCG is my favourite ground in the world and the crowd has been great from day one.

On that note I would like to thank all the fans who have supported me over the years.

Through this column I feel I have been able to reach out to the Indigenous community on a more personal level and I particularly thank all my brothers and sisters for their loyal support.

The greatest lesson I have learned in my 12 years at the AFL level is never to take anything for granted.

I hope the old body will take me around a few more years yet.

Retirement will be another milestone – but my life's journey will continue!

Until next time – Keep Dreaming!

Thurston steps up

AS the rugby league world continued to mourn the retirement of one of the greats of the modern era in Andrew Johns, Jonathan Thurston took another step to cementing his own reputation as the dominant player of the current generation with his classy display the Kangaroo's comprehensive 30-6 win in the one-off rugby league Test against the Kiwis at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium.

The Kangaroos dominated the match throughout, but the final scoreline flattered the home side given that the scoreline was added to with two converted tries in the final three minutes.

Although Australia were firm favourites they went into the game under pressure, given the dominance of the selected side by six Broncos players despite their club struggles.

The Broncos six all stood tall, with fullback Karmichael Hunt particularly impressive in the five-tries-to-one win.

Central to the smooth functioning of the side, Thurston took an unusual role in the first half, preferring to stand and distribute rather than orchestrate the attack with his own dominant style.

This allowed Lockyer to play to the strengths of the established Broncos' combinations and Hunt came into his own.

The Kiwis came out with an obvious game plan to try to unsettle the home side, and Manu Vatuvei and Simon Mannering carried it, with Australian fullback Hunt the recipient of a monstrous hit in the opening minute.

Soon the emotion wore off and gaps began appearing in the Kiwi's defensive line with the Brisbane combination of Lockyer and Hunt especially tormenting the Kiwis' left side.

Hunt's defence was also tested as he was required to launch himself at rugged prop Roy Asotasi with a desperate try-saving tackle.

The play broke down on the next play with a Nathan Cayless fumble in front of Australia's posts and the Kangaroos worked their way back up the field.

Having kept his mouth shut in the lead-up to the match and during the Kiwis' blood-curdling rendition of the Haka, Willie Mason finally made himself known when he charged the Kiwi line.

It left the visitors on their heels and Johnathan Thurston struck with a short ball to send Nathan Hindmarsh over for a 6-0 lead to the home side after 19 minutes.

Lockyer did not get carried away with the win, but was thankful that selectors had remained faithful to those players who had done the job in last year's Tri-Nations.



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"We weathered the storm early but in the end I think they got a little bit tired and with the skill of some of our players, we came home over the top of them," he said.

Of the contentious selections, Lockyer said the performance justified the faith of selectors.

"We got pretty much the same team and I think these players deserved to hold their spots," he said.

"They've done nothing wrong in this jersey and tonight they were all great again."

The first half produced some ferocious hits but, despite having

a slender 6-0 lead at the half-time break, the Australians always looked in control.

In the second half Thurston began to take on the line more himself, and the Kangaroos blew the game wide open with two tries in the space of six minutes soon after the restart thanks to a diabolical error from Kiwi halfback Ben Roberts.

Roberts failed to defuse a bomb on his own line, letting the ball slip through his hands and clearing the way for Matt King to touch down for a 12-0 lead.

It soon became an 18-0 lead when Tate finished off a long backline move started by Thurston, with form centre Justin Hodges also prominent.

Hodges had a relatively quiet game by his current standards, but his class was obvious when he beat his opponents for pace on the outside on the few times he had the opportunity to run the ball.

Hodges was also a dominant force in defence.

The Kiwis came back into the contest when Manu Vatuvei won the chase to a Simon Mannering grubber, but that was the end of joy for the large Kiwi contingent in the 35,241-strong crowd.

Hunt thought he had wrapped up the win when he crossed in the 73rd minute, only for the four-pointer to be denied due to a Willie Mason obstruction in the

lead-up. But nothing was going to stop him three minutes from time when he finished off a flowing movement to complete the victory.

Coach Ricky Stuart also hit back at the critics, saying the players who had helped Australia regain the Tri-Nations trophy in last year's epic golden-point final deserved to retain their places.

"I'm very fortunate to have the selectors I have in regards to the loyalty they have shown to the players," he said.

"You can't just take the Tri-Nations series for what it was last year and then not show the loyalty and respect to the players for what they did for the Australian jumper."

"It's amazing what the Australian jumper does for you when you put it on; it creates a lot for the individual, you're playing on behalf of a lot of people and there was a great legacy that was before us."

"We've got to understand that it is very hard to get an Australian jumper, and if you perform for Australia it is important that that is recognised. It was very fortunate for me with the side that was picked, and I wouldn't have wanted any other team."

The World Cup draw was also announced during the week, with no mention of a game involving an Indigenous side as part of the Centenary celebrations.

Action from the second annual



Players from the Under-12s champions Koalas.



Members of the Western Wallabies, who won the Under-14s boys division.



The Cockatoos, who won the Under-16 girls section.



Members of the Eagles, who won the Under-16 Boys division.

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Harry Williams Cup tournament



Members of the Emus, the Under-14 years girls champions.



Football supporter Peter Turnbull with young players he has sponsored, from left, Ben Simpson, Zenton Cook and Wesley Shaw. All pictures courtesy Football NSW

Youth show skills



Soccer great Harry Williams at the Indigenous carnival named for him.



Young Indigenous soccer players turned out in Sydney this month for the second annual Harry Williams Cup. Named in honour of the first Indigenous Australian to be selected for the national team, the cup is recognised as Australia's first Indigenous Football (Soccer) Tournament.

It concluded with a carnival on April 13 at Glenwood in Sydney, with trophies and prizes being awarded to the winning teams and outstanding players.

The Harry Williams Cup tournament is part of Football NSW's Indigenous Development Pathway (IDP), aimed at increasing participation rates and the skill levels of Indigenous football players in the Football NSW boundaries of Sydney Metropolitan, Riverina, Southern Branch and Western Branch.

The competition has grown, with 135 players this year – 50 more than the inaugural year.

The Indigenous teams formed competed against non-Indigenous school- and association-based teams.

Sydney FC Development Officer Brendan Renaud has been part of the initiative for the past two years. He believes providing opportunities to the Indigenous community is integral for the growth of the game, saying

'talk is cheap but being here and offering support is important'.

Renaud hopes to establish football academies and scholarships for Indigenous children so they can follow in the footsteps of Harry Williams and rise to the top of the game.

Renaud and Sydney FC defender Robbie Middleton spent time with each team at the Cup day and offered advice on everything from the importance of training and nutritional tips to how they reached the professional level of the game.

Bigger picture

Renaud commends Football NSW on starting the Harry Williams Cup and is proud to be part of the event. While he would like everyone to support Sydney FC, he says that 'in the bigger picture it doesn't matter who they support, as long as they support football and the game as a whole'.

As a demonstration of support, Renaud and Sydney FC rewarded youngsters chosen by the coaches on the final day with tickets to watch Sydney FC's Asian Champions League match on Anzac Day.

Another important person involved with the tournament is Peter Turnbull. The founder of Turnbull Group Developments, a property development and investment firm, and member of the Board of Directors for

Sydney FC, he has sponsored three promising young players.

Turnbull, who loves football, said he recognised the importance of the Harry Williams Cup and wanted to be involved at a grassroots level. The three he has sponsored are 15-year-olds Wesley Shaw and Zenton Cook, and Ben Simpson, 14.

Harry Williams himself is very proud of the tournament, but sees it as just a start and would love to get the word out for organisations and businesses to get behind the initiative and support Indigenous football players. "Tournaments like this are fantastic because they teach the kids great sportsmanship and life skills in general," he said.

Williams believes the youth are all great ambassadors for the community and would love to see some of them reach the top level.

Cup age group winners: Under-12s Koalas, U14 Boys Western Wallabies, U16 Boys Eagles, U14 Girls Emus, U16 Girls Cockatoos.

Players awarded with Sydney FC tickets for their skill and sportsmanship.

U12: Samuel and Luke Bourke (twin brothers), Bart Simpson; U14 Boys: Keifer Dotti, David Ferguson; U16 Boys: Anthony Kennedy, Ben Simpson; U14 Girls: Monique Leddy, Melita Hampton; U16 Girls: Amy Braddick and Nashalee Thompson.



Under-14 players with guests and officials at the carnival.



A didgeridoo player and Harry Williams lead out officials and teams taking part.



The H4H All Stars, back row from left, Peter Lonergan (coach), Aaron Grabau, Kurt Russell, Andre Moore, Nathan Jawai, Damien Anderson, Paul Vandenberg, Lindsay Munro, Robert Williams (H4H official), Norm Hoffmann (H4H official); front row, Manny Mununggurr, Trendy Trev, Verle Williams, DJ Fat Albert, Joel Khalu, Anthony Mundine, Timmy Duggan and Frank Stokes (H4H official). All pictures by Andrew Olsen

All Stars win Hoops clash



Anthony 'The Man' Mundine was in sizzling form as the Hoops 4 Health (H4H) All Stars beat the Northern Territory representative

basketball team 104-80 in their second annual clash at Darwin.

Mundine scored 19 points and shared the most valuable player award with another Hoops All Stars player, Verle Williams.

Cairns Taipans Aaron Grabau scored 12 points in support, while former NBL All Star Andre Moore scored eight points.

Travis Ellis scored 24 points to lead the Northern Territory team's scorecard.

Following on from last year Mundine, the WBA world super middleweight boxing champion, joined other Hoops All Stars on their second visit to Darwin for the challenge match.

The game was organised by Hoops 4 Health founder and former National Basketball League star Timmy Duggan to raise awareness about the disease hepatitis C. Duggan and other All Stars players visited local schools and communities to promote a positive health message.

In conjunction with the Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council, the H4H team raised awareness of hepatitis C through a series of mini events at the Bagot Community, Casuarina Cinemas



Members of the Maningrida basketball team watched the Hoops 4 Health game. They are, back from left, Mason Scholes, Garth Doolan, Bradley Williams, Bruno Williams and Ranton Watson and, front from left, Gonzalez Maralunga, Travod Darcy, Johnathan Williams, Timmy Darcy and Rowah Maralunga.

and Darwin Basketball Stadium.

The Hoops 4 Health initiative was established five years ago by the Wuchoperrren Health Service in Cairns and is now administered by the Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council.

The program has been used in Darwin and the Top End to spread a message about the prevention of hepatitis C.

Duggan said Mundine always

made himself available for the Hoops program.

In his teenage years, Mundine was recruited by the Sydney Kings basketball team. Now 15 years later, the newly-crowned boxing champion showed his all-round natural athletic ability on the basketball court.

Mundine is a self-confessed basketball junkie.

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Anthony Mundine flies high for the All Stars.



Andre Moore attacks for the All Stars.



Paul Vandenberg lines up a shot.

Brisbane to host tournament

By ALF WILSON



The development of the Australian Indigenous Amateur Boxing Team for 2007 is set to bring together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

boxers from all over Australia to do battle in the TOULONG 2 Tournament on 27 July in Brisbane.

Australian Indigenous Boxing manager Syl Johns said selection would enable competitors to represent their country and Indigenous community in their chosen sport of boxing.

"This will be only the second event of its kind to be sanctioned by Boxing Australia, the Australian Amateur Boxing Association Inc," Johns told the Koori Mail.

From the Brisbane tournament an Australian Indigenous team will be selected for a trip to New Caledonia later in the year.

Johns said this project would bring



Keen to take part ... north Queensland Indigenous boxers.

together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander amateur boxers from every state and the Northern Territory.

"This will be a benchmark for the Brisbane Indigenous community to showcase Indigenous boxing and promote

the benefits and safety of this amateur sport," he said.

The Koori Mail caught up with Johns in late January when he was an official during a training camp in Townsville of boxers from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, which is developing Indigenous pugilists.

That and other camps in Sydney, Dubbo and Canberra were held to develop future Olympic Games standard Indigenous boxers.

Johns said the coming tournament would give Indigenous boxers the chance to interact with all boxing entities including the high-profile Indigenous boxing club, "Kurbingui".

"Kurbingui Boxing Club currently has many Indigenous participants – these include serious boxers and 170 members who are involved for fitness and healthy lifestyle reasons," he said.

"Most importantly, the club currently has five Indigenous and three non-Indigenous level-one coaches – an incredible achievement," Johns said.

Wilson starts on SA courts

By PETER ARGENT



Oakdale Indigenous mid-court player Vanessa Wilson is one of the stars of the NetballSA State League Association.

The SA league, regarded as one of the benchmark state competitions in Australia, has produced top Australian players including Kathryn Harby and Michelle Fielke.

Now Wilson, who has received plenty of praise, has her sights on also making it to the top.

"This woman is the Andrew McLeod of South Australian State League netball," Oakdale spokesman Phil Henty said. (Andrew McLeod is one of Australia's best AFL players)

"She has played at state level and is a very creative player.

"When you first see her, the initial impression is she doesn't seem big enough or athletic enough to compete at this level.

"But Vanessa never fails to impress every time she goes out on court."

Now 26, Wilson has been playing netball since she started at the Garville club when aged 10.

Her older sister Kelly did a pre-season with the now defunct Ravens side in the national competition, and Vanessa was a member of the South Australia 21-and-under title-winning side in Sydney back in 2002. She was also a state schoolgirls player (under-16s) in 1996, taking All-Australian honours at that level.

Before moving to the Oakdale club, as a 20-year-old, Wilson captained the Garville State League reserves side to a premiership in 2001.

"One of my mentors is Oakdale's recently retired 200-game player, another Aboriginal girl Lea Torzyn," Wilson said.

"She was a State League player as a 17-year-old and competed against the likes of Fielke and Harby.

"I also receive strong family

"What she may lack in height, she makes up for in netball brains and with great hands.

"We regard her as a complete player – the rudder of our side – a steady influence on the group.

"One of Vanessa's great attributes is she doesn't waste opportunities, a vital component in a centre court player's game.

"She now has been at Oakdale for five years, playing at centre or wing attack.

"Another impressive part to Vanessa's make-up is she is always trying to improve her game and is consistently inquiring about ways to be better."

Noted for her natural ability, calmness and intuition on the court, Wilson understands the huge obligation required, in a competition where the rewards and media focus are minimal.

"It is a big part of your life – training a couple nights and playing weekly – it means you need to make a significant commitment," she said.

Wilson is now working for the Department of Education and Children's Services, and has completed two years of a teaching degree.

She is the daughter of Central District footballer from the 1970s and '80s Wilbur Wilson, and the sister of current SANFL Bulldogs defender Adrian Wilson.

In 2004, she spent a season playing with the Mountain Districts club in the Victorian State League, while Adrian Wilson played with the Bendigo Bombers, Essendon's VFL affiliate, while he was rookie listed.

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support from by mum, Lesley, and dad, Wilbur.

"Our family has a strong sporting culture, especially with footy."

The Oakdale Netball Club finished third last season, and one of Wilson's ambitions is to be involved on grand final day in 2007.

"Vanessa Wilson is a dream to coach," Oakdale State League coach Megan Carter said.



Vanessa Wilson in action for Oakdale.



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O'Loughlin makes the magic 250 game mark

SYDNEY Swans star Michael O'Loughlin, pictured, says he hopes his 'old body' will be good for a few more years of top-level Aussie rules, after he completed his 250th AFL game this month. O'Loughlin played a pivotal role during the 15 April game at the Sydney Cricket Ground in which the Swans defeated the Brisbane Lions. In his column on Page 83, the man they call 'Magic' says thanks to the many people – especially his mum – who turned his Australian football dream into a reality. And he pays tribute to the Swans – "I could never imagine playing for another club."



Knockout plea

NSW Champion NRL player Dean Widders has called for a united 2007 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. His call comes as another split

now appears a certainty this year in what is Australia's largest Aboriginal sporting event.

Major events are planned for Lismore and Kempsey, with the David Peachey-organised round-robin in Dubbo also planned for the September-October long weekend.

And Carwoola Warriors spokesman Pat Lock is also investigating a rugby league carnival at the same time in the south of the State, possibly at Goulburn.

The organising bodies of the Lismore and Kempsey events claim theirs is the legitimate 2007 Knockout.

The Lismore event, hosted by last year's winner the Merritt-Patten Redfern Memorial Club in conjunction with Northern United, is now set to go ahead after problems with the



'Perhaps it's time for some people on all sides to stand back and bite their tongues for the common good and remember what made the Knockout not only the major Aboriginal sporting event of the year in NSW but also the major community event.'

— Columnist and NRL player Dean Widders

Lismore City Council were finally resolved.

The Kempsey event, originally planned for Port Macquarie, has the support of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League and Sports Inc (NSWARLSI), the body set up last year to oversee a united Knockout.

Merritt-Patten officials claim legitimacy for their event, saying the previous year's winning team has always had the right to host the following year's event. But NSWARLSI officials say they have the right, claiming a

meeting soon after last year's Knockout, which attracted 40 teams, handed them the authority to organise the 2007 event.

Both bodies say they will attract at least 30 – and up to 50 – teams to their events.

More details for the Lismore event will be decided at a delegates meeting from 3pm on May 12 at the Lismore Workers Club. All Aboriginal rugby league teams are welcome to attend. Details from Philip Hall on 0400 478 795 or Ricky Lyons on 0415 665 400.

The NSWARLSI will hold more meetings with Kempsey officials this week, and is planning a delegates meeting for early May. Details from Danny Thorne on 0425 241 987.

In his regular column in today's Koori Mail, Widders – who plays for Armidale-based Narwan Eels in the Knockouts – hits out at the division. Widders, who now plays for South Sydney, says all parties need to look at what made the Knockout work 'and build on those successes to reunite a competition for all communities'.

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