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Commemorating 40 years since the 1967 Referendum

This Sunday, 27 May, will be exactly 40 years since Australia's most successful referendum, in which more than 90 per cent of eligible Australians voted to change the Constitution to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be counted in the national Census and to give the Commonwealth Government the power to make special laws for Indigenous people. Depending on who you ask, the 1967 Referendum either fundamentally changed the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians or delivered far less than it promised. In any event, the anniversary will be a major focal point for National Reconciliation Week 2007 (27 May until 3 June) and there are hundreds of commemorative events being held around the country.

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Funds face off

Alice Springs town camps reject \$60 million Federal offer



Minister Mal Brough



Residents of Alice Springs town camps have rejected a Federal offer of \$60 million to upgrade their struggling communities in exchange for surrendering their leases and control of housing to the Northern Territory Government.

The town camp housing associations that make up Tangentyere Council did not oppose a principle of sub-leasing their housing to the NT Government for 99 years, nor increasing rental payments or private home ownership.

But they refused to budge on having a formal role in decisions about how housing in the 19 camps would be managed.

"We have proposed a number of alternative sub-leasing models to the Australian and NT governments centred on maintaining a degree of input for the housing associations over how their housing is managed," said Tangentyere Executive Director William Tilmouth in a statement on Friday.

"We sincerely hope that the Minister is in a position to reconsider his offer, and that we can return to the negotiating table."

The decision sorely disappointed Federal Indigenous

Affairs Minister Mal Brough who said he did not believe it was in the best interests of the town camps, 'particularly the children of those camps, nor of Alice Springs as a whole'.

Mr Brough has maintained a hard line that the funds would be re-allocated elsewhere if Tangentyere didn't agree to all of the strings attached.

Territory Chief Minister Clare Martin was not giving up, however, and late on Friday persuaded the Federal Government to keep its funding offer on the table until she'd had a chance to have further

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My family roots are from the Torres Strait Islands.

My mum Mary (Yanna) and dad Jack (Apponia) live in Innisfail, north Queensland, and my six brothers and sisters and their families are spread throughout Queensland.

We hold strong to our traditional and cultural background, but most importantly to our immediate and extended family unity.

My two children are daughter Solua (some readers will know her as a journalist with the Koori Mail) and son Zaynam, who will, in the next few weeks, graduate with a degree in registered nursing.

My brother Jack and sister Mary are police officers. Another brother John works at Townsville University.

My sister Addi and her husband are golf mad. Recently, she was runner-up women's champ in an Indigenous golf competition held at Murgon, near Cherbourg. She is very good and has had training with one of Greg Norman's coaches.

My mother Lorna is a happy, sporty and busy mum and my youngest brother George recently returned from WA because of Mum's ill health.

And then there are all my beautiful nieces and nephews.

We recently travelled to Innisfail to give Mum a surprise 76th birthday party as she has been unwell since her heart bypass operation last year. The party was a joyous occasion with lots of singing, catching up, laughter, photo taking and – of course – food. We were joined by aunts, uncles and cousins.

Unfortunately, time went quickly and

too soon we were on our way home with lots of teary moments.

I have lived on the Gold Coast for more than 25 years and the gathering brought back many happy memories where there is always impromptu feasting, dancing and singing and an appreciation of how culturally-enriched my life is, things that we often take for granted at life's usual fast speed.

My family represents the backbone and ideals of what I am today; compassionate, respectful, strong-willed, forthright, and proud with a great sense of fun. This photo shows my immediate family but when I talk about my family, I speak in the same sense regarding my extended family. There are many and each one is as important as the other.



Standing at back, from left, Preston Savage, George Savage, Pere Paul, Katrina Causerano, Addi Butorac; middle row, Kristian Savage, Zaynam Middleton, Mary Savage, John Savage Hayley Savage, Bob Butorac, Lorna Savage; second row, Tia Savage, Solua Middleton, Toa Savage, Matilda Middleton, Mary (Yanna) Savage (nee Lui), Jamie Joseph Savage, Jack (Apponia) Savage, Jack Savage and Jessie Savage; sitting on ground, twins Apponia and Timothy Savage.

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OUR CHILDREN



About 25 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people from Burdekin were amongst more than 2000 people to attend the Queensland launch of National Youth Week (NYW) in April. The group travelled by bus to Thuringowa, near Townsville, for the launch, accompanied by Elder Eddie Smallwood (back row, white shirt) and supervisors Cathy Oats (front row, right) and Melissa Previteria (front row, second from left). The NYW launch featured bands, BMX competitions, 'Sumo' wrestling where contestants dressed in oversized costumes, rock wall climbing, jousting stick battles, traditional Indigenous games, ultimate frisbee, hip-hop workshops, craft making workshops and a pool party. NYW is the largest celebration of young people in Australia. – By Alf Wilson

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Lights, camera and ... action

Bowen turns out for stars



Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman met Jim Gaston and other local Aboriginal people during a traditional welcome on the Bowen set of Baz Luhrmann's movie *Australia*. Photo Newspix/Cameron Laird

By ALF WILSON



Birri Gubba Juru Elder Jim Gaston reckons he didn't wash his right hand for days after using it to shake hands with movie

star Nicole Kidman on the set of a big budget film currently being shot in north Queensland.

Baz Luhrmann's film *Australia* is being partly filmed in Bowen, which has a large Indigenous population.

Mr Gaston performed a traditional Welcome to Country ceremony for Kidman and fellow cast members including Hugh Jackman and crew before filming started on 14 May.

Mr Gaston admitted to being a bit nervous but said meeting the two big stars was like an early present for his 54th birthday two days later.

"Nicole and Hugh were such down-to-earth people and I was honoured to be asked to do Welcome to Country which is significant to our mob here," he said.

Mr Gaston said he was also delighted that six Aboriginal actors with parts in the film were there for the Welcome to Country too.

His 16-year-old nephew Shane Towers said that his uncle was a genuine role model for Aboriginal youth.

"It blew me away him shaking hands with such famous people," he said.

Luhrmann thanked Mr Gaston for sharing the tribe's land with the cast and crew before directing them back to work for filming to start.

International paparazzi invaded Bowen wanting to snap photographs of the stars, and Aboriginal culture is sure to be showcased.



Jim Gaston, left, shows his hand to nephew Shane Towers.



Des Power is working as a traffic controller for the film being shot in Bowen.

The movie is an epic adventure along the same lines as historic blockbusters *Gone With The Wind* and *Casablanca*. It is a story of an English

aristocrat, Lady Sarah Ashley (played by Kidman), and her unlikely partnership with a cattle drover, played by Hugh Jackman. The pair has to fight to keep her cattle station out of the hands of local beef barons as Darwin faces 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 Indigenous man Des Power was a traffic controller with a difference as the filming was taking place.

Mr Power drove a four-wheel-drive vehicle and followed a herd of cattle, which made their way to the filming area near the Bowen wharf.

He had to control onlookers and the cattle as hundreds of men, women and children

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Special day for artist mum

Story and photos by ALF WILSON

NSW

Mother's Day was extra special for Bundjalung woman Patsy 'Bundjalung' Nagas because she was given help by her daughter Arminell at a busy market in northern NSW.

Artist Patsy had a stall at the popular Channon Craft market held monthly beside a small hill 25km from Lismore.

More than 1000 people from around the district were at the markets looking for a bargain from one of the 100 or more stalls.

Fifty-year-old Patsy is based at Kyogle and had to use a walking frame when she left the stall.

"It is really good to have Arminell here today helping me on Mother's Day even though I have not been that busy," she said.

Arminell, 29, said that being with her mum on Mother's Day was a great feeling.

"I try and help mum a lot and today is good as we can talk a lot," she said.

Patsy said she had been painting since she was a girl and the acrylic paintings she had on display were created from her childhood experiences.

"They are of goannas, about song lines, celebration of the Indigenous nation and kangaroo dreaming. One painting can take up to a fortnight to finish depending on the size," she said.

Patsy said it was important for her to display her art at various markets in the region because visitors from many places could see it.

"I do it to ensure an awareness of our culture," she said.

Canadian visitor James Sparks was highly impressed with Patsy's art.

"It is really excellent quality and reasonably priced too," he said.



Artist Patsy Nagas with her daughter Arminell at The Channon Market.

Divisions as deal signed at Hopevale



Community divisions have emerged at Hopevale, on Queensland's Cape York, following the signing of a welfare agreement aimed at promoting family income management, home ownership and economic development.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough says the agreement between the Commonwealth, the Hopevale Council and the Cape York Institute signals new hope for the community, described by Noel Pearson earlier this year as a hellhole of alcohol-fuelled violence.

Mr Pearson attended the signing, telling the crowd: "You have within your reach in this community the potential to be great again, the potential to live up to the achievement of your grandfathers."

Under the agreement, Hopevale Council will buy freehold land adjacent to the town. The Commonwealth will spend \$15 million renovating public houses where tenants agree to pay rent and send their children to school. A business precinct will be established in the town and the Government will support local people to establish businesses.

Hopevale Mayor Greg McLean said the main benefits would be alleviating housing problems in the community and getting people to 'look after the future of our community'. "This is not about taking people's money; this is about them agreeing on what should be put aside. It is voluntary and it is up to the people," he said.

But some Elders and traditional owners aren't so pleased. Thubbi Warra traditional owner Tim McGreen believes the land where Council intends to buy for new housing is a sacred site. Guugu Yimithirr Elder Eric Deeral told SBS TV's *Living Black* program that people who depended on others to make decisions for them were their own worst enemy, and Thidaarr traditional owner Victor Hart said no real consensus had been reached with the people of Hopevale.

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Tiwi lease deal closer



A Tiwi Islands community is one step closer to a 99-year lease on their land after signing a memorandum of

understanding with the Commonwealth last Thursday.

But a meeting with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, who visited the islands north of Darwin, raised concerns.

Not all traditional owners (TOs) understood the arrangements and the effect they would have on everyday life.

"This has divided our people as no other issue has divided our people," NT Environment Minister and Tiwi Islander Marion Scrymgour told the gathering of about 200 people at the community of Nguiu.

"People need answers, they need more detail, they need to know what is going on."

The week before, the 1500-strong community of Nguiu became the first Aboriginal group in Australia to embrace a head lease over their town when more than 100 adult Mantiyupwi TOs agreed to the proposal.

The move allows the land to be sub-leased for commercial

business development, under the Federal Government's controversial changes to the Land Rights Act.

It is also hoped to boost private home ownership on Aboriginal land and improve living standards resulting in better community facilities and infrastructure.

Gossip has been rife on the islands since the TO's decision and at an open forum last Thursday locals spoke out about being kept in the dark.

"We are making decisions for our people, for our country and this is important," said Carol Stanislaus, whose father is a traditional owner.

Unrest

"There is still a lot of unrest, there are still a lot of questions, we are just concerned that we might be rushed."

Barry Puruntatameri, the former president of the Nguiu Local Community, said other residents of Nguiu - some of whom have lived there for generations - should be a part of the process.

"We don't know what all this is about, they never tell us," he said. "The agenda they brought

back from Canberra was hidden in the drawer ... I have to do this because I am part of this land, I was born here, I went to school here. I live here and I have a right to be heard."

But while the wider community will need to be consulted about the proposal before it is officially signed off on in the next six to eight weeks, only the traditional owners actually have a say.

"It is a milestone but it is not finished," Mr Brough said as he reassured concerned locals they would not lose their homes as a result of the deal.

"What this gives you is the opportunity if you want to be able to own your own home that you are renting today or to build another home."

Despite the concerns raised last week, Mr Brough said he was confident the scheme would go ahead on the Tiwi Islands. He dismissed Ms Scrymgour's concerns, saying 'she's opposed to this, she is opposed to her own Government'.

Senior traditional owner Walter Kerinaiaua, who signed the MOU with Mr Brough, said it was time for his people to move forward. - AAP

Pulingina pakana

Tasmanian Aboriginal remains welcomed back home

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY

ya pulingina nina-tu Mitalurapartija,
Pintawtaw
pakana nayri mana-mapali
waranta pakana nanya
nina taypani manta manta milaythina
raytji nika-tu
waranta ningina pinali nanya
milaythina pakana-tu
nina-mapali tapilti nayri nayri
waranta
nina krakani nayri lutruwita-ti

Welcome to you, Mitalurapartija,
Pintawtaw
our dear people
We are your own people
You have come back a long, long
way from a strange country
We bring you home.
You are safe with us now.
You will rest at last in lutruwita
(Tasmania)



These were the moving words spoken by Tasmanian Aboriginal woman Theresa Sainty at a long-anticipated welcome home ceremony in Hobart last week.

About 200 Aboriginal people gathered at the Hobart airport to greet delegates Caroline Spotswood and Greg Brown with the remains of 17 Tasmanian Aboriginal dead, repatriated from London's Natural History Museum (NHM). They arrived home, carrying the remains of ancestors, amidst a smoking ceremony and the chant of 'pulingina pakana' (welcome our people) from the crowd.

"I was so proud, it's hard to describe in words ... to see people with tears in their eyes, people so pleased," said Ms Spotswood, reflecting on the emotional homecoming, which ended an arduous 20-year 'David and Goliath' battle to repatriate the remains that were robbed from graves in the 19th century and found their way into the museum's collections in the 1940s. "It was a real sigh of relief," added Mr Brown.

The pair left Tasmania for England on 26 April to represent the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre in mediation with the NHM. The



Celebrations at Hobart Airport on 14 May for the return of remains to Tasmania from the Natural History Museum in London. AAP Image



The results are evident on their faces. Pictured in London immediately after the mediation are, back row, from left, Rikki Shields, an Aboriginal man who now lives in London; Greg Brown; and Mark Stephens, a lawyer representing the TAC. Front, Caroline Spotswood and Pia Sarma, a lawyer representing the TAC.

Photo courtesy of Pia Sarma

mediation was the result of a British High Court case, which was brought by the TAC against the museum earlier this year, in a bid to stop intrusive scientific testing on the remains.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre has been at the forefront of the local, national and international push for repatriation, including of Truganini, the infamous Crowther collection in 1983 and remains from Ireland, Scotland, England, Sweden and New Zealand from 1985 onwards.

Ms Spotswood and Mr Brown said the meetings were intimidating at first. After their journey, they were crammed into a small room with 21 other people; lawyers, mediators, government representatives and members of the NHM's Board of

Trustees in an attempt to keep the dispute out of court.

After extensive discussions the pair said they offered the Board of Trustees an ultimatum: Either return of the remains without sequencing the DNA (which they found out had already been extracted), limited casting of the remains and a stay of court proceedings, or back to court.

"They came back with a counter proposal, they wanted to continue sequencing the DNA and take four more samples. It was a real shock. A real game-playing exercise, they were pushing the boundaries," Ms Spotswood said with disgust.

"Once they put the proposal to us, the audacity to ask for more sampling, we hit the roof," said Mr Brown.

The discussions continued.

After three more gruelling days, a deal was struck to allow the remains to be returned home to Tasmania with no further testing, along with the samples already extracted, which will be held in Hobart and under joint control.

Should any further research ever take place on the samples, it would be conducted with the consent of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

TAC Legal Manager Michael Mansell said the agreement was a great victory for Aboriginal people against an unsympathetic British institution. "It means the spirits of our dead can be settled once and for all. We will cleanse the spirits of the dead in a ceremony. This time, we hope, the trauma the spirits of our 17 ancestors suffered after death will at last be put to an end," he said.

Mr Mansell admitted there was nothing Aboriginals could do about the abuse to which the remains had been subjected.

"It is not a perfect settlement, but it was the best we could do," he said. "Our main concern was to get the remains out of the grubby paws of those scientists in London who abused the dead against our express wishes over the last 20 years."

"We won this battle, because our people never gave up. The support of the Australian Government was also significant, and we had a legal team led by ex-pat Geoffrey Robertson, QC, who believed a

wrong had to be righted.

Before returning to Australia with the remains, Ms Spotswood and Mr Brown met with the National Museum of Scotland and Oxford University, which also hold the remains of Tasmanian Aboriginals. They said the meetings were very encouraging.

"Professor Norman Palmer, of our legal team and chair of the UK Working Group for Human Remains, said even though it was not a legal precedent, the fact that the agreement was so significant would in fact make it a precedent," Mr Brown said. "It's a good starting point for other Indigenous people around the world and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities around Australia," Ms Spotswood added.

The February 2007 Report of the UK Working Group on Human Remains revealed that 18 institutions in England alone are known to hold the human remains of no less than 382 indigenous people from Australia.

Cambridge University, another institution holding Tasmanian Aboriginal remains, refused to meet with the pair.

"What will happen is Cambridge will be the last one standing, a minority with thinking and attitudes prevalent in the 1800s," said Mr Brown. "They've already come out slamming the Natural History Museum."



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Significant win at Sandon Point

The views from Sandon Point, on the Illawarra coast of NSW, and, inset, Aunt Mary Davis, who gave an acknowledgement of country.



By NANCIA GUIVARRA



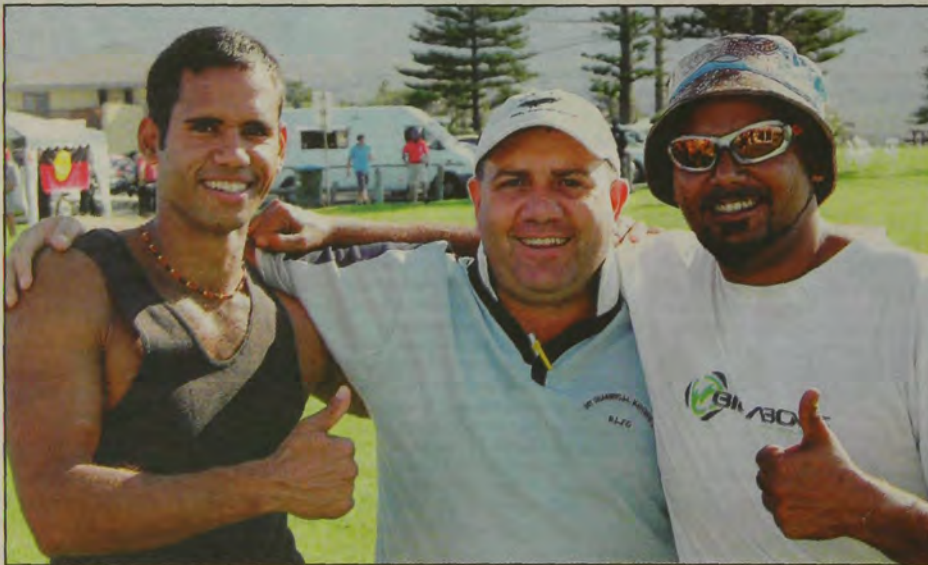
There was no denying the elation of the Illawarra Aboriginal community when

the NSW Government formally declared the area now known as Sandon Point as a 'Place of State Significance to Aboriginal People'. The declaration was made on Friday 11 May under the NSW Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Sandon Point, a picturesque coastal strip of land north of Wollongong from McCauleys Beach in Thirroul to the Sandon Point Surf Club, has been the subject of ongoing protests led by Ray 'Dootch' Kennedy for more than six years, particularly in face of the recent housing developments there by property giant, Stockland.

Mr Kennedy's action on behalf of the traditional owners of the area, along with the support of Elders Mary Davis and Uncle Reuben Brown, helped to secure the title.

The Sandon Point coastal strip is known as a place where Aboriginal people traditionally gathered for meetings, ceremonies, camping and fishing,



Thumbs up ... from left, Sol Donaczy from Primbee, Illawarra Men's Group Co-ordinator James Mulholland and Richard Campbell of the Shellharbour Aboriginal Youth Association.

and includes a registered Kuradji (Ngullungary) burial site.

"Sandon Point was named Ngarrabaan, meaning the past/present/future, because it was a meeting place and the

Aboriginal place will be renamed as such," said Uncle Reuben in a formal statement.

Mr Kennedy said: "After six-and-a-half years' occupation of the site, to achieve an Aboriginal

Place Declaration is only appropriate and has been our objective since day one. It has been a long six years to interpret the law to this end, however to have the recognition at last can

only enhance this community and others."

Department of Environment and Climate Change Director-General Lisa Corbyn said the declaration formally recognised the need for legislative protection to guard against diminishing the richness and vitality of the cultural associations that linked past, present and future generations to the area.

Sandon Point is the 55th site to be formally declared an Aboriginal Place under the NSW legislation, and the fifth to be declared this year.

The formal proceedings of the day at Sandon Point included an acknowledgement of country by Aunt Mary Davis, of the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council, an acknowledgement of Indigenous values by Dootch Kennedy of the Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy, along with speeches by Aboriginal Affairs Department Director General Jody Broun and Director of Aboriginal Heritage Operations at the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change Teresa Gay.

Refreshments were provided along with a heartfelt performance by singer Jimmy Little, whose father is from the Illawarra region.



Dootch Kennedy (with headband) with Barry Lenihan from NSW Police, Ken Davies, Pearl and Gerald Brown, Lyn Rhodin and Mervyn Ryan.




Jimmy Little with traditional owner and Elder Catherine Davis.



From left, Kelly Evans from Albion Park, Pamela Young from the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Evelyn Rankmore from Shellharbour Wulgungya Indigenous Corp and Sheree Rankmore.

Budget seen as a 'lost opportunity'

 The 2007-08 Federal Budget has failed to impress Indigenous, health and housing bodies who say it is no

antidote to decades of chronic underfunding in Indigenous affairs and government neglect, and will do nothing to help close the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough announced on 8 May that the Government would spend a 'record' \$3.5 billion on Indigenous-specific programs, '42 per cent more in real terms than Labor spent in its last year in office'. He said the spending would deliver practical health, education, employment and welfare reform measures as well as help tackle housing overcrowding in remote Indigenous communities to give Indigenous Australians 'greater opportunity to share in the nation's prosperity'.

Mr Brough said this year's Budget would include \$815.7 million in new and extended funding over five years (See breakout story 'Budget at a glance').

"In other practical measures to offer Indigenous people pathways to a better future, the Australian Government is backing an initiative of the National Indigenous Council to provide new opportunities for high quality education by providing more boarding school places for young Indigenous Australians from regional and remote communities.

"Early childhood development is also a key priority in Indigenous Affairs. Extra funding is provided to strengthen Indigenous primary health care services and for projects to address the misuse of alcohol and other drugs."

However, the only real plaudits for the Indigenous Budget came from the National Indigenous Council.

NIC Chairperson Dr Sue Gordon said she was pleased the Government had responded positively to the concerns of the NIC in the areas of early childhood, illicit drugs, family violence and safer communities.

However, others described the Budget as 'a disaster', 'a lost opportunity', 'an inexcusable failure', 'a major disappointment', 'paltry', 'miserable' and 'a few good measures' but at risk of being wasted by the Government's political and ideological agenda.

Some, like Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, said the Howard Government should have used some of its \$10 billion surplus to tackle the burgeoning crisis in Indigenous health.

Instead, the Government focused on measures that cynics suggested were designed solely to bolster its chance of re-election later this year including tax cuts; other benefits aimed at families, the elderly and carers; and the creation of a \$5-billion Education Endowment Fund.

"There is no recognition of the



MAL BROUGH

enormous health challenges facing us for Indigenous peoples, who have barely shared in the gains of this past decade, nor any recognition that improving this situation amounts to one of the major challenges facing us into the coming decade," Mr Calma said.

On the face of it, this year's Indigenous Budget spending compares favourably to previous years: \$3.3 billion last year, \$3.1 billion in 2005-06, \$2.9 billion in 2004-05; \$2.7 billion in 2003-04.

However, NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Chief Executive Officer William Johnstone said NSWALC's figuring suggested that Treasurer Peter Costello had, in fact, 'presided over a cut in the Indigenous Affairs Budget in real terms of about \$50 million'.

"The Federal Government allocated 1.5 per cent of the Budget on Indigenous affairs last year," Mr Johnstone said. "This year, it will spend 1.48 per cent. That's a cut, not an increase."

Health

The most rancour was reserved for the Government's response, or lack of one, to the Indigenous health crisis.

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) estimates that Indigenous health needed \$460 million this year alone. However, this year's Budget allowed just \$30 million a year for the next four years, to be administered through the Federal Health Department.

Oxfam Australia Executive Director Andrew Hewett said the Budget was 'a disaster for Aboriginal Australians who continue to endure the worst health and living conditions in the first world'.

Oxfam is part of a campaign called Close The Gap, the largest campaign in Australia's history to narrow the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

"Today a child born in Bangladesh can still expect to live longer than an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person and the Government needs to reverse that fact," Mr Hewett said.

"We do need to see more



DR SUE GORDON

funding," agreed AMA Vice-President Choong-Siew Yong.

"While the Government has once again acknowledged the health plight of Indigenous Australians, it has not delivered the necessary funding to make up for decades of neglect."

Housing

The Government used the Budget to reinforce its policy directions in Indigenous housing bound closely to land tenure.

The Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP), roundly criticised in a review by PriceWaterhouseCoopers earlier this year, will be axed in July next year and its \$380 million in annual funding diverted instead to the new, expanded Australian Remote Indigenous Accommodation (ARIA) Program.

Mr Brough said overcrowded housing in Indigenous communities was a major contributor to social problems, poor health and low school attendance.

"Despite massive spending on CHIP by ATSIC, little progress was made. CHIP is inefficient and wasteful," he said.

"It will be scrapped in July 2008 and replaced by the ARIA Program, with additional funding focused on land tenure reform, mainstream public housing, private home ownership and better value for money."

Mr Brough said the Government would make 'a substantial down payment' of \$293.6 million in Indigenous housing funding over four years to 'kickstart' the strategy, over and above current CHIP funding levels.

However, the extra funds came with strings attached. The Minister said ARIA funds would be spent on new houses or upgrades only where ownership of the houses could be transferred to State/Territory housing authorities made available for purchase by individuals.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the decision to replace CHIP with ARIA looked like an attempt to lock Indigenous people out of planning and management of their own lives



WILLIAM JOHNSTONE

and communities.

"The ARIA program cuts out communal ownership and gets rid of Aboriginal-controlled housing," he said.

"I have significant concerns about how this will impact on Indigenous people in urban areas, where acute housing shortages are combined with problems of affordability. We have no indication of how this serious gap in policy will be addressed."

Mr Calma also questioned the sustainability of programs to develop the Indigenous workforce and said any initiatives must see government willing to work with local communities.

The Federal Opposition welcomed the Budget announcement of \$293.6 million in additional funds for remote area housing, but said there was still a massive need for housing that would not be met in this Budget.

Indigenous communities were still facing a shortage of up to 18,000 homes by 2009, according to the Ministerial Council for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (MCATSIA), said Opposition Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation Spokesperson Jenny Macklin.

"At most, the Budget announcement could fund around 730 new houses in remote areas, far short of the 18,000 needed across Australia, and 7600 needed in remote communities," she said.

"The Budget did not deliver any additional funding to meet the housing needs of the three-quarters of the Aboriginal population living in urban and regional areas."

Mr Johnstone, of the NSWALC, said the Budget had delivered nothing to Indigenous people despite the more than \$2 billion in funding required to bring Aboriginal housing and infrastructure up to the standard enjoyed by all other Australians.

"Not a cent has been allocated for Aboriginal housing in NSW, which is where most Aboriginal people live," he said. "A lousy little sixpence!"

Budget at a glance

Summary of Indigenous Measures

Housing

\$293.6 million over four years for the ARIA program (plus \$380 million a year previously allocated to CHIP).

Early Childhood

\$37.4 million for home visits by health professionals.
\$13.8 million for expanded playgroup services.
\$23.5 million for more childcare and early childhood services.
\$8.9 million to continue the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children.

Health

\$38.2 million for Family centred primary health care.
\$36.9 million for Indigenous health services.
\$14.6 million to continue the National Illicit Drug Strategy.

Education

\$177.4 million for 860 extra places in the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program and an extra 750 Indigenous Youth Leadership Program scholarships.
\$32.8 million for 1000 Indigenous Access Scholarships and to enhance Abstudy.
\$29.0 million for hostel and aged accommodation in WA, Qld and the NT.

Economics and Welfare Reform

\$10 million for a first stage of welfare reform in the Hopevale community in Cape York around housing tenancy and money management.
\$97.2 million to create 825 jobs through the conversion of CDEP positions.
\$23 million to accelerate the lifting of Remote Area Exemptions.
\$21.4 million for training of Indigenous adults.
\$2.2 million for research into accountability and managing Indigenous assets.
\$12.5 million to improve Centrelink services to Indigenous customers.

Cultural Measures

\$10.2 million for ongoing digitisation of Indigenous historic audiovisual material.
\$4.7 million for repatriation of cultural property held in Australian museums.

Other

\$50.7 million to provide additional CDEP places to provide activities to prevent family violence and substance misuse problems.
\$2.2 million to continue the Cape York Digital Network.
\$0.7 million for an Indigenous liaison pilot program for the Family Court of Western Australia.
\$0.7 million for social and economic Indigenous research.
\$0.6 million for an Indigenous rangers trial against illegal foreign fishers.

Still they wait



"On a community level, I believe there's been progress. On a government level, I believe policies have regressed," former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, joint patron of the Stolen Generations Alliance, told a media conference late last month.

And National Sorry Day Committee Indigenous Co-Chair Helen Moran mused in March that it would be good in 2017 to be able to say there were only two, rather than 54, of the Bringing Them Home report's recommendations still to be implemented.

In one way or another thousands of people have called on the Federal Government to respond effectively and meaningfully to Bringing Them Home – the report of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families, tabled in the Federal Parliament on 26 May 1997.

The Bringing Them Home (BTH) report revealed the extent of forced removal of Indigenous Australians from their families, which went on for 150 years into the early 1970s; its consequences in terms of broken families, shattered physical and mental health, loss of language, culture and connection to traditional land, loss of parenting skills; and the enormous distress of many of its victims today.

One of the BTH recommendations was that a 'Sorry Day' be held as a day when all Australians could express their sorrow and acknowledge the harm caused to Indigenous Australians by past government removal policies.

Literally hundreds of events around the country, including marches in Sydney and Melbourne, will commemorate the tenth anniversary of the tabling of the BTH report this weekend.

"Let us stand together to ensure

...but pain of Stolen Generations experiences felt in unlikely places



Belize school counsellor Lucia Ellis, 52, with some of the letters written by her students to the Government, seeking an apology to the Stolen Generations.

A LIFE-SKILLS class for 10-to-13-year-olds in the tiny Caribbean country of Belize seems a world away from the Stolen Generations of Australia.

But even youngsters on the other side of the world can understand how traumatic it must have been for Indigenous people to be ripped away from their families.

Earlier this year, St Ignace school counsellor and Garinagu Indigenous woman Lucia Ellis showed her students Phil Noyce's film *Rabbit Proof Fence*. The film tells of the removal of Doris Pilkington's mum Molly Craig from her family in northern Western Australia in the 1930s, her time at the notorious Moore River settlement 1000kms south, and the long walk home that she and her sister and cousin endured.

So moved by the story were the Belize students that they penned letters to the Australian Government, urging it to apologise to the Stolen Generations.

"The children were horrified at the

story told in the film, some of them cried," Ms Ellis, 52, told the *Koori Mail*.

"As part of the life-skills class, I asked them 'How would you feel if you were taken away from your home and taken forcibly? Would you have the courage to find your way home?'"

Interestingly, the Central American children formulated their call for an apology with no knowledge of the ongoing political debate about the Stolen Generations, especially since the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families.

"The children were unaware of that debate," said Ms Ellis. "The apology was their suggestion."

Ms Ellis brought the handwritten letters with her when she attended an international health forum in Adelaide earlier this month. They have now been forwarded to the Government and copied to various Indigenous community organisations.

the Recommendations are delivered and justice is done," says a statement from the Stolen Generations Victoria Sorry Day Committee.

This year the National Sorry Day Committee is calling on Australians 'to do more than walk and sign Sorry Books'.

"It is time to make things happen in a way that brings justice to the lives of Stolen Generations, their families and communities," the committee says.

"In ten years the Federal Government has committed only \$116 million in response to the Bringing Them Home Report. Much more needs to be done."

The NDSC has called for a national ten-year commitment to fully implement the 54

recommendations of the Report.

A new independent report has criticised the Government's response to the BTH report as 'insufficiently documented, poorly co-ordinated and insufficiently targeted to meet the needs of the Stolen Generations'.

'Evaluation of the Bringing Them Home and Indigenous Mental Health Programs' was prepared by social research consultancy Urbis Keys Young.

"The report's documentation of the severe consequences of removal in Australia on Indigenous people's social and emotional well-being is timely," said Stolen Generations Alliance Chairperson Brian Butler.

"It names consequences such as loss, trauma, grief, offending

behaviour, adverse life outcomes, substance abuse, higher rates of mental-health problems, suicide and violence, parenting problems and poorer physical health."

Many Australians are keenly watching developments in Canada where earlier this month the House of Commons apologised unanimously to former students of Canada's Indian Residential Schools.

The Canadian Federal Government wants at least five more years to research the effects of past removal policies before issuing its own apology, but it's a start.

A multi-billion-dollar settlement with former students of Canada's residential schools will conclude

later this year.

Saskatchewan Liberal MP Gary Merasty, a former Cree Grand Chief who moved the House of Commons motion, painted a dark picture of the residential schools experience.

"I stand here for numerous victims whose stories will never be told, whose remains are scattered across our land in unmarked graves, scars on the land and ever larger scars on our nation's psyche," he said.

And still Australia's Stolen Generations wait.

— Additional reporting by Christine Howes

● Page 16-17 for a calendar of Sorry Day and other coming events.

Town camps firm in funds face off

● From Page 1

discussions with Tangentyere Council.

Mr Brough agreed to hang on until close of business today, saying he hoped Ms Martin could be 'successful in helping achieve a positive outcome'.

Tangentyere's decision followed three days of intense deliberation, preceded by a meeting between the Council, Mr Brough and high-ranking Federal bureaucrats.

Mr Brough and Ms Martin had earlier signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the town camps agreement, and were hoping Tangentyere would sign on the dotted line too.

Mr Brough said then that he feared for the future of town camp residents if they did not sign the MOU, under which Federal funding would help town camps become more like 'normal suburbs'.

"After 14 months it's time to commit or let the funds go elsewhere," he said.

The \$60 million rejected by



It was mostly smiles from Tangentyere Council executive members and Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough at their meeting last Tuesday. However, there was less love in the room by Friday when the Council decided to reject the Commonwealth's \$60 million funding offer.

Tangentyere built on an earlier \$10 million in funds towards upgrading the town camps.

Federal Opposition Spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation Jenny Macklin urged all of the parties to keep talking 'because the people living in the town camps need

these repairs and upgrades'.

"Mal Brough has spoken forcefully about the need to improve the quality of housing. Now is not the time to walk away," she said.

"Concessions have been made by both sides in the last month and we must not give up on urgent

housing upgrades now.

"All Australians, Indigenous or non-Indigenous, should have access to basic services without coercion."

The NT Opposition had urged Tangentyere to sign the MOU, with its spokesman for Central Australia, Richard Lim, attributing crime problems in Alice Springs to poor conditions in the town camps.

"It's just unacceptable that people living on the fringe of Alice Springs endure such high levels of violence, poor hygiene and deprivation," Dr Lim said.

"The deplorable conditions in the camps are also partly responsible for the law-and-order problems plaguing Alice Springs."

However, public housing advocacy group NT Shelter had backed Tangentyere, saying it was best suited to managing Indigenous tenants, but lacked the funds necessary to carry out repairs and maintenance.

The possibility of low-interest loans and other assistance through Indigenous Business Australia is being used to

encourage new land-tenure arrangements that allow for private home ownership.

Last Wednesday, Mr Brough announced an additional \$93.5 million in funds to 'support new ways of delivering Indigenous housing using a mainstream public housing model and home ownership' in identified communities. These included Nguui, on Bathurst Island, which would get 25 new houses, Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island, which will get ten houses, and more.

He wants the NT Government to treat remote Indigenous housing exactly like other public housing under the agreement. "That means we can have an expectation that housing will last longer," he said.

"It will be in better maintenance, there'll be better rent collection and that will go with the longevity to addressing the shortfall in housing."

Chief Minister Martin says the Federal money added to \$100 million allocated by the Territory last year.

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Spirit still shining

By CHRISTINE HOWES



From golf challenges to gala evenings, family days to flag-raising ceremonies, not to mention launches, forums, exhibitions, dancers, discos, plays, performances, films, walks, runs, football games, memorials, commemorations and celebrations across the nation – the past, the present and the future of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians will almost certainly be covered by an event near you during National Reconciliation Week next week.

Reconciliation Week, first observed in 1996, falls between two significant dates in the modern history of Aboriginal Australia – 27 May, the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, and 3 June, known as Mabo Day after the High Court of Australia's momentous native title ruling.

The theme of National Reconciliation Week for 2007 will be 'Their Spirit Still Shines' to acknowledge the efforts of campaigners leading up to the historic 1967



'Reconciliation Australia is using the anniversary year to engage organisations in all sectors to contribute to today's reconciliation agenda, specifically closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children'

– RA Co-Chair Jackie Huggins

Referendum.

And while there will be many other themes embedded in hundreds of events at schools, churches, city squares and country towns across the nation during the week, this year the Referendum will take a front seat in the nation's capital with surviving members of the lead 1967 campaign group, the Federal Council for the

Advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) being brought together at Old Parliament House in Canberra on Sunday 27 May.

FCAATSI members including Ted Penny, Joyce Clague and Theresa French will arrive in Canberra from Sydney on the special Qantas 'Yananyi Dreaming' plane featuring the design work of John Moriarty

on the outside and an all-Indigenous crew – including pilot Andrew Bishop (who is related to former FCAATSI president Joe McGinness) and Mr Moriarty himself – on the inside.

In what is believed to be a first, ACT traditional owner Matilda House will board the plane on the Canberra tarmac to offer a Welcome to Country before any passengers or crew disembark.

Reconciliation Co-Chair Jackie Huggins said the Referendum in particular showed what could be achieved when Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians worked side by side for change.

"Reconciliation Australia is using the anniversary year to engage organisations in all sectors to contribute to today's reconciliation agenda, specifically closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children," Ms Huggins said.

● See pages 16-17 for a calendar of events for Reconciliation Week, the Referendum anniversary, Sorry Day and other coming events.

From little realisations, a big campaign grows



There's no denying that reconciliation between Indigenous and non-

Indigenous Australians is a big and complex issue.

But dozens of influential Australians from business, sport, the arts, science and communities aren't about to let a little thing like that deter them.

They've signed up for a national television and print advertising campaign called *Start Your Story*, aimed at getting Australians talking about the issue.

The ads direct people to a website, reconcile.org.au, where Australians from all walks of life can talk about reconciliation, the hopes and challenges, myths and barriers, who's responsible and where we've achieved and failed so far.

Songwriter Missy Higgins, AFL star Michael O'Loughlin, and actors Michael Caton and Leah Purcell are among those talking about reconciliation, including what they think needs to be done to close the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

For Missy Higgins, it's about walking on the same soil without feeling divided.

Michael Caton believes that until all Australians start appreciating the Dreamtime stories, we're not truly part of our own country.

For actor Leah Purcell, it's important for people to appreciate that Indigenous Australians come in 'different shades', and have different lives and viewpoints.

For Michael O'Loughlin it's like

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things start to happen.

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Michael O'Loughlin, Australian rules football player for the Sydney Swans: "Like anything, when there's problems you've got to sit down and talk about it, and obviously be very, very honest and get it out in the open."

Missy Higgins, award-winning singer: "A reconciled Australia would be an Australia that identifies we have different cultures living on our land but we are able to get along and respect each other – walk on the same soil without feeling divided."

dealing with any problem – we have to get it into the open so we can talk it through.

The new campaign also marks this weekend's 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

"*Start Your Story* stimulates more than a conversation – it's a call to action," said Reconciliation Australia Director Shelley Reys at the campaign's launch.

"If Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians could achieve what they did in the 1967 referendum, then we can

achieve truly great things today if we work in partnership like they did."

The *Start Your Story* campaign was developed on a pro-bono basis by advertising firm Saatchi&Saatchi for Reconciliation Australia.

Who's at reconcile.org.au...

Adam Spencer, Andrew O'Keefe, Catherine Freeman, Craig Fitzgibbon, David and Stephen Page, Dean Widders, Deborah Cheetham, Deborah Conway, Dick Kimber, Faith Bandler, Faustina Agolley, Ian Thorpe, Jacinta Castle, Jared Crouch, Jeff McMullen, John McFarlane, Leah Purcell, Linda Chellow, Michael Caton, Michael O'Loughlin, Mick Mundine, Missy Higgins, Pat Turner, Patricia Ansell-Dodds, Peter Vallis, Raymattja Marika, Sir Gustav Nossal, Steve Gumerungi Hodder, Susan Moylan-Coombs, Tim Flannery, Tom Calma, Vincent Forrester, William Tilmouth and more ...

On our cover...

Photos from our front-page collage, clockwise from top left:

A FCAATSI delegation at Parliament House in Canberra in April 1967 with, from left, MP Gordon Bryant, Faith Bandler, Prime Minister Harold Holt, Doug Nicholls, Harry Penrith, Winnie Branson and Bill Wentworth.

Photo courtesy National Archives of Australia.

A pamphlet outlining the arguments for and against the alterations to the Australian Constitution proposed by the Referendum.

Aboriginal activist Bill Onus preparing for a march in Melbourne on 26 May 1967, the last day of campaigning for the Referendum.

The 'Right Wrongs, Write YES' Referendum campaign poster distributed by the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI).

Pauline Pickford and Gladys O'Shane with Fred Walters (left) Tom Uren and Joe McGuinness at a strategy meeting on Cooktown beach in the early 1960s.

Photo courtesy Kevin Loughlin, Queensland Museum Collection.

On the Referendum campaign trail, Gordon and Pat Bryant with local campaigners at Yarrabah, just south of Cairns in the 1960s.

A 'Vote Yes for Aboriginal Rights' Referendum campaign poster distributed by FCAATSI.

● Some of the people depicted in these widely circulated and published images are now deceased. We have reproduced them to honour those involved in the Referendum campaign and apologise if this causes any distress to any readers.

Class action move over stolen wages

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



The Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) is considering mounting a class action against the WA Government over the so-called Stolen Wages issue, whereby thousands of Aboriginal workers allegedly had their wages and pensions withheld for decades.

The allegations include non-payment or part-payment of wages by government institutions and private employers including the pastoral industry in the Murchison, Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley regions from the late 19th century until the late 1960s.

The issue was the subject of a Federal Parliamentary inquiry last year, with several days of hearings in Perth where witnesses detailed their own cases or the cases of their families. ALSWA made several submissions to the inquiry and called for the WA Government to open its files to allow those making claims to check their employment and payment history, including wages, child endowment and old-age pensions.

WA Greens MLC Giz Watson has made a list of demands to WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts regarding the inquiry which tabled its report in Federal Parliament in December last year.

Ms Watson has asked for a response to the report and whether the WA Government will consult with Indigenous people to establish a compensation scheme, and whether the Minister will assist in people gaining access to family archives to research stolen wages issues.

Ms Watson has also asked the Minister to 'facilitate access to the records for the purposes of research into stolen wages issues and substantially increase resources for the management of these records'.

"We consider it a matter of urgency that the Minister does give an answer here because people had their wages stolen a long time ago and it's about time the State Government engaged in sorting it out and ensuring people are adequately compensated," she said.



DENNIS EGGINGTON

ALSWA Chief Executive Dennis Eggington said the Department of Indigenous Affairs, which held the relevant records, had been totally unco-operative in giving families or lawyers access to the files.

"We gained access through Freedom of Information laws with the help of a major Perth law firm, but when we received the files, we found they were censored with most of the name references removed," Mr Eggington said.

"The evidence that we have before us suggests that there is a significant number of people who have been denied their wages or other monies due to them and we have people coming forward regularly to tell their stories about this issue."

ALSWA made several submissions to the Senate inquiry, giving an outline of practices regarding Aboriginal workers in WA from the late 19th century until at least the late 1960s.

The service submitted that although few Aboriginal people were directly employed in the early part of the 20th century, by 1917 the WA Government had issued more than



GIZ WATSON

500 permits for Aboriginal labour involving more than 4500 Aboriginal people.

Although it's not known how long the permit system and evolving systems operated, the evidence suggests that the wages of Aboriginal people in WA was under the total control of government until the granting of citizenship rights in 1968.

One submission stated that Aboriginal men were paid as little as one pound a week for their labour in land clearing, fence building, sheep shepherding and grain harvesting.

Many Aboriginal people were paid in rations in lieu of wages, and there is evidence that some station and other workers in the Kimberley had money subtracted from their wages to pay for so-called maintenance of their children who had been taken to missions.

Aboriginal Chief Protector Aubrey Neville wrote in a report in 1925 that Aboriginal people should not be paid wages because they had no understanding of money, but he supported the Queensland model at the time

where all money earned by Aboriginal workers was held in trust by government.

As a general rule, pastoral owners and mission administrators received the old-age pensions due to resident Aboriginal people but only a small fraction was actually paid to the intended recipients.

Mr Eggington called for a royal commission into the issue, or at least a proper judicial inquiry to uncover the facts of what happened and the impact that it had on families throughout the state.

"A real issue for us is whether there is a case for a class action to force the Government into a negotiating position and we're taking legal advice on that possibility," he said.

"Specifically, we know that the pastoral industry was involved in this practice, but the WA Government through the Aboriginal Protection Department and later the Native Affairs Department was also a major offender.

"Aboriginal people are often denigrated as being a drain on the nation's economy, but if you look at the facts it's actually the other way around, with Aboriginal labour being used to build the economy without due payment or even recognition.

"It's a terrible injustice that has been perpetrated over many decades, with the truth hidden from the official version of Australian history.

"The first economic transfer was our land being taken away and then our people had no way of building wealth for their families which would have benefited them today in the same way as the children of non-Aboriginal empire builders enjoy the wealth of their forefathers."

Ms Watson said it was a matter of urgency that the WA and Federal Governments fully investigate the issue and compensate the victims.

"A lot of these people who had their wages taken from them are elderly and so there's an urgency that these people be assisted in not only accessing that information for their justice and rights but also to document their own personal testimonies and histories in regards to stolen wages," she said.



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Applications close 5.00pm Friday 20 July 2007

Film focus on Referendum

SBS TV to show 'Vote Yes for Aborigines'

By CHRISTINE HOWES



It was 21 years after the establishment of the Australian Constitution in 1901 that the first

united, all-Aboriginal organisation was set up in Australia in 1924.

It was to be another 66 years before any group became sufficiently nationally organised to win the fight via the 1967 Referendum to be counted along with other Australians in the national Census.

'Vote Yes for Aborigines', a documentary special to be broadcast by SBS this Sunday 27 May, the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, covers not only the 100-year-plus lead-up to the Referendum while questioning the success of same, but also the social attitudes and influences of those times and since.



ABOVE: Film-maker Frances Peters-Little with her father entertainer Jimmy Little.

RIGHT: This little girl's message was simple and hopeful. Whether she was granted her wish for equality is debatable.



Was it success or symbolism? Writer and director of the film Frances Peters-Little hopes that in the end the film will show just how tenacious Indigenous people were and are.

"I have a deep sense not of pessimism, but of pride, in knowing how tenacious we are, we just don't stop," she said.

"Now you can say on one hand that it's bloody horrible that we have to keep fighting, but I think that shows me the

strength and determination of our people's souls. I hope that the film doesn't depress people, even though I couldn't really make a film without mentioning that it's been a long, hard haul and it's going to continue.

"It could have been a film that talked just about the uplift and the progression, and it might have been more celebratory and hopeful. In a way that is still there because I think the film shows if anything that we haven't fallen

into a hole."

Drawing on rarely seen archival footage and photographs, 'Vote Yes for Aborigines' attempts to answer the question of what came of the 1967 Referendum and, for that matter, the historic marches for reconciliation in 2000.

"My personal opinion of the film and how I think it pans out, is that we're still in bloody 2007 talking about citizenship," Ms Peters-Little said.

"It's just shocking that we could have these current debates about Australian citizenship and Australian values, and Aboriginal people have been left completely out of the picture.

"Forty years ago we were talking about Aboriginal people being citizens and 40 years later we're now talking about what is it to be an Australian citizen."

● 'Vote Yes for Aborigines' screens on SBS TV on Sunday 27 May at 8.30pm.

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Funding Period: up to 18 months from 2007.

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- community, non-government organisations;
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To obtain information on available grant funding and local priorities, intending applicants **must** contact the department's zonal office responsible for the locality in which the applicants wish to submit for funding:

- Brisbane North and Sunshine Coast Zone - Caboolture (07) 5490 1045
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Funding information packages are also available online at <http://www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/partnerships/funding/calendar.html> or by phoning (07) 3224 4546.

Funding submissions must be lodged by 5.00pm on Monday, 2 July 2007.



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Curtain falls on an iconic magazine

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

An iconic illustrated magazine that has helped to communicate vital health and lifestyle information to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for more than two decades is closing down due to lack of funding.

For 23 years, Streetwise Communications has created and published material targeted towards Indigenous people, young people and other hard-to-reach groups.

However, sadly, the communication group will wind down at the end of June due to a lack of funding and other resources required to keep the magazine sustainable.

The company is best known for its cartoons, but it also produces animation, radio scripts, DVDs and comic strips.

Streetwise project officer Meggan Grose told the Koori Mail that Streetwise would be missed by Indigenous communities because it gave a

realistic representation of Indigenous people, their issues and the different circumstances they faced in this modern day.

Ms Grose said that while there were only three full-time staff employed at Streetwise, many more were employed part-time in administration, as consultants and writers.

She said the absence of Streetwise would leave a space for another organisation to do the same thing or, hopefully, to revive the magazine.

Streetwise General Manager Jo Taylor said that over the years, the communication group had been able to stretch their project funding. However, without investment into development, growth and infrastructure, it had become about the day-to-day struggle to stay open.

To revisit past Streetwise magazines, go to www.streetwise.com.au.

● Tell us what you think about Streetwise's closure.



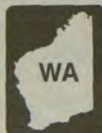
Safe Sistas (2004), drawn by Anna Brown



Reconciliation (1997) drawn by Frank Mcleod and Ross Carnsew

Alcohol despair

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A former Commissioner of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) says education is the key to empowering Indigenous communities, which need to tighten down on alcoholism and take greater steps towards self-determination.

Terry Whitby, from Western Australia's Pilbara region, wants Aboriginal leaders and the State politicians to hold an alcohol summit in the region to come up with ways to address the desperate plight of regional and remote Indigenous communities, which he says are terribly affected by worsening and widespread alcoholism.

He said that daily, he saw people lying in the street intoxicated and that alcoholism was crippling communities and rendering them powerless to improve health, education, employment, literacy and numeracy standards.

"A genuine picture of conditions needs to be made known and strategies formed to combat the problem," he said.

"Aboriginal bureaucracy is a toothless tiger - too many bureaucrats have guarded jealousies about their positions and are failing to serve their communities, and are too busy playing politics to really deal with this growing problem."

Mr Whitby said practical solutions and delivery of policy were needed instead of a sobering-up shelter, which he considered a 'band-aid fix' to an obvious problem.

And he said 'powder puff' politicians were to blame for the problems of Aboriginal people not being seen or heard, with no view to self-governance via the appropriate channels.

"Education is essential not only for survival, but for the advancement of the people in this region," Mr Whitby said.

Senior Constable Peter Berry backed Mr Whitby's calls for better services to deal with alcoholism, which he said was the cause of well over 90 per cent of all the matters the Karratha police deal with.

"Alcoholism is a massive problem that the Government has failed to fix and will probably always fail to fix," Constable Berry said.

He said he considered having dry communities as a possible option to make inroads into improving the situation in the region.

He also said that while there was a women's domestic violence refuge in Karratha 'where problems often end up', there was no men's refuge or dry-out shelters, and no services to assist people to detox from drugs and alcohol.

"At the moment we have to pick them up and all we can do for them is to lock them up for the night and hope they are ok," he said.

He said that sobering-up shelters may provide care more specific to the needs of people suffering the immediate effects of alcoholism, rather than jailing them while they were intoxicated.

Alan McCagh, Global Services consultant, is conducting research for the WA Attorney-General in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions to find more culturally appropriate ways of administering justice services to Indigenous people.

He said in his recent study, community members who were part of research focus groups consistently identified alcoholism as a key issue needing to be addressed. Research participants also recommended rehabilitation centres be built in Newman, Tom Price, Hedland and Onslow.

Musicians with a message

Story and photos by CHRISTINE HOWES



Billed as 'Two Songmen', Neil Murray, formerly from the Warumpi Band, and Shane Howard, formerly from Goanna, say they felt honoured to play at the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Yarrabah, just south of Cairns, earlier this month.

Their performance was part of what Yarrabah Mayor Vince Mundraby said was a series of events aimed at helping to reduce alcohol consumption in the community and show young people 'what they can actually achieve'.

"The Council sponsored this today and we feel that this needs to happen more often now, especially now we've seen a groundswell of youth in this community stepping forward and wanting to organise these events," Mr Mundraby said, adding that the Council was thrilled to have such big names as Neil Murray and Shane Howard

participating.

The concert was opened by a local cover band, followed by a short set by Barry Cedric, the Yarrabah Dancers and then the two 'old whitefellas', as they describe themselves, playing their own songs and supporting each other.

Mr Howard – no relation to the Prime Minister, as he had to explain to some young fans – said he and Murray had travelled similar paths from their youth, spent in western Victoria, and shared an interest in Aboriginal culture and community.

"We've often discussed why did we take such an interest in Aboriginal culture and why it was so important to us," he said.

"Neil has spent a lot of time in the desert around Papunya, that sort of country, and I've spent a lot of time in Murri country in north Queensland – different experiences but similar too, both with community and we've learned a thing or two."

"We feel very honoured to be invited here," he said.

Headliners Neil Murray, left, and Shane Howard at Yarrabah.



● ABOVE: Israel and Derick Graham.



● LEFT: Marlene and Shani.

● BELOW: Leonard, Jinney, Estelle, Ethan and Marissa.

Local performer Barry Cedric at the Yarrabah concert.



MC Errol Neal.



● LEFT: Andrew, Damar, Edrick, Barney, Shemmiel and Marcus.

● RIGHT: Caleb, Keith and Shemmiel.



Artists are champions

NT

A successful community art project co-ordinated by an Alice Springs native title organisation has earned some of its

members pride of place on the cover of the Northern Territory's Yellow and White Pages Directory.

Last year, the Eyes of the Dreaming project was developed by the Alice Springs Town Council and the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation to work towards a safe and tidy town.

The council bought several 240-litre rectangular wheeled bins for the Todd Mall, and Lhere Artepe commissioned artists from each of the three estate groups in the municipality, Mparntwe, Antulye and Irlpme, to paint them.

The artists painted traditional 'maps' incorporating landforms, bush tucker and animals across the bins.

The project enabled artists of all ages to come together and talk, learn and tell stories.

Lhere Artepe's role was deemed by the producer of the Yellow and White Pages Directory, Sensis, to be a shining example of this year's cover theme 'Champions of our Community'.

Lhere Artepe Chairman Brian



From left, Lhere Artepe's Kathleen Miller, Rosemary Webb, Brian Stirling, and Pat Ansell-Dodds with one of the bins.

Stirling, who features on the cover along with three Lhere Artepe members and project participants Pat Ansell-Dodds, Rosemary Webb and Elder Kathleen Miller, said the organisation's members were humbled to learn of their selection for the front cover, having been nominated by council members.

"Alice Springs is a tight-knit community, so to be recognised on the front cover of the directory is a real honour," he said.

"We are so proud to have had the opportunity to show our artwork through this unique environment in Alice Springs, while also raising awareness of native title rights and interests."

Group Manager, White Pages, Melissa Reynolds said the 'Champions of our Community' theme provided Sensis with an opportunity to recognise outstanding Australians who championed causes for the benefit of their communities.

"Local people such as Brian, Kathleen, Pat and Rosemary are

inspiring examples of the positive effect people can have on their wider region," she said.

The 2007/08 Northern Territory Yellow and White Pages Directory is currently being distributed to households through the Territory. It is expected to be used by more than 66,000 residents a month.



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27 May - 3 June 2007

Commemoration ceremonies will be held around the country during Reconciliation Week to honour the contribution of Indigenous servicemen and women in defence of our nation.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs along with local ex-service and community organisations, and the Australian Defence Force will hold ceremonies in each capital city.

All Indigenous veterans and their families, as well as the wider veteran community, are encouraged to take part.

National ceremony, Canberra

Sunday 27 May 2007 at 8:45am - 9:30am at the Australian War Memorial, Western Courtyard.

Contact: Eric McDonald (DVA) (02) 6289 6063,
Mr Gary Oakley, President, ATSVSAA, (02) 6243 4532.

Adelaide ceremony

Sunday 27 May 2007 at 9:00am at the Adelaide War Memorial.

Contact: Rhonda Bain (DVA) (08) 8290 0510,
Mr Keith Harrison, R&SL (SA Branch), (08) 8232 0322.

Cairns ceremony

Sunday 27 May 2007 at 10:00am at the Cairns Esplanade Cenotaph.

Contact: Nicki Hall (DVA) (07) 4722 3346.

Hobart ceremony

Sunday 27 May 2007 at 11:00am at the Hobart Cenotaph.

Contact: Helen Watling (DVA) (03) 6221 6772.

Brisbane ceremony

Monday 28 May 2007 at 11:00am at the Brisbane Cenotaph, Anzac Square.

Contact: Ken Parker (DVA) (07) 3223 8314.

Townsville ceremony

Wednesday 30 May 2007 at 10:00am at the Townsville Cenotaph.

Contact: Nicki Hall (DVA) (07) 4722 3346, Mr Rod McLeod, President, Townsville R&SL, (07) 4759 9529, Ms Lee Smallwood, Indigenous Liaison Officer, NQ Region, Department of Defence, (07) 4771 7346.

Perth ceremony

Wednesday 30 May 2007 at 10:00am at the State War Memorial, Kings Park.

Contact: June Cuneo (DVA) (08) 9366 8465,
Mr John Schnaars, Honouring Indigenous War Graves, 0417 955 914.

Melbourne ceremony

Thursday 31 May 2007 at 11:00am at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Contact: Roger Silversen (DVA) (03) 9284 6704,
Ms Mary Morison, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, (03) 9208 3262.

Sydney ceremony

Thursday 31 May 2007 at 11:00am at the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park.

Contact: Heather Christie (DVA) (02) 9213 7592, Mr Rod Holtham, Resource Officer, State Secretary's Department R&SL (N.S.W. Branch), (02) 9264 8188.

Darwin ceremony

Friday 1 June 2007 at 5:30pm at the Darwin Cenotaph, The Esplanade, Darwin.

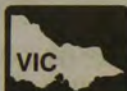
Contact: Sue Filipovich (DVA) (08) 8935 1424,
Mr Geoff Carter, President, Darwin R&SL, (08) 8941 5848.



Koori Business Network

Time to take control: Heritage boss

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY in Melbourne



It's time for Aboriginal Victorians to step up and take control of their cultural heritage, according to Ricky Mullett, Chair of the new Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council.

"For a long time our communities have fought for recognition of our cultural heritage, and the power to manage and protect it at a community level," Mr Mullett said.

"It's now up to community groups to 'step up' and become Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)."

The new Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 has heralded significant changes for Victorian communities.

The legislation recognises Aboriginal people as 'the primary guardians, keepers and knowledge holders of Aboriginal cultural heritage' but community groups must become RAPs in order to assume a management role.

The Act comes into force on 28 May 2007, and only four groups are understood to have applied to date - Martang, Gunditj Mirring, Budja Budja and Bangerang.

Selection lays in the hands of an 11-member Council, the first all-Indigenous body of its type in Victoria.

There's a push for the management of cultural heritage to be put back into the hands of traditional owner groups, but the Council will also consider historical connections to the area for reasons such as forcible relocation during mission times; or a contemporary

interest through involvement with local decision-making bodies and Aboriginal-controlled organisations.

Members of the council are Graham Atkinson, Damein Bell, Jim Berg, Eleanor Bourke, Rodney Carter, Tim Chatfield, Vicki Couzens, Mick Harding, Karen Jackson, Denise Lovett and Ricky Mullett.

Mr Mullett, an archaeologist with a long history in protecting and managing cultural heritage in the Gunai country, said the new laws would be better than the previous mix of State and Federal legislation.

"Now cultural heritage will be considered at the start of any planning development on culturally sensitive land, and inspectors will have greater powers to protect our heritage and take action when our heritage is deliberately destroyed," he said.

It is hoped that the new Act will signal a shift in the way developers think about Aboriginal cultural heritage. In the same way they must consider if the land they are building on is contaminated or if there are going to be environmental concerns, they will now need to also consider impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage from the outset.

"This is a change, and our communities, local councils and developers, will all need to change too," said Mr Mullett.

The new Act and the selection of RAPs will determine who can speak for what country and the redrawing of boundaries that have long been disputed.

For more information on the Council, contact the Secretariat on (03) 9208 3280.

ALSWA considers appeal against WAIRC decision

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



The Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) has 21 days to appeal against a decision that the legal group is not a constitutional

corporation.

The finding was handed down by the Full Bench of the WA Industrial Relations Commission.

The Full Bench, comprised of Chief Commissioner Beech, Acting President Ritter and Senior Commissioner Smith, issued its decision in the matter of ALSWA's appeal against the Commission's earlier decision that the legal group was not a constitutional corporation.

UnionsWA Secretary Dave Robinson said the case had come about after a former ALSWA employee lodged an unfair dismissal claim in the WA Industrial Relations Commission.

However, in light of the WorkChoices Act, which came into effect last year, the Commission needed to establish whether the legal group was covered by the jurisdiction of the WAIRC, or the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC).

The final decision on the status of ALSWA could have ramifications for other Indigenous legal services around the country.

Mr Robinson called last week's ruling a 'landmark decision,' and said he believed it was the first case of its kind to establish jurisdiction of the WAIRC.

The WorkChoices Act (2006)

makes extra allowance for businesses with less than 100 employees to terminate workers whose employment may not be considered in the best interests of a small business.

Since the legislation was passed on 17 March 2006, UnionsWA has held rallies to protest against any possible erosion of workers' rights and conditions foreseeable under the WorkChoices Act.

Mr Robinson said the decision was very important because it potentially afforded workers in non-government organisations and community groups protection from dismissal because the WorkChoices Act was not applicable.

"The implication is that these types of organisations continue to operate under the WA Industrial Relations Commission," he said.

WAIRC Chief Commissioner Beech, in a speech about the changes last year, explained the effect of the WorkChoices legislation and estimated that the WorkChoices Act did not cover 40 per cent of employees.

Chief Commissioner Beech also said not all incorporated business may be covered by WorkChoices, 'although most are likely to be,' depending on whether their trading or financial activities formed a substantial part of its overall activities.

"Work Choices will only prevent the WAIRC from exercising its powers when it is established as a matter of law that Work Choices covers the application being dealt with."

The ALSWA declined to comment.

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Your guide to Sorry Day

SORRY DAY (Actual date, 26 May)

Until 26 August (Qld): A free exhibition, Broken Links: the Stolen Generations in Brisbane, on display at the Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery, Level 4, State Library of Queensland, South Bank. For details visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on.

24 May (ACT): 10.30am. A commemoration of the Bringing Them Home Report's tenth anniversary will be held in the Great Hall of the Federal Parliament. Speakers will include the inaugural Chair of ATSI Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue, HREOC's Indigenous Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Federal Health Minister Tony Abbott, historian Henry Reynolds and Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin. For details (02) 6281 0940.

25 May (WA): 10am-12pm. Gathering at the ALSWA Head Office featuring speakers Dennis Egginton, Lena McGrath, Sam Dinah and Dr Tony Buti. For details call (08) 9265 6683.

25 May (WA): Marribank Celebration of Survival Gathering held at Marribank Mission, Katanning. For details call (08) 9892 7222.

25 May - 1 June (NT): Afternoon. The Darwin office of the NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation will be open to the public, featuring displays of Stolen Generations history, photos and artwork.

25 May (ACT): 8.45-4pm. 'Are we bringing them home? - 10 years later' conference for service providers, Indigenous people, policy workers, and others interested at Havelock House, 85 Northbourne Avenue, Turner. Visit www.johact.org.au/events for details.

25 May (NSW): 10am, flag-raising ceremony and morning tea at the Liverpool Regional Museum. To book contact Ivana Pepic on (02) 9824 1121 or email pepic@casulapowerhouse.com

26 May (ACT): 7am. The Journey of Healing ACT group is holding 'Remember the Children'. A simple ceremony to remember Indigenous Children who were taken from their families, those who never found them, and those who are still searching. For details contact (02) 6258 9102.

26 May (ACT): 10am-3pm. Celebrating survival in Canberra. A family festival in the park, children's activities, stalls, fun, food and concert with Indigenous and non Indigenous performers and entertainment. For details contact (02) 6258 9102.

26 May (SA): 10.30am-4pm. Journey of Healing South Australia. The Stolen Generations Track Home Migration Museum, 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide. Displays, information, guest speakers, free barbecue and drinks, as well as the Ngarrindjeri Stolen Generations book launch entertainment. For more details visit www.ngarrindjeri.com or www.ngarrindjeri.org

26 May (SA): In Adelaide, a Sorry Day commemoration will take place at the University of South Australia. The Minister for Education is urging schools to hold commemoration. For details contact (08) 8379 3211.

26 May (Qld): Dawn. A dawn commemoration at the memorial plaques at five sites around Brisbane. Information about Bringing Them Home will be carried in all Brisbane local papers in the week leading up to Sorry Day. There will be films and events at libraries. For details contact (07) 3360 8444.

26 May (WA): A gathering to commemorate Sorry Day at Marribank Mission (also known as Carrollup), Mission Road/Cherry Pool Road, approx 20kms north of Kojoonup.

For details or to interest in attending call Bianka Williams on (08) 9892 7222 or fax on (08) 9842 8465.

Many Sorry Day, 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and Reconciliation Week events will be held around the country starting this Saturday, 26 May. It is not possible for us to list all of them but here are some of the ones we've been told about. Look forward to hearing about many of them in our next edition, out on 6 June. You can also search online for related events. Try the websites of State and Territory Reconciliation and Stolen Generations committees, and branches of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR). Remember, the Koori Mail welcomes the contribution of high-resolution photos accompanied by words and/or captions.

26 May (Vic): 4pm. Kicking off the 2007 Long Walk with a Walk prior to the 'Dreamtime at the G' match between Essendon and Richmond as part of the AFL's national Indigenous Round happening around Australia. Gather at Federation Square, then walk to the MCG. The main Long Walk will take place in early December. For details call Sue Davies on (0419) 434 398 or (03) 9596 7341

26 May (Qld): 12-2pm. Qld Sorry Day Journey of Healing working groups and the State Library of Qld will commemorate the 10th anniversary Bringing them Home Report at the Kuril Dhagun Indigenous Knowledge Centre - Talking Circle Mawair Green at the State Library. Guest speakers, refreshments, entertainment and planting the Stolen Generations track home. For details email Helen@nsdc.org.au

26 May (Qld): Stylin' Up youth music festival in Brisbane. For details contact (07) 3403 5846.

26 May (Qld): Sorry Day commemorations at the Caloundra Courthouse. Welcome to Country, speaker Magistrate Di Fingleton. For details call Darren Manns on (07) 5477 5468 or David Hollinsworth (0409) 004 740.

26 May (NT): Display in the Alice Springs public library. The Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation will hold a family fun day at its offices. The Centre for Appropriate Technology will distribute DVDs of Stolen Generations stories to work places and remote communities. For details contact (08) 8953 3899.

26 May (NT): 10am, at George Brown Botanical Gardens, Darwin; Service of Remembrance at the memorial plaque followed by barbecue and activities for all ages. 9.30pm 'Rabbit Proof Fence' will be screened at the Deckchair Cinema.

26 May (WA): In Perth, Sorry Day will be commemorated at a gathering in Wellington Square, with Kate George and Archbishop Barry Hickey as guest speakers. For details (08) 9486 1577.

26 May (Qld): 7am. Noonga Reconciliation Group will commemorate National Sorry Day at the Stolen Generations Memorial Site, Kalinga Park, Nundah. All welcome. For details email bmhickey7@bigpond.com

26 May (Vic): 10.30am. Sorry Day Melbourne Town Hall (Cnr Swanston and Collins Streets) Stolen Generations Victoria Ltd Partnerships launch. From 11.30 March from Town Hall to steps of the Victorian Parliament arriving at 12.15pm. For details call (03) 9486 6122.

26 May (Vic): 12.15pm Victorian Parliament House, laying of the wreath, speeches and traditional dancers. For details call (03) 9486 6122.

26 May (Vic): 1pm. Federation Square (Swanston and Flinders Streets) Acknowledging 10 years of the Bringing Them Home Report, entertainment, kids activities. For details call (03) 9486 6122 or email stolengensvicsorryday@hotmail.com

26 May (Vic): The Long Walk, starting at 4.30pm, led by Michael Long to the MCG in time for the 'Dreamtime at the G' AFL match. For details email kate.bowman@thelongwalk.com.au

26 May (London): The European Network for Australian Indigenous Rights is again

commemorating Sorry Day at a gathering at Victoria's Embankment Gardens. This year its theme is 'Day of Healing and Reconciliation'. Francis Firebrace of the Yorta Yorta and Brigitte Anderssen will join others in an evening of songs, story telling and dance. For further details contact info@eniar.org

26 May (NSW): 10am. The NSW Sorry Day Committee is holding its State march from Sydney Town Hall, proceeding down George St to First Fleet Park, Circular Quay. For details call (0437) 100 121.

26 May (NSW): Noon. The NSW Sorry Day Committee will hold a community gathering at First Fleet Park, Circular Quay. Guest speakers include Peter Garrett. For details phone (0437) 100 121.

26 May (NSW): 2pm. The Arakwal People of Byron Bay with local reconciliation groups will hold a Sorry Day program at the Byron Bay Community and Cultural Centre. For detail call (02) 6684 3342.

26 May (NSW): 3-10pm. Indigenous Carnivale 2007. An all-ages arts and music festival with all proceeds from ticket sales going to the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME). Performers include Emma Donovan, DJ Wanted, Street Warriors, The Herd, and Glebe Primary Kids with Aunt Wendy's Mob plus more. To be held at the Manning Bar. From 7pm, art exhibition curated by Bronwyn Bancroft. For details contact indigenouiscarnivale@gmail.com or visit www.indigenouiscarnivale.com

26 May (NSW): Western Sydney Stolen Generations Support Group will organise an event in the Liverpool area. For details contact (02) 9720 8384.

27 May (NSW): ASG Sorry Day Commemoration. Intimate but welcoming event to commemorate Sorry Day and pay respect to the Stolen Generation, and Narrabeen Lake, Scout Hall Billarong reserve, Wakehurst Parkway, North Narrabeen. For details call (02) 9913 7940.

27 May (NSW): 10th anniversary of Sorry Day public meeting and commemoration at Bowral. For details contact Jody Wiggins (Wingecarribee Reconciliation Group) on (02) 4872 4448 or email rosie.southwood@reconciliation.org.au

30 May (NSW): 4.30-8pm. Sorry Day at Mid-Mountains Community Centre, New St, Lawson. Guest speakers Stolen Generations members Elly Chatfield and John Westbury. Singing, children's activities, Alec Kruger book for sale, dinner, all welcome. Free. Organised by BM ANTaR, Mountains Outreach Community Service, Mountains Community Resource Network in conjunction with BM Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre and Link-Up NSW.

2 June (NT): Dinner at St Mary's Football Club, Darwin to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Bringing Them Home report and the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. For details call (08) 8985 1133.

2 June (SA): Colebrook Home Eden Hills Reunion, Colebrook Reconciliation Park, 178 Shepherd's Hill Road, Eden Hills. An unveiling of a mural created by Kunyi McNerny, a Kaurna welcome and smoking ceremony, cultural activities, entertainment, a shared BBQ and refreshments. For details call Tjiti Tjuta on (08) 8336 2525 or Di Dent of the Blackwood Reconciliation Group on (0415) 961 438.

14 June (Qld): 6-7.30pm. 'Apology' Talking Circle for the 'Reading for Reconciliation'

program. For details visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

21 June (Qld): 6-7.30pm. 'Sorry Day' Talking Circle for the 'Reading for Reconciliation' program. For details visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

28 June (Qld): 6-7.30pm. 'Education' Talking Circle for the 'Reading for Reconciliation' program. For details visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

5 July (Qld): 6-7.30pm. 'Teacher Training' Talking Circle for the 'Reading for Reconciliation' program. For details visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1967 REFERENDUM (Actual date, 27 May)

Until 6 July (Vic): Human Status exhibition by Brian Martin will feature at the Koorie Heritage Trust. For details call (03) 8622 2600.

23-27 May (SA): 7.30pm. 'Never turning back' performance at the SPACE Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre. Tickets \$30/20/8. For details call 131 246 or visit www.bass.net.au/events/database/TURNINGBACK2007

23 May - 9 June (Vic): Gaayip, Contemporary expressions of Aboriginal Victoria in support of Reconciliation Week. Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. For details call (03) 9840 9367.

24 May (ACT): Online launch of 'YES! The 1967 Referendum', and online exhibition created by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Library in Canberra. Go to www.aiatsis.gov.au/exhibitions/Referendum/index.html.

26 May (SA): 1.30-4pm. Participate in an ANTaR South Australia community forum reflecting on the 1976 referendum. For details call (08) 8227 0170 or email: antarsa@internode.on.net

26 May (NSW): 10am-3pm. 40th Anniversary Referendum Commemoration - Lismore People for Reconciliation. March through Lismore CBD to Heritage Park and a gathering in the park with a 'talking tent' for Elders and others to share their experiences of life before and after the 1967 Referendum. For details contact Thelma James and Clare Gallagher on (02) 6622 7094 or email rosie.southwood@reconciliation.org.au

26 May (NSW): Launch of 'Family Pictures Exhibition' an acknowledgement to the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Presented by Newcastle City Council's Guraki Aboriginal Advisory Committee. For details contact Newcastle Region Library on (02) 4974 5348 or email rosie.southwood@reconciliation.org.au

26 May (Qld): 6pm-1am. Referendum dinner dance at the Zillmere PCYC, Zillmere Road, Zillmere. For details contact Meanjin on (07) 3257 5433.

26 May (ACT): 2-3.30pm. Stories from the 1967 Referendum. Dr Jackie Huggins and Professor Peter Read will facilitate an afternoon of stories at the National Museum of Australia from some of the people who were actively involved all those years ago. The event will recall the commitment, tensions and achievements of those who campaigned passionately for change. Free but bookings are essential on (02) 6208 5021.

26 May - 30 June (WA): 'Right to be counted' exhibition at the Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery. For details call (08) 9173 1064 or email gallery@portland.wa.gov.au

27 May (ACT): 'Their Spirit Still Shines': 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum - Reconciliation Australia. In attendance will be surviving members of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI), the Prime Minister and other invited guests. Old Parliament

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and Reconciliation Week

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Veterans honoured

AS part of National Reconciliation Week, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) will work alongside ex-service and community organisations to hold ceremonies in each capital city, Townsville and Alice Springs to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans.

All Indigenous veterans and their families, as well as the wider veteran community, are encouraged to take part in the ceremonies.

27 May (ACT): 8:45-9:30am. Canberra ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Australian War Memorial, Western Courtyard. For details call Eric McDonald on (02) 6289 60637 or Mr Gary Oakley, ATSIVSAA President on (02) 6243 4532

27 May (Qld): 10am. Cairns ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Cairns Esplanade Cenotaph. For details call Nicki Hall on (07) 4722 3346.

27 May (SA): 9am. Adelaide ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Adelaide War Memorial. For details call Rhonda Bain on (08) 8290 0510 or Mr Keith Harrison, RSL (SA Branch) on (08) 8232 0322.

27 May (Tas): 11am. Hobart ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Hobart Cenotaph. For details call Helen Watling on (03) 6221 6772.

28 May (Qld): 11am. Brisbane ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Brisbane Cenotaph, Anzac Square. For details call

Ken Parker on (07) 3223 8314

30 May (Qld): 10am. Townsville ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Townsville Cenotaph. For details call Nicki Hall (07) 4722 3346, Rod McLeod, President of the Townsville RSL (07) 4759 9529, or Lee Smallwood, Indigenous Liaison Officer with the Department of Defence, on (07) 4771 7346

30 May (WA): 10am. Perth ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. State War Memorial, Kings Park. For details contact June Cuneo on (08) 9366 8465, or John Schnaars of Honouring Indigenous War Graves on (0417) 955 914.

31 May (NSW): 10.45am. Sydney ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park. For details call Heather Christie (02) 9213 7592, Rod Holtham, Resource Officer, State Secretary's Department, RSL (NSW Branch) on (02) 9264 8188

31 May (Vic): 11am. Melbourne ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Shrine of Remembrance. For details call Roger Siversen on (03) 9284 6704 or Mary Morison of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria on (03) 9208 3262.

1 June (NT): 5:30pm. Darwin ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans. Darwin Cenotaph, The Esplanade, Darwin. For details call Sue Filipovich on (08) 8935 1424 or Geoff Carter, President of the Darwin RSL on (08) 8941 5848.

Supper provided. North Shore Temple Emanuel, 28 Chatswood Ave, Chatswood. For details contact Nic Witton on (02) 9888 5774.

27 May (NSW): 12:30-6:30pm. Voice of Hope - New Pentecost Forum 2007. Graeme Mundine from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission of the National Council of Churches will open the Forum. Guest speakers include Rev Dr Jojo Fung, Sr Susan Comnelly and Tony Kevin. For details call Minh Nyugen on (0403) 181 586 or email mnguyen@d7design.com.au

27-28 May (Vic): 9am-5pm. Yapaneyepuk Indigenous Education Conference. Crown Casino, Promenade Room Southbank, Victoria. Speakers to include educator Chris Sarra. For details contact (03) Melinda Spiteri on (03) 9654 1200, email office@cse.edu.au or visit website www.cse.edu.au/index.php or www.worawacollege.com.au/

27 May (Vic): 2pm. Groove 4 Reconciliation. Featuring Illana Atkinson, Funk 'n' Deadly Aboriginal band the Grenadines, plus French gypsy heat from the Hot Club Swing, and guest Robbie Thorpe. Venue, Geelong Performing Arts Centre, 50 Little Malop Street, Geelong. \$15/\$10 concessions, accompanied kids are free. For details call (03) 5258 4397.

27 May (SA): 11am the 2007 Reconciliation Week rally and march starts at Victoria Square / Tarnanyangga. For details call (0408) 722 359.

27 May (SA): 1-5pm. The Public BBQ and family day at Elder Park. For details call (0408) 722 359.

28 May (Qld): 1-3pm. Cherbourg historical display and event. For details contact Lesley Williams on (07) 3225 8991.

28 May (Qld): 1-3pm. Kuril Dhagun Indigenous Knowledge Centre, State Library will hold a barbecue and a talking circle. For

details call (07) 3842 9887.

28-31 May (Qld): Young Indigenous Leaders Forum (for participants aged 18-25 years) at Parliament House in Brisbane. For details call 1300 555 954 or (07) 3008 8636.

28 May (NSW): 11am. Tony Donovan Reconciliation Prize Award Ceremony. 36 Webb St, East Gosford. For details call Sean Loneragan (02) 4320 0630.

28 May (NSW): UTS Reconciliation Week forum and arts festival. Morning tea and lunch provided. For details call Lisa Murphy on Lisa.x.Murphy@oft.commerce.nsw.gov.au

28 May - 20 July (NSW): Central Coast Aboriginal Artists Exhibition and Competition at Gosford Regional Art Gallery. Gosford Regional Art Gallery, 36 Webb Street, East Gosford. For details call (02) 4320 0630 or email sean.loneragan@oft.commerce.nsw.gov.au

31 May (NSW): 6pm. 'Health Equality in 25 Years' Indigenous Health Forum. 'Health Equality in 25 Years' Indigenous Health Forum - presented by the Sydney University Medical Society, MIRAGE and Golden Key Society. For details contact Ineke Weaver by email ive6767@gmp.usyd.edu.au

31 May (NSW): 9am-12pm. Reconciliation Flag Raising Ceremony-Wyong Council. For details contact Mitchell Bennett on (02) 4350 5214.

31 May (Qld): Reconciliation Business Awards. For details contact (07) 3224 5783 or email rosie.southwood@reconciliation.org.au

31 May (Qld): Reconciliation Business forum which will focus on the important aspects in providing impetus to Indigenous economic development. For details contact (07) 3224 6099 or email rosie.southwood@reconciliation.org.au

1 June (NSW): 10.15am. Hornsby Children's Voices for Reconciliation. Performances, smoking ceremony, welcome to country, and members of the Stolen Generations will meet the children. For details contact Helen Whiteon on (02) 9484 1043 or email helen.white@aapt.net.au

2 June (NSW): 10am-4pm. Journeys into Understanding - Aboriginal Culture. Dialogue with Aboriginal presenters - explore the Aboriginal local heritage, connection with the land and the role of the traditional custodians. For details contact Trish MacDonald-Harrison on (02) 9524 9685 or email trish.harrisonquest@bigpond.com

2 June (NSW): National Youth Reconciliation Forum and Arts Festival - National Reconciliation Network Forum at the University of Technology Sydney, Building 6, Harris Street, Ultimo. Ages 16-29 years welcome. For details call Sylvie Ellismore on (0403) 977 213.

2 June (Vic): 2-4pm. Everything you wanted to ask about Reconciliation but were too afraid to ask - forum. Panel includes Wurundjeri Elder Doreen Garvey-Wandin and musician, author, film maker and activist Richard Frankland. Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, (03) 9840 9367.

2 June (ACT): Free barbecue in Commonwealth Park, with well-known Indigenous bands, with the theme of 'celebrating survival'. For details call (02) 6258 9102.

3 June (Vic): 2-4pm. Gaayip Jazz amongst the Gaayip exhibition, for Reconciliation Week. Vocals Liz Cavanagh. Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. \$15/10, bookings essential. For details call (03) 9840 9367.

4 June (NSW): 9am-2pm. 'Our Place In Reconciliation' Primary Schools Convention for primary school students held at Parliament House. For details contact Daniela Giorgi on (02) 9230 2334 or email daniela.giorgi@parliament.nsw.gov.au or visit www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

27 May (SA): 1pm. Free family barbecue and concert for reconciliation for the community of Murray Bridge at Soundshell at Edwards Square, Murray Bridge. For details contact David Haines on (08) 8532 1303 or email badhain@lm.net.au

27 May (Qld): Murri Milestone. Public forum, lunch, family day and barbecue at the Queensland Museum. Keynote speaker Tania Major. For details contact (07) 3840 7555.

27 May (NSW): 11.30am. 'I'm only 40 years old' presented by NAIDOC Dance College. Laycock Street Theatre, North Gosford. Tickets \$25/15/10. For details call (02) 4323 3233.

27 May (NSW): 7pm. 1967 Referendum, 40th Anniversary Dinner at Caringbah. Celebrating overturning discriminatory laws, finally recognising Indigenous Australians as Australian Citizens in Constitutional Law for the first time. Cost \$35. RSVP 11 May 2007. For details contact Stuart Hills on (02) 9523 0514 or email hillsstuart@optusnet.com.au

28 May (NSW): 9.15am-1pm. 'Their Spirit Still Shines', celebration of the 1967 Referendum. Flag-raising, morning tea, guest speakers, video show and talk, info expo, lunch. Location, University of Technology Sydney, Level 3, Tower Building 1, No 1 Broadway Ave, Ultimo. For details contact Lisa Murphy on (0424) 793 579 or by email lisa_nsw@hotmail.com

29 May (NSW): 10am-2pm. An Indigenous Reflection in the 1967 Referendum. MC Paulette Whittton, featuring special guest speakers Professor Mick Dodson, Dr Jackie Huggins, Professor Aileen Morton Robinson, Professor Larissa Behrendt, Professor John Maynard and Gary Foley, plus Frances Peters-Little will launch her new documentary on the 1967 Referendum. For details contact (02) 9219 0719 or email leticia.anderson@daa.nsw.gov.au

30 May (SA): 10am-4pm. 'Their Spirit Still Shines' a special reconciliation event to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and Reconciliation Week. To be held at the Playford Civic Centre, Playford Boulevard. For details contact Eleanor Berridge on (08) 8263 1155 or email eleanor.berridge@health.sa.gov.au

30 May (NSW): 9.30-6pm. Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of 1967 Referendum at Coffs Harbour Education Campus. Flag raising, morning tea, mock referendum, movies and more. For details contact Shaun Hart (02) 6659 3359 or email shaun.hart@tafensw.edu.au

14-15 September (Qld): National Indigenous Legal Conference. Panel discussion on significance of the 1967 Referendum. For details call (07) 3226 8244.

RECONCILIATION WEEK (Actual dates 27 May - 3 June)

20-26 May (WA): National Archaeology Week in Albany, Western Australia. National Archaeology Week ends the day before Reconciliation Week. Activities in Albany are planned to extend over both weeks to further reconciliation through recognition of cultural heritage. Call Claire Greer, on (0401) 227 011 for details or visit website www.archaeologyweek.com/states/wa.php

21 May-15 June (NSW): Guringai Festival Reconciliation writing competition. 'Reconciliation: Why is Reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians important? How can I help?' Entry is open to all students in the Northern Sydney region. For details contact (02) 9777 7985 or email rosie.southwood@reconciliation.org.au

23 May-9 June (Vic): 'Gaayip' Exhibition. An exhibition in support of Reconciliation Week 2007 at Manningham Gallery, Manningham Council Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster

Road, Doncaster, Victoria. Free. For details call the gallery on (03) 9840 9367 or email gallery@manningham.vic.gov.au or visit website www.manningham.vic.gov.au

24 May (NSW): Noon. Transforming Indigenous Poverty, jointly hosted by NATSIEC and the NSW Ecumenical Council. A dialogue between Fr Jojo Fung, an indigenous Jesuit Malaysian thinker and writer, and Indigenous Christian leaders from the Sydney area. For details contact Jonathon Inkpin by email jinkpin@ncca.org.au

24 May-15 July (NSW): 6-7pm. Guringai Festival. Theme: Corroboree, culture, community. For details contact Vivien Mouradian on (02) 9424 0868.

25 May (NSW): 10.30am. Kiama Reconciliation Walk and flag-raising ceremony. For details contact Anne Phillips on (02) 4232 0448, or email annep@kiama.nsw.gov.au or visit website www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

26 May (NSW): 6.30pm. 'Their Spirit Still Shines' Elders' Reconciliation Debutante Ball. Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation Reconciliation Group. Three-course meal, guest speakers, entertainment and much more. WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong. Tickets \$45 per person. For details contact Sheree Rankmore on (02) 4228 1585 or email culturaldevelopment@exemail.com.au

26 May (NSW): Noon-3pm. Mt Druitt Reconciliation Walk 2007. Australians for Reconciliation Chiffey Committee. Includes live entertainment before and after the walk and a Sorry Ceremony. For details call (02) 9891 8406 or email rosie.southwood@reconciliation.org.au

27 May (NSW): 7.30-9.30pm. Sharing Personal Experience through Culture and Knowledge. Aboriginal talks about personal experiences, followed by a panel Q&A session. \$5 donation (free for students and pensioners).

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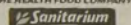
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Continuing our series highlighting people affected by the stolen wages policies of governments in Australia

'They took away our people's childhoods'

"When the \$4000 came around, we didn't know whether to sign or what," said Betty Payne, who eventually accepted the Queensland Government's payment offer for wages and savings reparations.

"I claimed because it was a one-off; no-one said anything about what happened, but I thought it was wrong to ask people to sign the paper. They never came around to explain to people. It was just like you sign it and that's it, nothing more to come of it."

Speaking from Innisfail on the fifth anniversary of the Government's offer, made on 9 May 2002, Mrs Payne (nee Jackson) said it would be a different story if Indigenous people were the ones who owed the Government.

"It would be a different story if we owed them, they wouldn't hesitate to say 'you did the wrong thing'," she said.

"None of us are getting any younger, we're all getting old and I'm not sure we'll ever get it."

"They took people's childhood away from them. When you're 13, you don't know a lot of things, they just wanted to teach us how to work for them."

"Sometimes, when they talk about the wages and that, I feel like telling them 'it's about time you turned around and were fair to us' because we kept fair with them."

"We kept our agreements and we never fell down on what we had to do, but it looks like they're falling down on what they have to do."

When Mrs Payne was 13 she was told, against hers and her mother's wishes, to leave school and go out to work.

"I really did like school and when someone says 'you're getting older now and you have to leave', well at 13 you don't expect that because you're still a kid then, but that's what happened," she said.

"And I know with the other sisters as well, when it was time for them to leave, Mum didn't like it and they wanted to go on (with their education)."

"The teacher pushed for us to go on, but they said I wouldn't be getting any money from my family so I had to go out and work."

"They wouldn't even support Mum, and Mum had the money there to send us youngest ones to high school."

"It wasn't a very fair system."

Mrs Payne said she had always admired and relied upon the strength of her mother, Greta 'Wanjerra' Jackson, now 85.

"I often think if I had half the strength my Mum had, I wouldn't have anything to complain about," she said.

"For working all their lives, they never had anything."

"With the conditions we lived in, down by the creek at Mt Garnet... You'd think that, if they wanted their workers to be in good health, they would have upgraded the standard for them to live in rather than making them fetch water and not supplying them with electricity."

"We made do with that, but if they wanted



● **ABOVE:** Mrs Payne looking over family wages records showing how much they and their community has lost over the years.



● **RIGHT:** Mrs Payne's mother, Greta 'Wanjerra' Jackson, now 85 and still hoping for herself and her family that the Queensland Government will do more about stolen wages.

people to live under the Protector, I still think they should have done better.

"You can't get really angry because it's something that you grow up with. There was no use saying you couldn't accept it because it was just a thing that was handed down and you come along and you accept it because it's there all the time."

She said she and her sisters were subject to agreements signed by the local police 'protectors', their employers and themselves.

"We had to sign agreements, an agreement that we would stay there for that period."

"You couldn't just up and leave or say you didn't like it any more, you had to stay until the agreement was out," she said.

"They might say I signed that letter and took their offer but no-one came up and explained all that to us."

"They can make decisions away from us but they should come and see us so we can tell them our decision."

"It's been five years since they brought this out and that's a long time."

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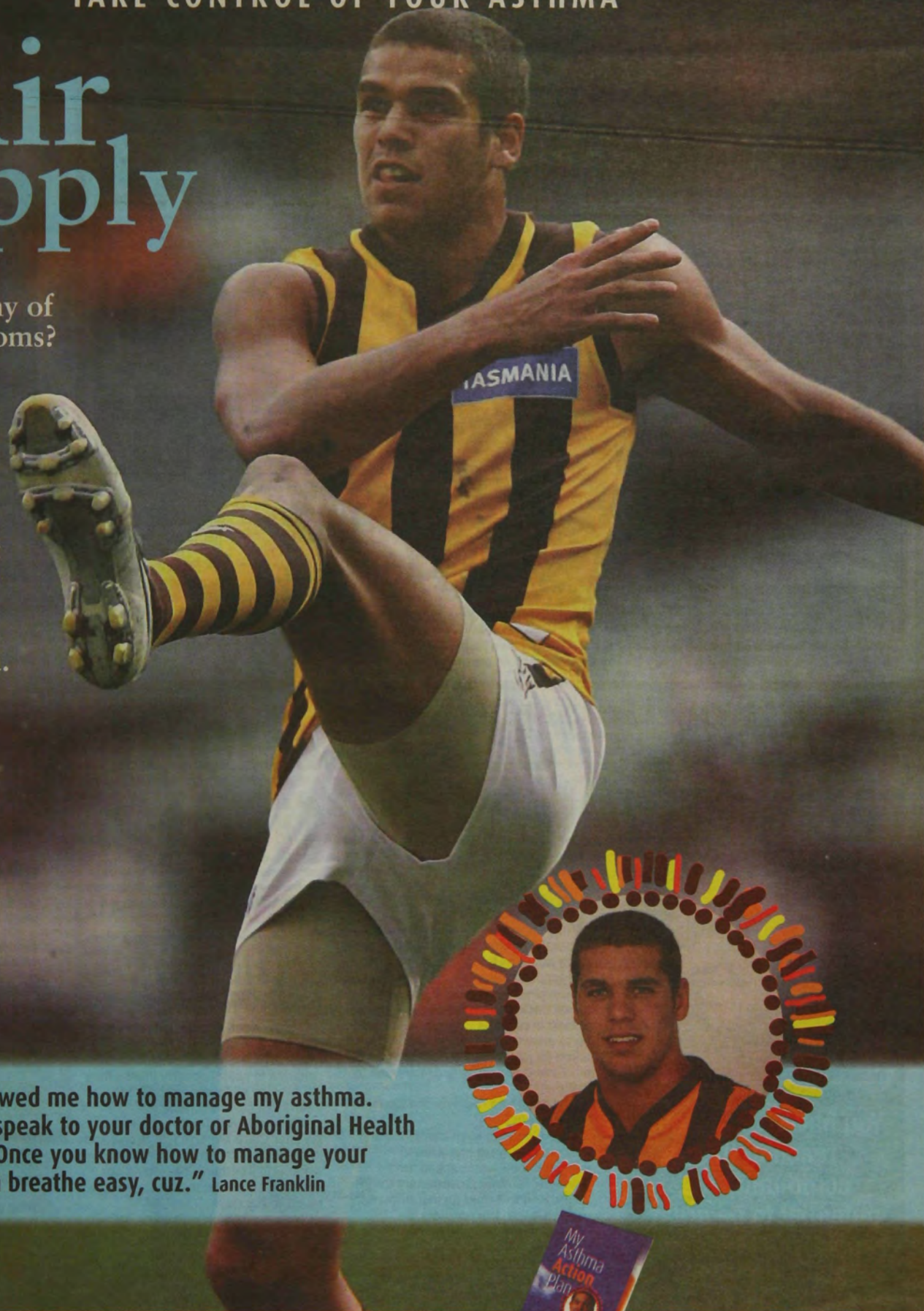
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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Looking back: Ten years after the release of the Bringing Them Home Report into the Stolen Generations, this 1999 cartoon by Danny Eastwood is as pertinent today as ever.

Quote



You have within your reach in this community the potential to be great again, the potential to live up to the achievement of your grandfathers.

— Noel Pearson, Director of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, at the signing of a welfare agreement at Hopevale

Unquote

Just who'll blink first?

When did self-determination become a dirty word? Apparently it was when the Federal Government decided it knew more about all things Indigenous than Indigenous people themselves.

Tangentyere Council's decision to knock back a motza in Federal funding to help bring Alice Springs town camps up to anywhere near the standards taken for granted by most Australians must have been a very difficult one to make.

In fact, it tortured over the decision for three days.

The Council's town camp housing associations were prepared to sublease their land back to the Northern Territory Government for 99 years. And they had no insurmountable problems with the principle of increasing rental payments or the prospect of private home ownership within the camps.

But, quite understandably, they balked at being forced to relinquish any say in their affairs to non-Indigenous governments who actually don't seem to be doing too flash a job on mainstream housing.

Now the question is just who will blink first — Tangentyere or the Federal and Northern Territory Governments?

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough's hard line has backed pretty much everyone into separate corners.



As the Koori Mail asked a few editions ago, can any Government really say it'll allow its citizens to continue in abject poverty unless they roll over on all things important to them? We sincerely hope not.

Time will tell if Territory Chief Minister Clare Martin's last ditch efforts to broker a compromise agreement will work. She'll certainly be hoping so because otherwise the whole mess will revert to her government alone.

Minister Brough's deadline for keeping the \$60 million federal offer on the table is today.

But throwing the baby out with the bathwater never works so let's hope the Feds relax their 'all or nothing' approach and decide they'd rather play nice and fair than bully.

The thing is, members of Tangentyere Council know from very personal experience how bad things are in the town camps. Many, if not all of them, live there.

But it appears they have decided that, as the saying goes, it's better to die on your feet than live on your knees. As we say, who'll blink first?

A Yarn With...



SONJA DARE

**Film-maker
Alice Springs, NT**

The Koori Mail caught up with Sonja in Sydney at the recent Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival where her film 'Destiny in Alice' premiered.

Favourite film/s?

Cinema Paradiso (set in the 1950s) and To Kill a Mockingbird (starring Gregory Peck).

Favourite bush tucker?

Goanna, especially the back legs.

Favourite other food?

Thai

Favourite drink?

Coke

Favourite music?

I like music from the 70s, especially Janis Ian, the Carpenters and Peter Allen. And I like all the one-hit wonders!

Favourite sport/leisure?

Watching lawn bowls on TV, and reading.

Favourite holiday destination?

Antarctica. I've never been there but I'd like to be on a continent with nothing on it. Greenland would be okay too. I just want to go to a cold place, I can't stand the heat.

What are you reading?

'The Poison Bible' by Barbara Kingsolver.

What do you like in life?

Watching Star Trek Voyager with my nephew Adrian, and Medium with my niece Naomi and nephew Nathan.

What don't you like?

Watching my people kill themselves. It breaks my heart.

Who would you most like to meet?

My father, who I never met. He passed away about two years ago. After that, Barbara Streisand.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?

Gough Whitlam (former Prime Minister), actor Brian Brown because the man knows how to swear on camera, and Ellen de Generes (American comedian).

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?

I would transfer the guilt that my people feel about being survivors onto non-Indigenous people because we feel so guilty about surviving.

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Racial prejudice at the selection table



Nathan Merritt scoring yet another try for Souths.



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, film-maker, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*
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Ritchie from the Sydney Daily Telegraph broke a story under the heading: *Was I snubbed over race* on 1 May from an interview with South Sydney rugby league winger Nathan Merritt.

Merritt, a popular Indigenous footballer, a scorer of 29 tries from his past 31 games, was still coming to terms with being left out of the City representative team to play Country in Coffs Harbour recently when Ritchie made his fortuitous call.

Although stopping short in his interview of accusing selectors of being racist, Merritt wanted to know whether he was overlooked because he played at Souths (a working class no-frills team) or because of his skin colour.

"I wonder whether it was more a Souths thing or a racial thing," Merritt told *The Daily Telegraph*.

"It's just a question." When asked if he believed racism was still in rugby league, Merritt said: "It could be. There aren't too many Indigenous players who get selected."

Measured

Now I would consider those comments measured, reasonable and fairly tame considering the innumerable setbacks experienced by

Indigenous players throughout their careers in one of the toughest sporting contests in the world.

Some of our mob reluctantly accept the fact that they will be regularly overlooked by selectors who favour non-Indigenous footballers with half their ability.

Perhaps the preferred footballers are related to selectors – which is not unusual in country league – or are players in teams the selectors have a bit of history with.

Lee Wharton, a non-Indigenous coach of the 2007 Toowoomba rugby league team and of Wattle Rugby League, recently resigned from all future involvement with representative

rugby league in the South-West Division over what he termed 'racial bias' shown in the selection room.

There was no ambiguity in Wharton's letter (which I have a copy of) to John Barrett, OAM, Chairman, South West Division, Queensland Rugby League, after witnessing as a selector, racial bias shown against three under 19 Indigenous players in favour of less talented non-Indigenous players during a selectors' meeting.

"I have been involved in many selections and representative processes at all levels of the game; however, never before have I experienced such bias, lack of professionalism and lack of integrity by my peers and associates," Wharton said.

"I am saddened by what I have witnessed and experienced and could never have imagined that the management of our game could have fallen to this level."

"It is for these reasons that I inform you of my intentions to withdraw from any future involvement in representative rugby league in the South West Division."

Following Wharton's official letter of resignation, the three Indigenous players in question were surprisingly given further consideration by selectors and have since been represented at that level.

But true to his form, Wharton has not returned to selecting or coaching representative teams, despite offers to coach at a higher representative level in country Queensland.

Just to give those non-league readers an idea on how good Merritt is – he scored the most tries in the National Rugby League season last year from a team that received the wooden spoon (last placed team). That feat would normally be considered impossible, but then again Nathan Merritt isn't any run-of-the-mill footballer – he's a try-scoring wizard.

Still not good enough in the eyes of the selectors.

It reminds me of a great Indigenous boxer in Brisbane in the late 1970s, Dave Sarago, who complained about not making an

international boxing team even though he beat the non-Indigenous boxer who was selected ahead of him in his division.

After much public protest, a fight night was organised in Redcliffe to prove once and for all who was the best fighter. Surprise – surprise! Sarago won the fight but still didn't get selected. The excuse offered by selectors sitting ringside that night was "...the win wasn't convincing enough and therefore we're sticking with our original selection."

How can you beat that? Souths co-owner and Hollywood A-listed actor Russell Crowe also expressed surprise that Merritt had been overlooked.

"Who is the winger who can contain Nathan Merritt? The answer is nobody in the NRL," Crowe told *The Daily Telegraph*.

"If you don't choose Nathan in your rep sides, you're not serious about the potentials of our game."

Of course, every other journalist in radio and television jumped on the story and milked the race card for all it's worth.

It's a pity they don't jump on positive Indigenous news stories – but then again they don't receive the big ticket rating numbers that overpaid executives crave.

Predictable

The predictable line and approach to all the subsequent news stories on the Merritt racial bias claim revolved around pitting famous Indigenous rugby league players; Ricky Walford, Laurie Daley, Craig Salvatori and others against Merritt and his supporters, including Anthony Mundine and Ronnie Gibbs.

Many in the Indigenous community would call those in the pro-administration camp in the Merritt case 'turncoats' and 'coconuts' – but I'm more inclined to label them as misguided as most would be indebted to the NRL or still be on the payroll as development officers or radio and TV commentators on rugby league.

These people know who they are and should take a serious look at themselves and the harm their stance is having on young Indigenous footballers who are

constantly missing out on representative teams and are looking for guidance from their sporting idols on how to remedy their predicament.

The most famous of all Indigenous rugby league players was Australian representative player and coach Arthur Beetson. I know first-hand the damage he did to my legal campaign to rid the ES 'Nigger' Brown Stand of that offending word when he supported his mate John McDonald who was Chairman of the Toowoomba Sports Ground Trust (who fought me in court) as well as Chairman of the Australian and International Rugby League Committees and Beetson's Queensland coach in the inaugural State of Origin team.

Personal experience

How do you think I felt when I woke up on the morning of 13 July 1999 to read in my local newspaper, *The Toowoomba Chronicle*:

"I just can't believe it." Mr Beetson said yesterday

"I have heard about it and I'm absolutely amazed."

"I don't know what's going on in the world. I don't have a problem with it and when I read about it, I found it quite laughable."

"But this whole thing is just stupid, that was the bloke's name."

"I can only think they have a lot of spare time on their hands."

"I think you could ask anyone with Aboriginal blood in them and they wouldn't have a problem with it."

"I've got mates with nicknames like coon and things like that and they don't worry. Soon I won't be able to call them anything."

So be warned all those Indigenous rugby league players who criticised Nathan Merritt for his courageous stance because one day you'll have to justify your public position in 2007 to your grandchildren in much the same way as I'm sure Arthur Beetson will have to do with his for comments made in 1999.

To those detractors of Nathan Merritt, I offer this advice from William James: *A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.*

"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."
– William James (1842-1910)
pioneering American psychologist and philosopher.

Journalists nationwide call up their contacts on a daily basis to see 'what's news' in their communities to seek out potential stories to fill their newspaper quotas for the week.

Sometimes, by chance during an interview, an innocuous comment by a 'high-profile' person can take an average reporter's article from Page 23 to a front page scoop.

And so it was when Dean



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Saying hi is worth a try

LAST week I was at the LKoori Mail 400th edition shindig. You know what it's like, go to any blackfella event and you run into mob you haven't seen for years. It was great to meet up with everyone. Everyone looked so fresh and so clean dressed up real flash.

A big hello to all my Lismore people!

I must admit, though, the best part was meeting handsome single blackfellas. Let me tell you about it. It was shame to turn up alone, but I was brave. I went and introduced myself to guys and they introduced themselves to me.

Conversations began slowly and politely but never got me percolating or anything.

'Hi. How are you', 'Where do you come from?' and 'So, what do



you do?' soon end in long silences. Once the alcoholic beverages start flowing I quickly get bored as the conversation steers away from the most important

subject in the whole world – me.

That's when I get bored 'cos I don't drink. You see, I also want a man to engage me in a conversation – about me.

He should pursue me and get me talking about me.

He should dazzle me with his deep questions that are all about me.

It's important to ask your lady friend questions that are all about her as it is nice to feel appreciated and listened to. As we are the most divine creatures on earth, why wouldn't you want to hear what we have to say?

Here's hoping I have better luck next time.

One thing about the fullas is that we want them also to be brave and come and speak to us first. Yes, you! Those guys who stand in a big

group right near us girls but never come over to say hi.

Didn't you get the hint when we kept on walking by? That is girl signal for 'If you stop me and say hi, I won't bite your head off'.

Next time you are at a shindig and that one you are spying keeps walking past you, stop 'em and say hi. Watch what happens.

It was so deadly to meet people who read my columns. I am glad you enjoy reading my itty-bitty column each fortnight. Thank you.

I love writing them and telling you all about loving up each other long time. So what is the next Koori event? Maybe I will see you there?

Keep an eye out for me, the big girl who keeps on walking past you – and say hi!

Senate committee recognises the value of land deals

Native Title and You



By National Native Title Tribunal President GRAEME NEATE

Indigenous groups across Australia have become involved in managing national parks and State forests under native title agreements reached with governments and other parties.

The management arrangements have been shown to work for all participants. Indigenous people benefit from the opportunity to take responsibility for their traditional land, and from training and employment opportunities. Governments and the general community benefit from the Indigenous groups' cultural knowledge.

The value of such arrangements has been recognised by a Senate committee that recently conducted an inquiry into national parks and protected areas.

The Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Standing Committee released a report, 'Conserving Australia' on 12 April, recommending that Indigenous people should have a greater role in managing national parks.

The committee found that Indigenous Australians 'have a unique relationship with Australia's land and sea', including

the conservation estate. In areas which may be subject to native title claims or rights, Indigenous people have 'a legal as well as historical role to play in the ongoing management of such land'.

"Indigenous land management practices have helped shape the modern landscape and biodiversity, and their knowledge or continuing use of such practices will be important to the ongoing protections of conservation values," the committee stated.

I welcome the committee's findings, particularly the third recommendation: "That all governments give greater priority to Indigenous knowledge and participation in park management generally, and fire management in particular."

Under the *Native Title Act 1993*, groups around the country have negotiated Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) and reached native title consent determinations that incorporate various management arrangements between Indigenous groups and governments in national parks and state forests.

In February this year the Bundjalung People of Byron Bay, in northern New South Wales, and the NSW Government signed two ILUAs that incorporate arrangements to co-manage national park areas. The agreements build on an earlier ILUA the two groups reached in 2001 that created the Arakwal National Park and provided opportunities for the

native title group to train to become rangers. A number of young people have since gone through the training process and have been employed as rangers.

The Githabul people of north-eastern NSW also finalised an ILUA with the NSW Government in February 2007 that incorporates a commitment for the parties to work together to manage and protect 10 national parks and 13 State forests within the agreement area.

Agreements to co-manage national park areas have also been reached in north Queensland, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Victoria.

Such agreements not only establish a framework for the protection of the natural environment and the harnessing of cultural knowledge, but give groups the opportunity to learn from one another and build constructive working relationships.

For a copy of the Senate committee's report go to http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/ecita_ctte/national_parks/index.htm



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

YOUR SAY



Les Ridgeway, of Bonny Hills, NSW, wants Indigenous Australians to enrol so they can have their say on who governs us. See his letter on Page 25

We will not be pushed

I would like to comment on the recent most bastard of acts which has been committed against our Indigenous people.

Not anywhere on earth today in these times in the so-called Western world has a government stooped so low and that was the signing away of basic rights and land for services in Queensland.

It's a shame to see one of their own like Noel Pearson with the likes of (Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister) Mal Brough bribing people for basic services that everyone else in Australia enjoys as basic needs.

Mal Brough has now been trying to convince other Indigenous people in the Northern Territory to sign away their land for services.

Don't listen to these cronies, don't sign anything!

This current Government sends the devil in disguise in Mal Brough who would not dare approach any Indigenous communities in the south because we can see right through him.

I'm glad we don't have people of the likes of the Noel Pearsons who label themselves so-called leaders, who have taken our people and our struggle to the very edge of the cliff now they are saying 'sign this or jump'.

Well, this is no gins' leap or Marbuck and Jedda. We will not be pushed, we will not jump. They are not my leaders, nor any other Indigenous peoples' leaders. We have never chosen them to speak on our behalf.

They could learn a lot from true freedom fighters in the likes Lyall Munro Jnr and Gary Foley, who tell it like it is.

Where I come from, we are the Gomilaroi, which means the people who say 'no!' Our opinion is our opinion and our answer is final.

Black people everywhere – don't let this Government and their jackies destroy our dignity.

Make a stand now.

KEVIN DUNCAN
Central Coast, NSW



MAL BROUGH

YOUR POETRY

Proud mum

Today is the day after 'Mother's Day', and I reckon I received the best pressie ever.

I have a daughter called Mary, 12 years old, who wrote me a poem for Mother's Day, which, to me, is totally priceless.

Mary sees the constant pain which has affected me and 'our people'.

I'd like to share her poem with as many Koori people as possible, as I believe it would help so many.

DEBBIE PECKHAM
Narrabundah, NSW

Independence

Reach for the heavens
Catch hold of a star,
Be true to yourself,
and know who you are.
Go your own way,
don't follow the crowd.
Hold your head high,
be tall and be proud.

Fight for your rights,
and believe in your dreams.
'Coz nothing in life,
is actually what it seems.
Some people tell you what's false
and what's true,
But only you know,
what's best for you.

So decide for yourself,
then stand for your choice.
Disregard the opinions
that others will voice.
Some people are smart,
and have wise things to say.
But be sure that it's your own 'heart
and mind,
that shows you the way.

MARY PECKHAM, 12

Minyerri Sundown

Sundown approaching in the
yawning town,
Weary of the rituals given by the
day'
Piled high on a beaten car are the
sisters,
A family, for their home they're
making way.

Empty rags and cotton float limply in
the wind,
Dripping the day's dirt on the sand
now wet,
The bodies from them are
somewhere inside,
Where little tired children are told to
keep quiet.

The noises of the night are taking up
a rhythm
Gentle bugs and tiny creatures
sound a hum,
All the while the birds are making
haste,
To calls of their same song will they
come.

Through this time the sky has lost its
light,
A gentle glow is all that gives shape
and form,
The corner streetlight starts an
inadequate moon,
And all life to see will be gone until
it's morn.

RACHEL DAVIDGE
Minyerri, NT

We must save the Knockout



Letter writer Les Ahoy.

In response to comments by Jim and Dean Widders (Koori Mail, 25 April), I am another proud Narwin player who has played in many NSW Knockouts.

Since the first split, I have not been attending. But my interest in the Knockout has not wavered and as such I would like to put forward my points of view.

Jim and Dean make some valid points about the Knockout, its status, the pride that it installed in both players and supporters and the social standing and importance that the Knockout once held for NSW Aboriginal people overall.

Dean spoke about the need for structural and administrative change, which I agree with strongly. From my years of involvement, I have developed my thoughts as to what I see are some crucial changes that need to happen to bring the event back to the level of importance and as one united NSW Aboriginal sporting event it once was.

First: The Knockout needs to be

administered by ONE governing body. This body could be made up of elected representatives from throughout NSW.

Nonetheless, whatever the election process, there needs to be a strong administration body put in place to provide the expertise to run such an event.

Second: The winning team should not be the host of the following year Knockout as is the current situation. This, as I see it, is the most problematic and contentious area upon which the winning team and the Knockout administration have always disagreed.

And as in 2007, this has yet again caused a split between the two groups.

The Knockout administration should put in place a process that determines where a Knockout will be held next year. For example, regular participating Knockout clubs could be invited to submit an 'expression of interest' to have a knockout held in their town.

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Lest we forget

We must save the Knockout

A lot of events provide really good memories for Australians (white ones that is), especially on certain dates and times.

Like Anzac Day today (25 April), I know is a very sad time for the children of all those fallen soldiers of the wars fought. Anzac is a special one, so many men fell to their deaths fighting for freedom.

I know it is very sad losing your people, but we've all got to expect and accept that in war. What about the Aborigines, the traditional owners of this land, who fought

for their homes, their families, our country?

Whose blood was spilt defending this country you call Australia?

How many we say died that day on the 26 January 1788 - murdered, slaughtered, men, women, children, old, young, fighting against weapons called guns. Yes, guns that could kill you dead a lot quicker than a spear could.

Think about our women and children who suffered. I think about how brave

your ancestors were against peaceful Aborigines who thought they came in peace but they came to kill instead by illegally setting foot on our soil without asking our permission first.

Sure, we are saddened by our loss. But remember too that the event you call Australia Day, to us Aborigines, is Invasion Day.

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Third: When deciding on a location, consideration must be given to the infrastructure that is an important aspect to the success or non-success of the NSW Knockout. This infrastructure must include accommodation, entertainment, sporting facilities and hospitality i.e. eateries.

Fourth: The Knockout needs to be managed as a business and not in the ad-hoc way of the past. However, in saying this, I want to acknowledge the many people who have put in enormous efforts in organising past Knockouts.

From a business sense, the Knockout has two customers - the clubs that regularly participate and their supporters. Both are equally important. Any successful business will tell you that there are some very basic rules to a successful business. These are 'Know your customer', 'Know what they want', and 'Know how to give them what they want'.

As such, the Knockout administration must take their customers' needs into consideration and provide the best possible service to encourage them to return next year, and the next and so on.

My utmost concern is that we NSW Aboriginal people, as a collective, own the NSW Knockout. If we continue along our current path, then we are seriously destroying something that belongs to us now and hopefully to future generations - so much so that some time in the future there may not be a NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

Picture this: Sitting around the campfire and telling your grandkids that we NSW Aboriginal people used to have our own NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, but not any more. And your grandkids asking 'why - what happened?'

LES AHOY
Via email

Stand together

As a young girl I remember getting ready at home for my first Knockout, and the excitement of seeing family members play and the rush of family members who would no doubt be staying at my house when a Sydney team took it out.

It's a shame to see division amongst our own people.

At events of this type, we should stand together proudly to promote and showcase what our young people can achieve on the field.

The feeling of pride in who we are and where we come from has been forgotten. The old rules of who wins it takes it home should and must continue, not just for winning teams, but the integrity of the basis of the knockout.

That's what I think.

DONNA CARR
Minto, NSW

Problem solved!

In response to Dean Widders' article and Jake Widders' letter in the last edition of The Koori Mail (Edition 399, 25 April 2007), I would propose the following:

That the organisers of the competition look at dividing the State in four regions - North (Tamworth), South (Wagga Wagga), East (Sydney) and West (Dubbo). The Knockout could then be rotated each year, regardless of who wins.

Problem solved ... let's get on with the football!

WILYAM LORD
Maitland NSW

Enrol, and have a say

In 'Minister in attack on ALP's new body policy' (Koori Mail, 9 May 2007), Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough criticised the Australian Labor Party's policy to re-establish a national representative body for Indigenous Australians.

After reading the article, I had to write to Federal Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd and give him my thoughts. Especially when I had, along with folk like Joe McGinness, George Abdulla, poet Jack Davis, writer Kenny Winder, Bob Huddleston and many others, who, with Charles Perkins, on the advice of our Aboriginal folk across Australia, helped to establish ATSIC.

Unfortunately, we had a few rotten eggs in ATSIC who sought their own needs, but they were only a few. The whole concept of ATSIC was great and it would have worked given support by government.

But bureaucrats do not want successful Aboriginal folk, they want 'yes' men and I believe we must encourage Aboriginal people to enrol now to have their say on who our new government is.

Every vote counts. Goodness knows how we Aboriginal folk need a new government.

LES RIDGEWAY
Bonny Hills, NSW



Letter writer Les Ridgeway, of Bonny Hills, near Port Macquarie, NSW, encourages Indigenous Australians to enrol now to have their say on who our next government is.

Walford's 'compliance' an insult to Aborigines

It appears that Ricky Walford's conscience is influenced by his pay packet. How else do you explain his pathetic response to the non-selection of Nathan Merritt?

He said in the Daily Telegraph (2 May 2007): "I work with the ARL and there's been no racism or prejudice. The best way to do your talking is on the field. A lot of players miss out whether they are black or white".

Yeah, well tell that to the Moree Boomerangs. They can't even get onto the bloody field because of some of your racist colleagues in the NRL, ARL and CRL. Nathan didn't call anybody a racist, but has been allowed to be demonised by the Telegraph (who else!) and the State selectors.

Walford had the opportunity to state this, but didn't. Had the opportunity to speak up for his nephew, but didn't.

Too afraid to speak out against your colleagues or employer, Ricky?

Your compliance to this mob is insulting.

R ROBERTS
Via email



Nathan Merritt in action for South Sydney.

● See Stephen Hagan's column on Page 21

All equal, under one sky

To the author of 'Time to own up to truth' (Koori Mail, 25 April): Angry anonymity is fear.

Like all beliefs/religions, your truth is yours, not that of others.

Not all 'invaders' were 'thieves, liars'. There were also those in chains, children, and under military rule. Bad people? They're all dead now. Can't heal, dispossessed. Many of them were too.

Government sins are

racism, and 'weapons of mass destruction'. Governments don't follow the people's will. Like the media, most do what the rich dictate.

You find what you look for, good or bad. It's unhealthy to buy into sick society or half-truths.

None are more valuable as human beings than others. All are equal under one sky, in one land, as custodians (not owners) of the land.

Whatever gods may be will make judgment on hearts and deeds, not skins or ancestry.

Listen to the silence. May you find understanding, balance, peace, and courage to help. Good luck, take care of yourself.

I praise Greg Taylor's poem 'Is Me' (Koori Mail, 25 April).

BLAIR
Baralaba, Qld

Denigrating our country

Recently I saw 'Curry Culture' on TVS Channel 5. NSW Governor Marie Bashir was chatting with an Indian official, stressing the importance of the many migrants who have contributed so much to making Australia the wonderful country it is today.

At the same time, the Governor had nothing to say about the Aborigines as if they didn't exist. Or, perhaps whose thoughts were, that they lacked the ability to do anything 'constructive' like the migrants have with their lives and the land.

It is a pity Marie Bashir cannot go back in time well before the illegal arrival of Europeans and all other nationalities. She

would be horrified to see the unbelievable destruction and damage to the environment that has occurred in the last 219 years leaving the country looking like a dust bowl.

Which gives every reason why our weather patterns today are so unpredictable. That thing we call 'climate change' that would in time bring with it the most disastrous effects known to mankind and the planet.

It was not the Aborigines to blame, but the social development of the modern world we call civilisation.

MARIE LINS
Blackheath, NSW

YOUR POETRY

My Bush Life

Have you ever been out there and seen
Australian Country outback?
If you never go then you'll never know
So take along you backpack.

There's rocks and stones and sticks
and bones
In the country of the Aussie
Annoying flies getting in your eyes and
Aerogard for the mozzies.

Have a barbecue or maybe two
While having a drink out there
Don't leave the scene until it's clean
Of that we're all aware.

If you see a koala in the tree
Get your camera out and ready
Be nice and quite get the camera right
Hold it nice and steady.

There's a mother roo and a joey too
A lizard laying on a mound
Ducks flying high into the sky
Rabbit burrows in the ground.

If you sit real quite you'll see a fight
Boomers fighting over a doe
Winner stays on loser is gone
Could be a friend or foe.

A fox out there in the bush somewhere
And a old man emu
He has his chicks showing them some
tricks
On survival is what they do.

A great big snake and an adder wide
awake
Porcupine crossing for his life
Maybe there's a chance he'll find a nest
of ants
Then go home to his wife.

A wise old owl and a dingo's howl
Out in the middle of the night
If you're out there you could get a scare
So make sure everyone's alright.

A mallee hen nest way out in the west
And the birds all love to sing
The birds of blue and a cockatoo
The turkey stretches his wing.

Webs been spun a job well done
She sits back and waits for a feed
A beetle flies in and she says with a grin
This is just what I need.

If you're in the city looking very pretty
Try a week or two in the scrub
You will have no power don't need a
shower
Use a dam full of yabbies for your tub.

It will do you good I know it would
So come on take a break
Show em your tuff pack all your stuff
Make a campsite near the lake.

So let's all yell there's people to tell
Our countries waiting for you
So get out there show them you care
There's a hell of a lot to do.

NIXCEE (D COOPER)
Kalgoorlie/Boulder, WA

Face of Australian

How much has our relationship
developed over the last ten years
between us and the non-Indigenous?
Is it growing with a mutual feeling and
understanding of our existence as first
people of country or the opposite?
Are we being recognised? Do we have
people with own moral code which is
part of one's survival?

We talk of reconciliation within our cities
and township
We walk to commemorate this special
day of healing
We did it to symbolise the first step
forward together
We did it for the future of our next
generation to pass on.

What is stopping us from moving
forward?
Are we being overlooked for our
colourful lifestyle?
Are we being ignored and
misunderstood?
People are looking, but not seeing
People are hearing, but not listening.

Our humble neighbours need to
acknowledge that we view the world
differently?
Our humble neighbours need to
acknowledge our spiritual connection.
Our humble neighbours need to
acknowledge we are (life within life).
We don't destroy to gain
We don't take to gain
We don't kill to gain
We don't need materialistic things to
gain.

The non-Indigenous people must learn
and acknowledge more about country
and its people to gain and develop a
better understanding
Only then the pathway to healing will be
visible.

WALLY SAUNDERS
Woorabinda, Qld

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The eighth annual National Native Title Conference, *Tides of Native Title*, will this year focus on the ebb and flow of native title law, policy and practice since the *Mabo* High Court decision 15 years ago. To be hosted by the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji people, Cairns traditional owners, from June 6-8, the conference will also look at the relationship between native title, Indigenous communities and country.

Jointly convened by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and the North Queensland Land Council, the conference will be hosted by the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji people, traditional owners of Cairns. The primary sponsor of the National Native Title Conference is the Department of Families, Community Services, and Indigenous Affairs.

Registration for the Conference will be available through Eventcorp online interactive registration or via the link on the NTRU website.

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His thinking as generous as his smile

OBITUARY

Allan Browning

21 August 1954 - 26 March 2007

Geelong One Fire Reconciliation Group shares the sorrow of the Wathaurong Aboriginal community and the wider community at the recent passing of a great man, Allan Browning.

Allan was a very special person to many people, in many ways. 'AB' was a wise and brave leader, a strong man of culture, an elder statesman, a guide and teacher of integrity, a peacemaker and healer, ally and brother, a highly civilised human being and a good bloke.

Allan was a warrior. He was also a gifted musician and dancer, talents he passed on to his son and a whole generation of Wathaurong kids.

The big fella had a special light within him. When you moved into its arc, he lit you up and left you feeling brighter about yourself, and lighter about life and this world.

His light touched many in the Geelong community and beyond.

Fine tributes in the local press from Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative, City of Greater Geelong, Borough of Queenscliff, Glastonbury Child and Family Services, Diversitat, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Victoria Police, Narana, Marine Discovery Centre, Trades Hall Council,

Corrections Victoria, Sleepy Hollow Blues Club, Barwon Coast, Barwon Youth, Barwon CASA, politicians, local reconciliation groups, colleagues, friends and family – these were the tip of the iceberg of Allan's high esteem.

I first met the man in the mid-1990s at the Bells Beach Easter surf comp. There he stood, a lone Aboriginal non-surfer – an ambassador for his culture, emanating the quiet strength of presence of a person confident in who he was and where he was from.

Our paths were to cross many times on our shared journey to that elusive R word – reconciliation. Allan came up with the name – Geelong One Fire Reconciliation Group. His welcome to country at the 'Groove 4 Reconciliation' last year was an insight into his philosophy. He said that Aboriginal people don't blame today's white generation for the wrongs of the past. But he called on us all to learn and understand the truth of the clash of our two cultures. Only then may we go forward together in mutual respect.

His thinking was as generous as his smile, his welcome to country as genuine as his demand for his country's culture to be respected.

As Wathaurong Cultural Heritage Officer, Allan earned a reputation among developers, landowners and bureaucrats as a fiercely hardline protector of Aboriginal sites. He had to be, so much has been lost. Through his courageous and determined action he raised awareness and altered the public mindset

to appreciate and value what we still have left.

Allan moved on to work in the justice system as the Wellbeing Officer for Aboriginal prisoners. He again dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the work, providing support and passing on his cultural knowledge and was the perfect role model, mentor and Uncle for Koories in the prison system.

Design work is currently under way on a vitreous enamel image of the Great Ancestral Spirit, Bunjil, in honour of the Wathaurong. It will be unveiled in National Reconciliation Week at Point Lonsdale lighthouse. This is where Allan loved to go fishing and the work will be dedicated to the memory of our local hero.

We in Geelong are fortunate to have shared his presence.

Now he's left us and returned home – to his Bundjalung country by the Tweed River.

Allan's commitment to improving life outcomes for the whole Aboriginal community and his passion for the principles of reconciliation remain unfinished business. His light now shows a way forward for us all – deep into the heart of Wathaurong country.

Allan is survived by his sons Casey and Jermaine, daughter Krystle, grandchild Annisse and partner Gwenda.

JOHN MURRAY
President, Geelong One Fire
Reconciliation Group
Geelong, Vic

Mourned by many

OBITUARY

Sydney Ronald Murray Wamba Wamba, Baraparapa, Yorta Yorta, Dhudhuroa, Wiradjeri 28 September 1920 - 1 May 2007

On Tuesday 1 May 2007, Uncle Ron Murray (Sydney Ronald Murray, b 1920) passed away peacefully, aged 86 years, in the Mildura Hospital in Nyeri Nyeri country.

Uncle Ron was born at Muymir, or Lake Boga, in Wamba Wamba country, on 28 September 1920.

He attended the Lake Boga Primary school, as did

his two brothers Stewart and Besley and many of their relatives.

Uncle Ron was 'multi-clanned' in that he had descendant rights and interests as a traditional owner in Wamba Wamba, Baraparapa, Yorta Yorta, Dhudhuroa and Wiradjeri country.

In his later years he made the effort to participate in

such major events as the first Victorian Aboriginal Elders Gathering at Darebin Arts Centre, the recovery and return of the Charlton Jaara Baby at the Museum Victoria, and the first gathering of Elders and traditional owners at the City of Melbourne.

Uncle Ron was the son of John Sydney 'Jack' Murray (1900-1971), the son of William Murray (1872-1954) the son of William Murray a Scottish man and Kate Rogers of Conargo, a Baraparapa/Wiradjeri woman.

William Murray married Lila Atkinson (1881-1919) of the Yorta Yorta, the daughter of John Atkinson (b1851) of the Yorta Yorta, who was the son of Kitty Atkinson/Cooper (1834-1885) of the Yorta

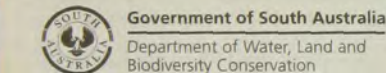
Yorta.

John Atkinson was married to Harriet Brown (b1862), a Wiradjeri woman from Bogan River, NSW, in the north-east of Wiradjeri country.

Uncle Ron's mother, Hilda Stewart (1897-1947), a Wamba Wamba/Dhudhuroa woman, was born at Mellool, NSW. She was the youngest of nine children of Baradapgourditch Robroy Stewart (1844-1940), a Wamba Wamba Man of Muymir Lake Boga, the son of Walin and Kitty of Muymir Lake Boga.

Robroy married Mary Jane Andrew (1851-1945) in 1875, a Dhudhuroa woman from

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Government of South Australia

Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation

CALL FOR VACANCY

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ARID LANDS NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

The South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board was established in December 2004 under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

A suitably skilled person is being sought to serve on the board. The person being sought to fill the vacancy will have knowledge, skills and experience in water resources management and/or Aboriginal interest in the land and water and Aboriginal heritage.

The boards have up to nine members, including a Presiding Member and are responsible for preparing and implementing a regional natural resources management plan for the region.

Board members are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for Environment and Conservation and the position is remunerated. Members should be willing to provide an average of two days per month for their service on the board. The successful applicant will be appointed for a term ending in April 2010.

Applications must be in writing on the application form provided and must include a current curriculum vitae.

The State Government's policies with regard to gender balance, cultural diversity and representation of Indigenous Australians will be adhered to in the selection process. Women are particularly encouraged to consider nominating for membership.

Nominations close at 5:00pm on Friday, 1 June 2007.

Requests for Nominee Information Packs and completed nominations should be addressed to:

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We are Ngunnawal

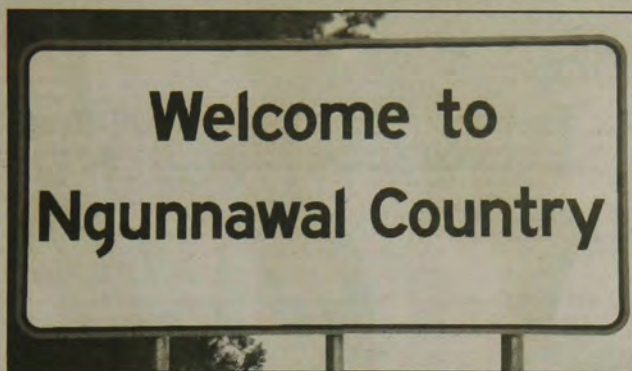
I am writing to you in regards to the article 'Ngunnawal or Ngambri' (Koori Mail, 14 February 2007).

When we read the article, it read very much like there were no other Ngunnawal descendants alive, according to Paul House and his family.

We would like to bring to your attention some facts about the Ngunnawal people who still exist down our ancestry line.

Although we do not reside within the traditional boundaries of Ngunnawal country, we are Ngunnawal descendants from Julia Welby (DOB 7/4/1840) and James Briar. Our family ancestors are as follows:

- Sulky Welby
- Julia Welby (DOB 7/4/1840) m James Briar
- Gussie Davis Spencer Briar (DOB 1878) m Lilly Meritt
- Mary Cinderella Briar (DOB 7/3/1906) m George Forrester
- Ella Josephine Forrester (DOB 19/10/1928) m. Leslie James Wood
- Our Grandmother is Mary



Cinderella Briar (deceased)

- Our Mother is Ella Josephine Forrester (deceased)

We are scattered throughout three states (NSW, Queensland and Victoria) and we feel that the Ngunnawal name should remain traditionally as it is. It should also remain as Ngunnawal, not Ngambri, on the map of Aboriginal tribes.

We would like to know how one family group could form a new cultural identity for the ACT without thoroughly researching all other descendants of that group, the Ngunnawal and without consulting

everyone concerned?

Can you please include us in any name changing decisions in the future as we think we have the right to at least know this information personally and not through a newspaper article?

Can I just add a huge thank you to Terry Kiernan, of Captains Flat, NSW, for his letter (Koori Mail, 25 April 2007) addressing the issue on the right to re-write Ngunnawal history? We totally agree with Terry.

KATHLEEN DAY
South Windsor, NSW

Uncle Ron, a great man mourned by many

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around the old Riverina area at Wodonga. Robroy and Mary Jane Stewart had nine children: Eva, Mary Polly Florence, Percy, Hughie, Fredah, Jackson, Wallace, Gracey and Uncle Ron's mother Hilda.

Sydney John, or 'Jack' Murray, was born at Cummerooogunga, in NSW, on 4 May 1900. He married Hilda Zenobia Stewart at St Mathew's Church in Lake Boga on 6 July 1920. He was the second oldest of ten children and his siblings were Harriet, Frederick, Priscilla, Lila, Mollie, Elizabeth, Ridley, Laura, and William.

Jack Murray is buried at Balranald.

Uncle Ron's siblings are Robert (d.1919), William Murray (d), Stephen Murray (d.), John Stewart Murray (d.1989) and Besley.

Bes Murray is a prominent Justice of the Peace at Balranald and a former manager of Yanga Station and well-known identity in the district.

His brother Stewart Murray, who died in 1989, was also a JP, and was awarded an OAM and very active in the Indigenous community throughout Victoria and New South Wales.

From the late 1930s to the 1970s, their older brother Ron travelled to places like Nowra,

Yallourn, and Mildura looking for contract and seasonal work. He worked for the Yallourn Power Station and stayed at his good mate's place, the late Alister Thorpe, from Gunai country.

Uncle Ron was married to Una Murray-Amatta, who passed away at Nowra in 1981. The marriage produced nine children, including six girls: Shirley, Hilda, Coral (d, Kay (d), Gail and Priscilla and three boys: Michael, William and Paul. Uncle Ron's partner in his later life was the late Aunty Betty Charles who he met in Mildura.

Our sincerest condolences to Uncle Ron's immediate and extended family. We have lost the oldest and wisest Elder and gentleman and he will be sadly missed by all.

Uncle Ron is mourned and missed by all of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and extended Murray/Stewart family.

GARY MURRAY
Chairperson Wiran
Aboriginal Corporation
Co-Chair Dhudhuroa Native
Title Group

● The funeral for Uncle Ron Murray was held on Friday, 11 May on the foreshore of Lake Boga, south of Swan Hill

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Message Sticks Film Festival



Directors Geoffrey Wright and Julie Nimmo.



Rachel Perkins from Blackfella Films and the AFC, AFC Indigenous Branch Director Sally Riley, Curator Darren Dale and AFC NIDF Project Manager Erica Glynn.



Pauline Whyman and Debbie Carmody.



The Natives are Getting Restless mob.



Rhoda Roberts in a scene from the film *A Sister's Love*.



Thurawal Award Winner, former CAAMA Executive Producer Priscilla Collins.



Aden Ridgeway with Claire and Kerry Walsh.



Mitjili Gibson as Nana (in *Nana*), directed by Warwick Thornton.



Rhonda and Stephen Hagan who made *Nigger Lovers*.



Pauline Whyman, Pauline Claque and friends.



Comedian Sean 'Jilkamu' Choolburra.

at the Sydney Opera House



The mob behind *Flour Sugar Tea*, Lee Willis (back) with Auntie Charlotte De Stage, her daughter Charlene in front with Lee's wife Naomi and daughter Gillinga Belle on the Opera House boardwalk.

Visual feast for film fans

By NANCIA GUIVARRA in Sydney



A compelling visual feast confronted enthusiastic Indigenous film-makers and film fans who attended the Message Sticks Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House from 4-6 May.

The burgeoning event kicked off with a ritzy gala opening night in the Playhouse with the Sydney premiere of *Crocodile Dreaming*, starring David Gulpilil and directed by Darlene Johnson; *Nana*, Warwick Thornton's cheeky tribute to grandmothers; and *Blood Lines*, starring Kirk Page and by Jacob Nash.

The night's formal proceedings included the presentation of prizes totalling \$17,000. The Bob Maza Award for contribution to the Indigenous film industry was presented to Sarah Bond on behalf of actor Aaron Pedersen, and the Tudawali Award was presented to former Executive Producer with the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) Priscilla Collins, from Darwin.

More than 200 people then partied past midnight at a marquee on the northern boardwalk overlooking Sydney Harbour.

This year Message Sticks was curated by Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale, of Blackfella Films, and featured the world premieres of more than 20 Indigenous films from drama to comedy, feature films, six documentaries from the



Australia Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board Director Lydia Miller.

National Indigenous Documentary Fund which will be broadcast on the ABC later this year, and 13 films from the 'A Bit of Black Business' series of five-minute shorts to air on SBS Television later this year.

New and developing Indigenous directors this year included Michelle Blanchard, Debbie Carmody, Pauline Whyman, Jon Bell, Martin Leroy Adams, Aaron Fa'aoso, Kelli Cross, Trisha

Morton-Thomas and Dena Curtis.

International guests included Miss Navajo Director Billy Luther and the Sundance Film Festival's Bird Running Water.

"The themes of this year's festival are wide-ranging and captivating," said festival co-curator Darren Dale.

"There's resistance against bigotry and prejudice; a sister's anguish over her twin's murder; a six-year-old's portrayal of her love for her grandma; a search for a girl's biological parents in urban Australia; a comical look at the lesbian metropolis of Alice Springs; and a fascinating insight into the qualities – such as the ability to slaughter sheep – required to be a Miss Navajo entrant!"

Standout films this year included *Nigger Lovers*, a tale of the fight of Stephen and Rhonda Hagan to remove the offending word from a Toowoomba Football Oval; *Songlines to the Seine*, by Walkley Award-winning journalist Julie Nimmo; *The Natives are Getting Restless*, by Director Adrian Willis, an emotive telling of the true story behind the Gordon Estate riots in Dubbo; *Flour Sugar Tea*, by Director Lee Willis, a heartfelt look at the disastrous statistics of Indigenous health in Australia and how they affected his best friend; and Ivan Sen's latest documentary film, *A Sister's Love*, about the murder of Rhoda Roberts' twin sister Lois.

To find out more about the films, see the Message Sticks Film Festival website at <http://www.sydneysydneyoperahouse.com>



Native American guests, from left, Miss Navajo Director Billy Luther, actor Natasha and Bird Running Water.



Message Sticks special guest actor David Gulpilil and Director of *Crocodile Dreaming* Darlene Johnson.



Max Stuart and Rachel Perkins.



Director of *Nana*, Warwick Thornton and Producer/Director Beck Cole.

Old, frail fear care changes



Yarrabee clients and their supporters rally in Lismore last Friday to protest possible mainstreaming of the Aboriginal home-care provider. Bertha Kapeen is in the centre, wearing a skirt and pink shirt. Julia Paden and Kath Rhodes are on the far left hand side of the group.



The possibility that a northern NSW Aboriginal home-care provider could be mainstreamed has caused a major upset amongst the service's frail and elderly Aboriginal clients.

Clients of Yarrabee Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) at Alstonville, near Lismore, say they were left without access to vital home-based aged care for up to a week recently when the administrator of Yarrabee's auspicing body sacked the service's care manager and changed the locks at the service, making it difficult for other staff to do their jobs.

The care manager's work mobile phone was cut off, leaving Yarrabee clients without the lifeline of a 24-hour call number.

Yarrabee receives Federal funding to assist about 35 clients with personal care, shopping, housework, gardening and transport to medical appointments necessary for them to remain independent and living in their own homes.

Several years ago, poor financial management saw an administrator appointed to Yarrabee's auspicing body, the Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council at Cabbage Tree Island.

In recent months, local Aboriginal people have expressed serious concerns about the cultural appropriateness of reported moves by the administrator, Barry Jameson, to have Yarrabee, its services and staff transferred to a mainstream aged-care provider based in Pottsville, about an hour from Alstonville.

However, that mainstream provider pulled out of the proposed transfer a few weeks ago, leaving the future uncertain for Yarrabee and its 14 staff, almost all them Aboriginal.

At a meeting in Lismore two weeks ago, about 50 Aboriginal and other community members called for the administrator's sacking. They also formed a committee to advise funders and other aged-care authorities what the local Aboriginal people want to happen with Yarrabee in the immediate and longer terms.

At a further meeting mid-last week, Jali's executive committee assured Yarrabee clients and their families that the service would stay in Aboriginal hands.

But the clients were still nervous and held a rally in Lismore on Friday to draw attention to their concerns.

In any event, Mr Jameson's term is due to expire this week. He declined to comment on Yarrabee's future, but a spokesman for the NSW Aboriginal Land Council told the Koori Mail that any departing land council administrator would be expected to develop an appropriate exit strategy for the host land council.

Community spokesperson Bertha Kapeen said the interruption caused by the sacking of Yarrabee's care manager had been distressing to the service's clients.

"In the minds of people not involved in this issue, a week might seem like a short time," she said. "But it's not if you are an elderly person on your own for all that time."

"Yarrabee's clients rely heavily on the

service; some are on oxygen, many are not mobile and need food and medical supplies taken to them. It's a huge concern."

And Auntie Bertha said a local Aboriginal organisation should be given an opportunity to take over the auspicing of Yarrabee.

"It is not good enough to simply pass our old people over to non-Indigenous carers who know little about Aboriginal people's culture, history and daily lives. Yarrabee's clients trust Yarrabee, especially its many Aboriginal staff," she said.

Sisters Julia Paden, 69, and Kath Rhodes, 62, of Ballina told the Koori Mail that they and other Yarrabee clients would not feel comfortable having non-Indigenous home-care staff in their homes.

"Koori people have got their own ways, and I would not feel very comfortable with non-Aboriginal workers coming into my home," said Ms Paden. She added that a regular outing for Yarrabee clients had been cancelled in recent months, leaving clients increasingly isolated.

You are invited to an evening of films commemorating the 40th of the 1967 Anniversary Referendum

Bookings are essential. This event is free.

Where: Theatre Lounge, Level 3, Tower Building Broadway Campus University of Technology, Sydney.
When: May 29 2007 **Time:** 5.00pm for 6.00pm start.
Contact: The Department of Aboriginal Affairs on 9219 0735.

Where: Campbelltown Campus University of Western Sydney, Narellan Road, Campbelltown.
When: May 31 2007 **Time:** 5.00pm for 6.00pm start.
Contact: The Department of Aboriginal Affairs on 9219 0735.

Where: Coffs Harbour Shire Council Jetty Memorial Theatre, 337 Harbour Drive Coffs Harbour.
When: May 27 2007 **Time:** 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.
Contact: The Department of Aboriginal Affairs Coffs Harbour office, 6648 5803.

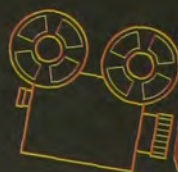
Where: The Orange Civic Theatre, corner Byng Street and Lords Place Orange.
When: May 27 2007 **Time:** 5.30pm for 6.00pm start.
Contact: The Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Wagga Wagga office, 6937 3040.

Where: The Moruya Showground, Albert Street Moruya.
When: May 25 2007 **Time:** 10.00am - 3.00pm
Contact: The Department of Aboriginal Affairs Narooma office, 4476 4955.

Where: The Peel High School, 88 Gunnedah Road, Tamworth.
When: May 30 2007 **Time:** 5.30pm for 6.00pm start.
Contact: The Department of Aboriginal Affairs Tamworth office, 6701 9031 or (02) 6701 9020.

Where: Lightning Ridge Bowling Club Lightning Ridge
When: Monday 28 2007 **Time:** 5.30pm for 6.00pm start.
Contact: The Department of Aboriginal Affairs Bourke office, 6872 1892.

Where: The University of Newcastle's Ourimbah Campus, 10 Chittaway Road Ourimbah.
When: May 30 2007 **Time:** 6.00pm for 7.00pm start.
Contact: The Gibalee Centre - Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies 4349 4504, or fax 4349 4505, or the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, 9219 0735.



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New South Wales Department of
Aboriginal Affairs

Indigenous views heard at UN forum in New York



Aboriginal representatives were among more than 1000 Indigenous representatives from throughout the world who gathered in New York during the past fortnight to engage with government representatives, senior United Nations officials and academics about lands, territories and natural resources.

The Sixth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) was due to conclude yesterday. Other issues expected to be canvassed at the forum included the draft UN Declaration of Rights for Indigenous Peoples, and Indigenous peoples' cultural and intellectual property rights.

A delegation to the Permanent Forum from Australia's Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission (HREOC) included Goldfields Land and Sea Council Executive Director Brian Wyatt.

Before his departure, Mr Wyatt said the forum presented an opportunity for Indigenous peoples' organisations such as the National Native Title Council (NNTC), which he chaired, to respond to their Government's report to the Economic and Social Council of the UN.

"Clearly enunciated rights and proper respect for them by governments is a critical first step along the road to social and economic parity for Indigenous peoples," he said.

"Having a code of rights enshrined in international law will provide critical leverage for uplifting living standards and life opportunities in general for Indigenous peoples, including Australia's Aboriginal people."

Also representing Australia was Aboriginal activist Professor Mick Dodson who was recently re-appointed to the Permanent Forum for a further three years.

Honoured

Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University, Professor Dodson said he was honoured to continue his work with the UN.

"The biggest challenge this year for the Permanent Forum and the Indigenous peoples of the world is to get the United Nations General Assembly to adopt the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," he said.

"The forum is a vital place for the Indigenous peoples of the world to connect with the UN system and use that system to assist them in overcoming the many social, economic, environmental and human rights challenges confronting their communities and families."

Permanent Forum Chairperson Victoria Tauli-Corpuz said this year's theme of 'Territories, Land and Natural Resources' went right to the heart of Indigenous peoples' efforts to gain recognition for their rights.

"With the increasing desire of states for more economic growth, senseless exploitation of Indigenous peoples' territories and resources continues unabated," she said.

Ms Tauli-Corpuz said the majority of the world's remaining natural resources – minerals, freshwater, potential energy sources and more – were found within Indigenous peoples' territories. Access to and ownership and development of these resources remained a contentious issue.

The Permanent Forum was established by the UN in 2000 to provide it with expert advice and recommendations on Indigenous issues, raise awareness within the UN system, and disseminate information on Indigenous issues.

It is comprised of 16 independent experts, functioning in their personal capacity. The Economic and Social Council appoints the members, eight of whom are nominated by governments and eight nominated directly by Indigenous organisations in their regions.

Correction

In the Koori Mail Edition 400 we published a story on page 18 titled 'Reconciliation Alive in the West' and we incorrectly named the Indigenous Co-chair as William Lefroy. William's surname is Floyd. We apologise to William Floyd and his family for any distress this may have caused.



"The forum is a vital place for the Indigenous peoples of the world to connect with the UN system and use that system to assist them in overcoming the many social, economic, environmental and human rights challenges confronting their communities and families." – Professor Mick Dodson

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Sister Theresa Morellini, Patrick Mung Mung, Betty Corrington, Nancy Nodea and Mary Thomas accept an award on behalf of the Lirrkarn Kerrem Alcohol and other Drug Intervention Program and the Warmun Local Drug Action Group from the East Kimberley.



Nyoongar Elder Bill Turner (second from right), winner of the AOD Worker of the Year award, with Sherylann Horobin and the South-west Community Drug Service Team based in Bunbury.

Workers' efforts win recognition

Story and photos by KEN BOASE



The work of alcohol and drug workers was recognised recently at the third annual Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Conference held in Perth earlier this month.

Principal Adviser of Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Drug Programs at the WA Drug and Alcohol Office Wendy Casey said the number of AODs in the State had increased dramatically over the past 12 months.

"There's been a lot of expansion in the last three years so these conferences bring the newer workers together with the old network," she said.

"There were presentations on field work to make delegates more aware of the issues around alcohol and other drug abuse, especially amphetamines which is the subject of a paper for the Australian Amphetamine Summit which will be held in July."

Ms Casey said the purpose of the awards was to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by agencies and individuals in the drug and alcohol sector.

Two programs were awarded in the 'Innovative and Culturally Secure Aboriginal Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) Program'



Nyoongar Elder and program head Sam Williams accepting an award with Jill Rundle from the WA Drug and Alcohol Office.



Nyoongar Elder Sam Williams (with Drug and Alcohol Office Manager Terry Murphy) also won the Hall of Fame Award.

category.

The first was the YAP program team from the Great Southern Community Drug Service based in Albany for 'demonstrated development of program in consultation with Aboriginal community members and Aboriginal staff, demonstrated successful Aboriginal service provision implementation including support of Aboriginal workers, and the positive impact and outcome of the

program or service to the Aboriginal community'. The YAP program provides counselling, outreach support, advocacy and group activities to parents who have drug-use problems.

The second winner for the same category was the Lirrkarn Kerrem Alcohol and other Drug Intervention Program, and the Warmun Local Drug Action Group.

The Lirrkarn Kerrem program has been

operating for seven years and provides three fortnightly residential programs a year for the Warmun and surrounding communities in the East Kimberley region.

The Partnership Award was given to the Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Services (AADS) and Cyrenian House, a partnership developed in 2006 to provide a culturally secure residential program for Aboriginal people in the Perth metropolitan area.

The award for the Aboriginal Alcohol and other Drug Worker of the Year went to Nyoongar Elder Bill Turner, the head of the South-west Community Drug Service Team (CDST) based in Bunbury.

Mr Turner started with the CDST as a volunteer worker in 1999, was later employed with the agency when funding was secured, and is actively involved in the South-west community as a mentor for Aboriginal youth and Nyoongar men in prison.

Elder Sam Williams also took out the Hall of Fame Award in recognition of 20 years of service in the drug-and-alcohol sector.

A respected Elder in the Albany region, Mr Williams is known for managing complex situations with dignity and patience, and has provided counselling to many hundreds of clients during his extensive travels around the Great Southern region.

Success story from the Kimberley



KATH RYAN

ONE of the success stories of the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Workers conference in Perth came from the drug diversion service attached to the Magistrates Court in the Kimberley region.

Indigenous Diversion Officer with the Kimberley Drug Services unit Kath Ryan gave a presentation to the conference outlining some impressive statistics involving people who have turned their lives around because of the efforts of those involved in the service.

Ms Ryan said that of 141 people accepted into the diversionary program, only about 20 re-offended and of those only

two had committed a serious offence.

Ms Ryan said that only those who had committed relatively minor offences, such as serious traffic infringements or minor criminal offences such as assault, were admitted into the program in lieu of a prison sentence.

Court order

"Some of these people go on this program for six to eight weeks and in that time they're actually given a court order that they're not to drink alcohol and by the end of the six weeks they come back and they say 'Hey, I feel really good and I've got a

job', Ms Ryan said. "In that six weeks they've had an opportunity to stay off the grog and see that there are other things out there."

There were some glowing success stories, including one man - whom she did not wish to name - who turned from his life of alcoholism to running a successful tourism business.

Ms Ryan, who travels throughout the Kimberley region with the Magistrates Court, said that she often felt frustrated witnessing the problems in communities. "There's no employment and sometimes kids are not expected to go to school," she said.

"In reality you're supposed to be going until you're 16 or whatever it is, but there's not a system out there that's making that happen and there's a lot of family violence."

"Children are growing up in a vicious circle - like they say that if you're brought up with violence then that's how your life goes."

Ms Ryan said government officials and even some community leaders were too quick to try to solve solutions with hostels for family violence victims, for example, instead of looking at the underlying issues and trying to address them. - Ken Boase



Perspectives on the 1967 Referendum



Myth of 1967

Do you have a perspective on the 1967 Referendum you would like to contribute to Reconciliation Australia's program marking this significant event?

Is there someone whose work you would like recorded in this series?

Do you have any memorabilia or photographs about the Referendum, or the people involved?

To take part in this series, please contact Claire Tedeschi, Communications Director, Reconciliation Australia PO Box 4773 Kingston ACT 2604 or via email Claire.Tedeschi@reconciliation.org.au

By BAIN ATTWOOD and ANDREW MARKUS

The authors of *The 1967 Referendum: Race, Power and the Australian Constitution*, (published in April 2007 by Aboriginal Studies Press) explain why we need to know what the Referendum did not do if we are ever to realise the vision of campaigners – a Federal program of special rights for Aboriginal people so that they can truly become Australian citizens.

Forty years ago 90.77 per cent of electors voted 'yes' in a referendum to alter two clauses in the Australian Constitution in reference to Aboriginal people. Only eight of the 44 attempts to amend the Constitution have succeeded, and the vote in 1967 was the highest ever achieved.

The 1967 Referendum is commonly represented as an event of considerable importance in Australia's history. Politicians, activists, journalists and even some historians claim that it granted Aboriginal people the rights of citizenship (such as the vote), repealed racially discriminatory laws, and transferred Aboriginal affairs from the states to the Commonwealth.

In the context of the Referendum's 40th anniversary, there has been a spate of such claims; for example, a State Premier has referred to the 'Aboriginal Right to Vote Referendum' and an Australian journalist to 'the referendum that recognised Indigenous Australians as citizens'.

Yet, a reading of the Constitution suggests the changes endorsed by the Referendum could have had none of these outcomes.

The Referendum provided for two changes.

First, repeal of Section 127 enabled the counting of Aboriginal people in the next national census, but did no more than this. The Australian Constitution, unlike the famous United States one, makes no reference to citizenship, and so there was no prospect that any such rights could be provided by changing it. Besides, there was no need for this: By the time of the

Referendum, most of the specific Federal and State laws discriminating against Aboriginal people had been repealed. For example, in 1962 those Aboriginal people still not permitted to vote in Federal elections were granted that right.

Second, amendment of Section 51 (xxvi) enabled the Commonwealth to enact 'special laws' for Aboriginal people in particular circumstances, but this did not require any federal government to use that power. Nor did it compel a federal government to assume a greater role in Aboriginal affairs, let alone take over responsibility for these from the state governments.

Furthermore, no provision of the Constitution prior to 1967 barred the Commonwealth from enacting 'general laws' affecting Aboriginal people: Federal legislation of a general nature (such as welfare provision) could apply to Aboriginal people in their

status as Australians.

There is obviously a considerable discrepancy, then, between the way the Referendum has been represented and the actual legal changes it made.

However, it is also clear that the reason for the Referendum's significance principally resides in the former, not the latter.

It was the consequence of the way in which the Referendum was represented at the time by those who fought for constitutional change, namely the leaders of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) and their allies in the churches and the labour movement.

Why was the Referendum cast in terms of both rights for Aboriginal people and control of Aboriginal affairs by the Commonwealth?

The Council's leading figures – Shirley Andrews, Gordon Bryant, Barry Christophers, Lorna Lippmann, Joe McGinness and Barrie Pittock – realised that the Constitution made no reference to these matters, yet they nevertheless persisted in representing the Referendum in these terms, for reasons that were both historical and political.

Denied rights

When calls were first made for a referendum in 1957, most Aboriginal people were denied the rights of citizenship and it was commonly believed that the Constitution did prevent the Commonwealth from assuming a greater role in Aboriginal affairs.

By 1966, FCAATSI leaders acknowledged that most Aboriginal people had been granted the political rights of citizens (such as the vote) and that the Commonwealth was playing a greater role in Aboriginal affairs, but they recognised that Aboriginal people still lacked a more meaningful form of citizenship rights, which were economic and social in nature, and they reasoned that Commonwealth control of Aboriginal affairs was the primary way to achieve this. More particularly, they held that true citizenship for Aboriginal people could only be achieved when a Commonwealth government enacted 'special laws' to advantage Aboriginal people economically and socially.

Thus, when these campaigners called on electors in the Referendum to 'vote yes for Aboriginal rights', they did not assume that



Aboriginal activist Bill Onus preparing for a march in Melbourne on 26 May 1967, the last day of campaigning for the Referendum.

constitutional change itself would bestow meaningful citizenship rights on Aboriginal people, but rather that a massive endorsement of the Referendum proposal would require the Commonwealth Government to enact reforms which would eventually achieve this goal.

In other words, they primarily represented a 'yes' vote in the Referendum in terms of Aboriginal rights and Commonwealth control not in order to suggest that it actually or immediately comprised these changes but instead to create the means by which a real sense of citizenship for Aboriginal people could be achieved over time.

Disappeared

In recent years, this vital distinction, which was blurred in the campaigning at the time, has disappeared from sight. Instead, a popular cultural myth has grown up which has simplified a complex reality by asserting that the endorsement of the Referendum proposals in 1967 in and of itself brought about citizenship rights for Aboriginal peoples and Commonwealth responsibility for Aboriginal affairs and that it did so straight away.

Frequent misrepresentation of the Referendum in these terms

has made it very difficult, if not impossible, for most Australians to grasp what was at stake in the Referendum and what it did and, more importantly, did not achieve.

Instead, this myth has allowed many Australians to assume that the Referendum was a moment in history when the wrongs of a bad old racist past were put right and left behind by the white settler nation.

Serious problem

This is a serious problem. The changes resulting from the Referendum were much more limited than is generally recognised.

Certainly, they barely warrant the amount of celebration they usually occasion. The struggle to redress the disadvantage of Aboriginal people remains as necessary today as it was then.

Those most responsible for the Referendum hoped that the Federal Governments would implement wholeheartedly a program of special rights for Aboriginal people so that they could truly become Australian citizens.

This was the spirited promise of the Referendum. To the present, no Australian government has ever properly realised it.

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FOR
ABORIGINAL
RIGHTS**

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The 1967 Referendum campaign poster of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.



*"Vibrant communities ...
healthy landscapes"*

Native Fibre Workshop

Would you like to know more about native fibres and the practice of weaving?

The Central West Catchment Management Authority is holding a community workshop where you can learn more about:

- Native fibres used in weaving
- How to begin a weaved article
- How the Central West CMA can help you to manage our natural resources

When: 9.30am - 2pm
Thursday 31st May, 2007

Where: Uniting Church Hall, 105 Arthur Street, Wellington

RSVP: Central West CMA on 6840 7800 by Friday 25th May, 2007

The workshop is free and is limited to 40 people. Aboriginal people and land managers are encouraged to attend.

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Forum focus on language



Making the best use of information communication technology to assist in keeping the 250-plus endangered languages alive in Australia was the focus of a national forum in Newcastle, in the NSW Hunter region.

Held last month at the Newcastle Regional Museum, the Puliima National Indigenous Languages Information Communication Technology Forum was funded by the Department of Communication Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA), and co-ordinated by the Arwarbukarl Cultural Resource Association (ACRA) based in t Newcastle.

It ran on 24-26 April. Microsoft Australia was a major sponsor. Others included Telstra and the Newcastle Regional Museum.

The forum was the first of its kind to present information on a range of technologies from the more complex programs, to the very simple equipment many people own but don't ever quite master in the field of Aboriginal Language reclamation and revitalisation.

Relevance

All States and Territories were represented by Aboriginal community people. The focus was on working together in a community-friendly atmosphere, and all presentations and displays had relevance for Australia's native Indigenous language programs.

Arwarbukarl CRA Manager Daryn McKenny has a passionate interest in language revival and in helping to support Aboriginal people to develop computer skills.

"This is the first opportunity that we have where the world's oldest culture and languages can come together with the world's newest culture - technology - just like the theme of our forum says 'Modern Ways for Ancient Words'," he said.

"This was a chance to get some hands-on experience with appropriate equipment and to look over new technology as well."

"We all know that our languages are disappearing faster than any other Indigenous nation in the world and we need to come together as one to see and discuss how information technology can help stop our languages from being lost. Time is of the essence and IT must be used to play its part."

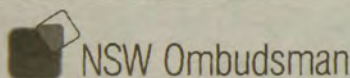
In the long term, it is envisaged that the forum will have a role in inspiring the development or adaptation of computer resources to continue to benefit Aboriginal communities, not only in language reclamation, education and health but across the range of issues affecting community well-being.



Cassie Nancarrow and Melissa Holden at the forum.



● ABOVE: Ethel Munn and Sonya Marting.
● RIGHT: Joy Bonner.



Could You Be An Official Community Visitor?

What do Official Community Visitors do?

Visitors are appointed under the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews & Monitoring) Act 1993 to visit government and non-government accommodation services in NSW that are provided, funded or licensed by the Minister for Disability and/or Community Services. Visitor's protect/promote the interests of people in care, seek to resolve residents' issues locally and advise the Ministers and Ombudsman about residents' needs and the quality of their care. Visiting hours are variable and part-time (15-40 hours per month) and include evening and weekend work.

What skills do Visitors need?

Visitors must demonstrate:

- ability to identify and understand the rights and needs of people living in residential services
- commitment to the welfare, interests and rights of residents
- high level skills in advocacy and complaints resolution
- ability to communicate with residents, including children and young people and/or people with developmental disabilities.

Preference will be given to people who have:

- Aboriginal or CALD background
- understanding of accountability and reporting mechanisms
- ability to travel
- knowledge about the needs of people with disabilities and/or children in care

Current employees of the Departments of Community Services or Ageing, Disability and Home Care are ineligible for appointment. Employees of non-government accommodation service providers must consider how they would manage any potential conflict of interests, prior to applying.

Where are Visitors needed?

- To people with a disability living in residential care: in Lismore/Tweed, Hunter/Central Coast, Illawarra/Nowra, Dubbo, Parkes, Blue Mountains, Northern Beaches, North Western Sydney.
- To children living in out of home care in Lismore, Grafton, Hunter/Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Dubbo, Orange, Northern Beaches, Northern/Western Sydney.
- To Licensed Boarding House residents in Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Hunter/Central Coast.

Applicants should demonstrate skills and experience in respect of all the target groups they are interested in visiting.

Probity checks will be done on recommended applicants. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for persons convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions.

Remuneration: \$25.88 per hour, plus expenses

Initial term: Up to three years

Information packages: www.ombo.nsw.gov.au, or David Henderson dhenderson@ombo.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9286 0921 or toll free on 1800 451 524

Information sessions: Information sessions about the role of Visitors will be held in various areas. For details go to www.ombo.nsw.gov.au or contact David Henderson on dhenderson@ombo.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9286 0921.

Applications in writing to: Justin Lee, Team Leader, Official Community Visitor Team, NSW Ombudsman, Level 24, 580 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Closing dates:
Western NSW and Sydney: Monday, 25 June 2007
Hunter and Northern NSW: Monday, 9 July 2007
Illawarra: Monday, 23 July 2007

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NAIDOC poster free to public



Interested in having a 2007 NAIDOC Poster to hang on your wall? This year's stunning poster,

featuring artwork by 22-year-old Aboriginal graphic designer Tyeli Hannah, is free to the public and can be ordered online at www.naidoc.org.au or from Indigenous Co-ordination Centres (ICCs).

Tyeli is originally from Ballarat, but now lives in Sydney where he works for Vibe Australia.

Of his artwork 'The Path We Lead', he says: "As Indigenous

Australians, we are travelling along a path. This path is a long and ancient one which has served us well. Along this path, we have hit hard time, often leaving us heartbroken.

"While we are torn and weathered, we still have a bright future. We look forward to equality in education, health, employment and standard of living. The path won't be easy but we will get there."

This year's national NAIDOC theme of '50 Years: Looking Forward, Looking Back' celebrates 50 years of National NAIDOC Week, to be held this year from 8-15 July.

Celebrate families, says pair



Two influential Aboriginal women were among the official 'ambassadors' for National Families Week 2007,

Australia's main celebration of the importance of families, held last week (13-19 May).

2007 Young Australian of the Year Tania Major and the head of the

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Muriel Bamblett were enlisted to help to spread the word to Indigenous communities about the week's theme 'FITT Families - Families Investing in Time Together'.

The theme was designed to encourage everyone to take time to celebrate the vital role of families and to do things that would improve the all-round physical and emotional well-being of their family unit.

"For us, time is about relationships - not the clock. Taking time together is the Indigenous way," Ms Bamblett said.

"Our families are sacred settings where culture is shared and relationships nurtured.

"I'm pleased to be involved in National Families Week, as families are critical circles of care which enhance the humanity of all."

Ms Major, too, was happy to be involved.

"Family life is fundamental to

individual and community development," she said. "It provides a platform for academic, emotional and physical development."

The 22-year-old youth development project officer with the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership has had a meteoric rise to prominence under the mentorship of Cape York mover and shaker and Institute Director Noel Pearson.

Each year, National Families Week celebrates and highlights the critical role of families in Australian society. Hundreds of community groups, businesses and government departments hold related local events around the country.

Families Australia Chief Executive Officer Brian Babington said the slogan 'FITT Families - Families Investing in Time Together' reflected the importance of making an investment in family time and remembering that the family unit itself, as well as its members, need special tending if it is to be strong.

"Families are stronger if they share time together, doing things that strengthen family life," he said.

"Good communication and listening skills are crucial to strong families. Families are stronger if they share time together, enjoy common interests and find ways to accommodate differences."



TANIA MAJOR



MURIEL BAMBLETT

Department of Human Services

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Child Support Agency

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

Australian Hearing

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Health Services Australia

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



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Koori Mail 400th Edition Celebration



Emma Donovan performs during the celebration in Lismore.



Mick Bayles and Suzanne Thompson were there.



One of the Bundjalung dancers who performed at the dinner.



Digby Moran and Kerry Kelly.



From left, SBS TV Living Black's Chris Flanders and Karla Grant with Koori Mail Editor Kirstie Parker and National Indigenous TV's Krystal Perkins.



All the way from Bourke ... standing, from left, Ivy Ferguson, Robyn Martin, Leanne Orcher, Lyn Lackay and Ivan Lackay. Seated, from left, Charlie Ord, Sharna Sheather and Lyn Orcher.



Standing, from left, Leonie Quinnell, Martin Mean, Carol Duke, Tony Martin. Seated, from left, Cheryl McGregor, Adam McGregor, Janice Cutmore and Donna Taylor.



Standing, from left, Trevor Kapeen, Warren Mundine and Kirstie Parker. Seated, from left, David Hancock, Jo Kapeen and Ginnette Kenney.



From left, Michelle Markovic, Francis Bowie, Sean Choolburra and Margaret Lui.



Members of the Middleton family and friends.



Thumbs up for the Koori Mail celebration ... from left, Alice Lui, Eddie Nona and Emma Donovan.

Now for the next 400!



The special 400th edition cake to mark our milestone.



Standing, from left, Nirvan Glassey, Krystal Perkins and Patrick Malone. Seated, from left, Tim Leha, Robyn Ferguson and Norma Ingram.



Standing, from left, Hannel Duncan and Koori Mail Chairman Russell Kapeen. Seated, Janice Kapeen and Vanessa Kapeen.

By SOLUA MIDDLETON
Photos: CHRISTINE HOWES

THE milestones just keep rolling for the Koori Mail. On Saturday 12 May, more than 450 people joined our staff and directors at a gala dinner in Lismore, northern NSW, to celebrate the publication of our 400th edition on 9 May. And today is our official 16th birthday, our inaugural edition having been published on 23 May 1991.

The gala dinner, held in Bundjalung country at the Lismore Workers Club, featured a jam-packed six-hour program MCed by comedian Sean Choolburra.

Koori Mail Director Pam Roberts gave an official welcome to Bundjalung country to guests including visitors from as far away as Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

Honour

"It is an honour for all Bundjalung people to know that they have a direct interest in a newspaper so highly regarded by all their brothers and sisters around Australia," Aunty Pam said.

Fellow Director Trevor Kapeen reminisced about earlier days, including back around 1997 when the Koori Mail averaged about 32 pages an edition.

"Today, we're printing 80-plus," he said. "Back then we had a relatively small circulation. Today we have 90,000 readers guaranteed each edition and that figure is growing. A decade ago we were little more than a NSW paper, today we're truly a

national publication."

Director of the renowned Dreaming Festival Rhoda Roberts has a special connection with the newspaper. Her dad, the late Pastor Frank Roberts, was on the Koori Mail's first advisory board, along with the late Uncle Charles Harris, and Uncle Charles Moran who was at the dinner.

Rhoda spoke of the important role of the Koori Mail, including giving Indigenous journalists an outlet and showcase for their talents.

Sean Choolburra had the audience in fits of laughter with his comedy and breakdance routines. Aboriginal band Foot Fulla Bindies drew an instant crowd on the dance floor, while Emma Donovan and her band took the audience on a mellow musical ride. Other entertainment included the Bundjalung Dance Troupe and Eddie Nona and his Torres Strait Islander dance group.

SBS TV's Living Black program and representatives from National Indigenous TV also attended the dinner, recording interviews with guests and Koori Mail staff.

Established in 1991, the Koori Mail is owned by five small organisations representing several thousand local Bundjalung Aboriginal people on the NSW far north coast. They are the Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore), Kurachee Co-operative (Coraki), Buyinbin Co-operative (Casino), Nungera Co-operative (Maclean) and Bunjum Co-operative (Cabbage Tree Island).

● More pictures next page



Special guest Rhoda Roberts with her brother Mark.



Bundjalung women Bertha Kapeen and Nancy Walke.



Trevor and Mereki Knox.

Koori Mail 400th Edition Celebration



Rebecca Williams and Tammy Sines.



Natajsia and Eileen Lopic.



Wendy King and Linda West.



Maxine Osgood and Ross Knox.



TJ Simpson and Ivy Colly-Dolly.



From left, Richard Sporne, Melissa Hamilton, Vernon Hamilton and Ms Koori Love.



From left, Richard Close, Tiani Browning, Karen Bradshaw, Elly Bradshaw and Dorothy Roberts.



Celebration organisers, from left, Theresa Dalton, Naomi Moran and Solua Middleton.



Standing, from left, Liz Dargin and Patti McGurgan; and sitting Graham Skinner and Naomi Brugman.



From left, Deborah Cook, Nita Roberts, Amanda Roberts, Carol Roberts, Mary Lavis and Bernadette Coorey.



From left, Chicka Madden, Graham Merritt and Ricky Lyons.



From left, Graham Sten, Ros Sten, Wayne King, Lyn Weston, Karen Dalton, Theresa Dalton, Kathy Walker and Jack Dickie.



Eddie Nona and his Torres Strait Islander dancers performed.



From left, Marie Kapeen, Laurie Mercy, Muriel Mercy, Lenore Parker and Beatrice Heron.



From left, Tiga Bayles, Yumakani Bayles and Laina Bayles.



The Mallidj Koolyir women's dance group performing during the conference in Perth.

Women gather to seek healing

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



The urgent provision of special trauma counselling was one of the main recommendations from the

first statewide gathering in Western Australia of Indigenous women, held in Perth on 9-10 May to table issues of common concern.

More than 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women attended the 'Strong Women Strong Children Strong Future' conference, with the three main themes being Safety and Protection, Leadership, and Economic Independence.

WA Department of Indigenous Affairs adviser on women's issues Mary Cowley, one of the conference organisers, said the major issue of common concern was the need to overcome trauma in their lives and the lives of their families.

"We're talking about inter-generational transfer of trauma, and we need to make sure that that trauma is dealt with," she said.

"If we're not healed ourselves, if we're not coping with some of the trauma that we've experienced over the years, then it's going to be difficult for us to deal



Wongatha Elder Dr Joan Winch, renowned for her work in the WA health sector, talking to the delegates about leadership issues.

with our children's trauma. "We need to heal ourselves and we need to work with our children and we

also need to make sure that our children are seen, heard and loved."

Ms Cowley said that the

women also spoke about the need to work in partnership with their men, and to move forward with their men as part of an overall healing program.

"They were not marginalising their men. What they were saying was that we have to heal ourselves then we need to work with our men to try and deal with the issues," she said.

"They also identified and recognised that there really needs to be a forum whereby men can bring their issues to the table."

Ms Cowley said that child abuse and family violence was the key discussion point at the conference, but importantly the issue was linked to leadership and economic issues.

"Economic sustainability and people starting to take leadership roles was also discussed but when they talked about leadership roles within their communities they also talked about localisation of leadership programs so that it took in the cultural environment of their community," she said.

Delegates vowed to return to their communities to discuss the issues raised at the conference with a view to making recommendations to the WA Government, particularly around the need for trauma counselling services.

'We're talking about inter-generational transfer of trauma, and if we're not healed ourselves then it's going to be difficult for us to deal with our children's trauma'

— WA Department of Indigenous Affairs Adviser Mary Cowley



ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

TEC Archaeology are seeking to identify Aboriginal Blacktown area, Aboriginal heritage assessments in the

Please register interest in writing to: Oliver Brown, 37 Irawong Rd, North Narrabeen, NSW 2101. Telephone: (02) 9913 1432 Fax: 9913 1434. Must include contact details and indication of cultural connection to the area.

Registration closes: Mon 4th June.

Congratulations

Koori Mail

ANTaR congratulates The Koori Mail on more than 400 editions of vital interest to Indigenous Australians and Australians interested in Indigenous affairs.

A great achievement!

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Government of South Australia
Department of Water, Land and
Biodiversity Conservation

CALL FOR VACANCY

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Natural Resources Management Council has been established in South Australia under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

A casual vacancy has occurred and a suitably skilled person is being sought to serve on the Council.

The Council has up to nine members, including a Presiding Member and is responsible for the provision of advice to the Minister for Environment and Conservation on the management of the State's natural resources. Collectively, these nine people must have a range of knowledge, skills and practical experience across the following areas:

- primary production or pastoral land management;**
- soil conservation and land management;**
- conservation and biodiversity management;**
- water resources management;**
- business administration;**
- Local Government or Local Government administration;**
- urban and regional planning;**
- Aboriginal interest in the land and water, as well as Aboriginal heritage;**
- coast, estuarine and marine management;**
- fisheries or aquaculture;**
- pest animal and plant control; and**
- natural and social science.**

Council members are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for Environment and Conservation and the position is remunerated. Members should be willing to provide a minimum of two days per month for their service on the Council. The successful applicant will be appointed for a term which ends in April 2010.

Applications must be in writing on the application form provided and must include a current curriculum vitae.

The State Government's policies with regard to gender balance, cultural diversity and representation of Indigenous Australians will be adhered to in the selection process. Women are particularly encouraged to consider nominating for membership.

Nominations close at 5:00pm on Friday, 8 June 2007.

Requests for Nominee Information Packs and completed nominations should be addressed to:

Ms Alison McInerney
NRM Support Division
Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity
Conservation
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ADELAIDE SA 5001
Telephone: (08) 8463 6877
Email: mcinerney.alison@saugov.sa.gov.au

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What cost workplace diversity?

Can we afford to accept and encourage diversity in the workplace? cultural diversity, and whether it contributes to or detracts from the workplace will be the subject of a forum in Alice Springs during July.

Keynote presenters at the 3rd National Cultural Collaborations Forum in Alice Springs on 9-10 July will include National Indigenous TV chief

Pat Turner, the manager of the NT Australian operations. Beth Mildred, and New Zealand Maori education professor Russell Bishop.

The annual forum was initiated by the Director of Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Dr Jeannie Herbert.

The Forum Program is available at www.culturalcollaborations.net.au



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry

Pathways to Rural Leadership Course

Canberra, August 2007

Applications are now open for the second Pathways to Rural Leadership Course—an exciting new opportunity for young people aged 18-35 currently working in agricultural, fisheries, forestry or related industries.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is seeking motivated young men and women who are eager to take on greater representational and professional responsibilities within their industry.

The Pathways to Rural Leadership Course is a leadership development course for Australia's best and brightest and builds on the reputation of the Young Rural Leaders Course.

Up to 20 talented young people from across Australia will be selected to participate in the Pathways to Rural Leadership Course in Canberra in August 2007.

For further information and to apply visit www.yarn.gov.au, email industrypartnerships@daff.gov.au or call 02 6271 6633.

Applications close 5.00pm AEST on Wednesday 20 June 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY



Australian Government Water Fund
Community Water Grants

Call for applications Round 3

Communities across Australia are saving water and helping their local environment by working in partnership with the Australian Government.

Why not find out what your community can do?

Community Water Grants is now accepting applications for on-the-ground projects that deliver real water savings or water quality improvements.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to agricultural, conservation and other community groups, Indigenous organisations, sporting clubs, schools, local governments and the private sector. Under special eligibility criteria, grants of between \$100,000 and \$250,000 are also available.

More than 3,000 projects are already under way around Australia. As part of the \$2 billion Australian Government Water Fund, Community Water Grants is providing \$200 million over five years for projects that save, reuse or improve the health of our water resources.

Registrations close 5pm EST 22 June 2007
Applications close 11am EST 4 July 2007

For an application form and details of current projects visit www.australia.gov.au/communitywatergrants or phone 1800 780 730.

Want to find out more?

Information sessions are being held around the country. To find a session near you visit www.australia.gov.au/communitywatergrants. If you do not have internet access, phone 1800 780 730.



At the Blacktown presentation of the first Leeko Supporter Award are, from left, Anna Harmat, Auntie Mavis Halvorson, awardee Franjo Harmat and Uncle Terry Donovan.

Medal honours non-Indigenous supporters of Aboriginal people



History was in the making at the first of a series of 12 planned medal presentations to non-Indigenous supporters of the Darug, Dhungutti and Gumbayngirr people in western Sydney earlier this month.

The first Leeko Supporter Award was presented to publisher Franjo Harmat in Blacktown recently. Mr Harmat was recognised for his support for Aboriginal art and culture through his Croatian-language newspaper 'Nova Hrvatska'.

The idea for the medal came from Dhungutti artist Leo Leeko Wright who opened the Blacktown (western Sydney) area's first self-funded Aboriginal art shop with little encouragement or local support other than from Mr Harmat's newspaper.

Darug Elder Auntie Mavis Halvorson and Gumbayngirr man Uncle Terry Donovan were chosen to present the award to Mr Harmat. The award committee plans to have a large formal dinner for recipients at the end of the year.

Land link to good health



Indigenous people who care for their environment lead healthier, happier lives, a new study has found.

Initiated by traditional owners from western and central Arnhem Land, the research assessed the health outcomes of Indigenous people compared with their involvement in natural and cultural resource management.

Researchers from Charles Darwin University (CDU), the Northern Land Council and the Menzies School of Health Research explored Aboriginal 'caring for country' practices.

They also investigated the close connections between Indigenous people, their ancestral lands and the impacts this had on the health of landscapes as well as the physical health and well-being of populations.

CDU's Stephen Garnett, the principal investigator of the Healthy Country, Healthy People study, said the expansion of natural and cultural resource management activities in remote communities would deliver a healthier environment and better health.

"We think these results justify investment by government in

natural and cultural resource management," Dr Garnett said.

"The authors of the study conclude that the expansion of natural and cultural resource management activities in remote Indigenous communities would deliver a healthier environment, sustainable economic development opportunities and also has the potential to deliver significant economic savings in health care expenditure."

Last month, a World Health Organisation (WHO) report found the health of Aboriginal people lags one century behind other Australians.

Indicator

The paper, to be presented in Geneva during June, rated life expectancy as the strongest indicator of poor health, with Aborigines almost 20 years behind other Australians.

There was also greater levels of ill health, which led to higher levels of disability, lower quality of life and high rates of dangerous behaviour such as smoking and substance abuse, the report found.

Dr Garnett said a nationwide push to centralise populations and services had forced many Aboriginal people off their traditional homelands and led to

the creation of remote area townships.

"This has had a negative effect on the health of both the landscapes and the people," he said.

"Indigenous people living in remote townships suffer from a burden of illness associated with inactivity, malnutrition, social dysfunction, and other social disadvantages."

The study found Aboriginal people who stayed on their homelands and continued to take part in traditional land and sea management led healthier lifestyles.

Subsequently, they had lower rates of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

"In addition, participants in natural and cultural resource management practices report a more nutritious diet and a greater degree of physical activity," Dr Garnett said.

"This is a positive study in Indigenous health that is a response to Indigenous requests to investigate what works."

The project was funded by Land and Water Australia, the Northern Territory Government, the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and Pfizer. - AAP

Cairns to host native title gathering



The ebb and flow of native title law, policy and practice since the Mabo High Court decision 15 years ago will be the focus of the eighth annual National Native Title

Conference 'Tides of Native Title' in Cairns early next month.

To be hosted by the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji people, Cairns' traditional owners, from 6-8 June, the conference will also look at the relationship between native title, Indigenous communities and country.

Director of the Native Title Research Unit at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Dr Lisa Strelein said the conference was the primary Indigenous land conference in Australia each year, attracting more than 500 delegates.

"The conference has grown each year into a significant event, critical to informing the direction of the native title debates," she said. "This year, we will include sessions focused on Indigenous



The Blue Mud Bay Dancers perform during the 2006 National Native Title Conference held in Darwin. This year's conference, titled 'Tides of Native Title', will be held in Cairns from 6-8 June.

knowledge systems and natural resource management on native title land.

"We'll also have a trade fair and cultural program running concurrently with the

conference sessions, highlighting the cultural and artistic expressions of the local community and showcasing the variety of stakeholders working with Indigenous

peoples in native title, land management and economic and community development."

Jointly convened by AIATSIS and the North Queensland Land Council, the conference will be held at the Cairns Convention Centre.

Themes of this year's conference include:

- 15 years of native title: Commemorating the Mabo decision
- Indigenous sustainable communities and self-reliance
- Sustainable land and water management on native title lands
- Cultural, economic and community development through native title
- Current native title policy and practice
- Native title reforms and future directions.

For further details about the conference or how to register visit www.ntru.aiatsis.gov.au/conf2007/conference2007.html, phone (02) 6246 1161, or email: ntruconf@aiatsis.gov.au



Participants at the Department of Fair Trading Aboriginal staff planning day at Coffs Harbour, rear, from left; Scott Fox (Dubbo), Adrian Harrington (Lismore), Brad Anderson (Wollongong); Garry Ferguson (Grafton), Neil Whittaker (Fair Trading Information Centre), Des Smith (Wagga Wagga); Noni Ross (Parramatta), Raeleen Bell (Orange), Lisa Murphy (Hurstville), Brett Cunningham (Newcastle), Jake Chatfield (Port Macquarie); Jill Jessop (Newcastle) Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney, and Kristy Narkle (Wollongong).

Minister in meeting with Aboriginal staff



NSW Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney met with

Aboriginal staff from her department recently at their annual planning day at Coffs Harbour to review the delivery of services to the Aboriginal community.

Ms Burney said the Office of Fair Trading had acknowledged that the needs of Aboriginal communities were unique

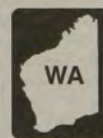
when it came to communication and service delivery and had developed a widely recognised and praised consumer awareness and protection strategy.

"NSW Fair Trading has a very successful employment program that supports and mentors their Aboriginal staff," the Minister said.

"There are 14 Aboriginal staff throughout NSW who work tirelessly with

communities and organisations to inform them of their consumer and tenancy rights and responsibilities in a way that is culturally specific and relevant.

"These Aboriginal staff place an emphasis on face-to-face service delivery by taking services into communities as well as improving awareness of Aboriginal issues with other staff in the department."



The West Australian and Federal governments have announced funding of more than \$112 million for a range of initiatives aimed at improving the

living conditions of Indigenous people in that State.

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough announced the joint funding package in Halls Creek.

Mrs Roberts said the initiatives would be aimed at improving housing, health, training and employment outcomes for Indigenous West Australians. "This includes \$51.41 million for new housing, employment and training facilities and associated accommodation to be funded by the Federal Government to support the substantial investments already made by the WA Government," she said.

"The State is providing \$60.85 million of capital and recurrent funding over four years, which includes \$36.6 million already announced for intervention strategies in Halls Creek and \$6 million for the new school at Wiluna.

"The package builds on the \$75 million allocated by the State Government in response to the Gordon Inquiry, which included the establishment of multifunction police facilities in communities such as Balgo, Kalumburu and Bidiyadanga."

Mrs Roberts said the State and Federal funding would address:

- New land tenure options to facilitate individual home ownership
- Upgrades to community

infrastructure and housing to address overcrowding in priority communities

- Help provide essential services to remote communities.

Mr Brough said the package aimed to improve the management of community infrastructure as well as provide social and economic benefits for individual residents by offering a choice to own an interest in land and their own home in selected Indigenous communities.

"The land reforms that underpin the Federal Government's strategy will include a number of options tailored to the particular circumstances and opportunities at each community," he said.

"The additional investment from the Australian Government will support new ways of delivering Indigenous housing using a mainstream public housing model and home ownership in communities to be identified by both governments.

"This is not a one-size-fits-all approach, but one that will require the agreement of both governments, the Indigenous communities involved, native title interests and local governments."

The WA Government, through the Department of Housing and Works, will manage housing in the communities targeted by the package by applying mainstream public housing standards.

Both Ministers said this was another example of the State and Federal governments working closely in a constructive and co-operative way to improve the circumstances of Indigenous people, particularly those in remote areas.

Geographical Names Act, 1966

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of the Geographical Names Act, 1966, the Geographical Names Board proposes to assign the name:

"*Didthul*" as an Indigenous dual name for a mountain situated in the Morton National Park west of Ulladulla which is already named and known as "Pigeon House". Both names will be entered into the Geographical Names Register as dual names and neither name will have precedence over the other.

The position and the extent for this feature is recorded and shown within the Geographical Names Register of New South Wales. This information can be accessed through the Board's Web Site at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au

Any person wishing to make comment upon this proposal may within one (1) month of the date of this notice, write to the Secretary of the Board with that comment. GNB 5133.

WARWICK WATKINS
Chairman
Geographical Names Board
Panorama Avenue
BATHURST NSW 2795

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Review of the Mineral Resources Act and the Fossicking Act

The Department of Mines and Energy (DME) is seeking your feedback in its review of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and the *Fossicking Act 1994*.

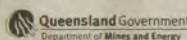
A discussion paper has been prepared to guide your feedback. A copy is available at www.dme.qld.gov.au or from regional offices. By responding you will be assisting to improve policy and regulations for miners.

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Department of Water, Land and
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CALL FOR VACANCY NORTHERN AND YORKE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board was established in December 2004 under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

A suitably skilled person is being sought to serve on the board. The person being sought to fill the vacancy will have knowledge, skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

natural and social science;

coast, estuarine and marine management; and

Aboriginal interest in the land and water, as well as Aboriginal heritage.

The boards have up to nine members, including a Presiding Member and are responsible for preparing and implementing a regional natural resources management plan for the region.

Board members are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for Environment and Conservation and the position is remunerated. Members should be willing to provide an average of two days per month for their service on the board. The successful applicant will be appointed for a term ending in April 2010.

Applications must be in writing on the application form provided and must include a current curriculum vitae.

The State Government's policies with regard to gender balance, cultural diversity and representation of Indigenous Australians will be adhered to in the selection process. Women are particularly encouraged to consider nominating for membership.

Nominations close at 5:00pm on Friday, 8 June 2007.

Requests for Nominee Information Packs and completed nominations should be addressed to:

Ms Alison McInerney
NRM Support Division
Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation
GPO Box 2834
ADELAIDE SA 5001
Telephone: (08) 8463 6877
Email: mcinerney.alison@saugov.sa.gov.au

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Yarragadee plan 'shelved'

By KEN BOASE



The West Australian Government has shelved plans to draw water from the huge underground Yarragadee water source in the south-west of the State.

WA Premier Alan Carpenter announced on 15 May that a second seawater desalination plant powered by renewable energy would be the State's next major water source.

"The internationally acclaimed wind-powered Kwinana seawater desalination plant has demonstrated that large quantities of water from an unlimited ocean supply can be provided using a clean and green process," Mr Carpenter said in a statement.

"Unlike the South-west Yarragadee and traditional



Widandi Nyoongar Elder Bill Webb.

water sources, it is also climate independent."

The new desalination plant would be built at Binningup, near Bunbury, and would provide 'at least

45 gegalitres of water a year into the integrated water supply system by the end of 2011, with potential to increase to 100 gegalitres."

"Similar to the Kwinana plant, it will be powered by renewable energy," Mr Carpenter said.

Environmental group Friends of the Yarragadee spokesman Trevor Larke welcomed the announcement, saying everyone who opposed the WA Government's plan to tap the Yarragadee was elated and relieved.

"We congratulate the Government on the decision that it has made because it just shows that they are listening to the South-west," Mr Larke said.

"I think this has been an

issue for Western Australia and this is a world iconic diverse area that needs protecting.

Mr Larke said however that environmentalists were still concerned at the wording of the announcement that the Yarragadee proposal had been shelved and not cancelled.

"We are concerned that it may be re-looked at," he said. "We understand that Western Australia is in a water crisis and the water crisis is not likely to get less."

"There are many other ways to address this, and there are a number of options that we can look at and the desalination plant is recognised as a short-term measure to address our immediate concerns."

"But we would hope that this Yarragadee proposal would be permanently stopped."

Graffiti impacts on cultural heritage



Archipelago.

Locals and tourists in the area over the Easter long weekend are urged to report any activity they suspect could be related.

Department of Indigenous Affairs Director Heritage Ingrid Hebron said Murujuga and the surrounding Dampier Archipelago was one of the most archaeological and culturally significant heritage sites in the world.

"There are more than one million petroglyphs in the Murujuga area, some up to 20,000 years old, which makes them older than the Egyptian pyramids," Ms Hebron said.

"Vandalism of this kind puts these petroglyphs at risk and shows an ignorance and disrespect for the Aboriginal people and their ancestors and for Western Australia."

"This sort of damage carries hefty penalties under the Aboriginal Heritage Act with individuals liable for fines of up to \$20,000 where the courts find the damage has been malicious."

Officers from the departments of Indigenous Affairs and Environment and Conservation will patrol the area in a joint effort to protect the world-class values of Murujuga.

Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation Chairman Peter Hicks said: "Murujuga holds a special place in the hearts of traditional owners. By defacing our country, you are disrespecting those who were killed defending it and those who fought for this land through

political means."

DEC Pilbara Regional Manager Ian Walker urged industry to work with local Aboriginal people to develop a Pilbara-based environment ethics program, similar to the Leave No Trace campaign, which operated in others parts of Australia.

Mr Walker said programs such as Leave No Trace were operating throughout Australia and focused on respecting country and outdoor ethics.

Anyone with information relating to the disturbance of a site of natural or cultural heritage significance is urged to contact the Department of Indigenous Affairs on 9235 8000 or the Department of Environment and Conservation in Karratha on 08 9182 2000.

For information about Leave No Trace contact the Department of Environment and Conservation on 08 9182 2000.

A touch of Flamenco

A dash of 'Flamenco Fire' was added to a Descendance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance Theatre performance in Barcelona, Spain, last month.

The tour, which included the group as a feature act in a show at the National Arts Museum of Catalina, was in part a reunion of former Ngaru (Naroor) and NAISDA dance members from the early 1990s with Sean Choolburra, Albert David, Ronaldo Guivarra, Dion Drummond, Vivian Anderson, Earl Rosas and Producer/Director Jose Calarco all on board.

"Although everyone had toured with Descendance before, it was our first tour together as the 'old school', so we packed our bags and we were off to the land of Flamenco, one of the world's most explosive and fiery art forms," Mr Calarco said.

"We arrived in Barcelona knowing we were a feature act amongst a vast array of groups from all over world."

"Besides our own show to deal with, we were involved in an extravagant finale where Descendance were forced to learn some Flamenco dance from legendary dancer Mulnero."

Mr Calarco said some previous experience with Flamenco by some of the group contributed to a 'solid' finale using flamenco rhythms on didgeridoo with clapping and hand clapping while 60 dancers 'ran amok'.

Descendance has



Descendance, with some familiar old faces, pictured in Barcelona with a Flamenco dancer.

completed hundreds of shows across Europe, America and Asia, and participated in major world

events such as the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and the Rugby Union World Cup in 2003.

Qld study will highlight Aboriginal contribution



How Indigenous people contributed to the history of European settlement in Queensland is the focus of a new Griffith University study.

The study, by Dr Dale Kerwin, from Griffith's Institute for Educational Research, aims to reconstruct the life experiences of Aboriginal people. It will highlight their contribution to Queensland history from the start of colonial settlement in 1824 to Federation in 1901.

Dr Kerwin said Aboriginal people were basically portrayed in a negative way as a generic group in most history books.

"Indigenous people are often seen as footnotes to Australian history," he said.

"This study aims to put Aborigines on the same level as non-Aboriginal Australians."

Through a combination of archival records, published sources and oral histories, the project will bring to life histories and achievements of Aboriginal people.

The research includes giving



Dr Dale Kerwin - studying the Indigenous contribution to the history of European settlement in Queensland.

identities to the Aboriginal men who fought in the Boer War, the four trackers who helped the colonists find Ned Kelly in 1880, and to Charlie Flannagan, the first man to be hung in the Northern Territory. Flannagan, an

Aboriginal stockman, drove 20,000 head of cattle from Rockhampton to the Northern Territory. Once there, he killed a man after losing a card game. While waiting for execution, he produced a series of drawings which were the first recorded illustrations of stockmen's life in early Australia.

"They are wonderful, insightful drawings that are a piece of Queensland's early history," Dr Kerwin said.

"This project addresses Aboriginal people's demand to be accorded their rightful place in Australian history. It reveals the true richness and complexities of cross-cultural relations during Queensland's colonial era."

Dr Kerwin is a Goori (Aboriginal) man from the Worimi Nation in NSW. He holds a Diploma of Primary Teaching, a Graduate Diploma of Museum Studies and Cultural Heritage Management and a Master of Philosophy. He was awarded a PhD in 2006 for his study of Aboriginal trading paths.

His research will be published in a textbook with plans to incorporate it into the Queensland School curriculum.

Course aims to save language



A grassroots, community-driven language course has started in Port Adelaide, South Australia.

Adnyamathanha is the language of the Flinders Ranges and is the closest living relative of Kaurna language.

Organisers say this is no ordinary language program. The language is critically endangered, and the students live far from their traditional lands. The students are Elders, parents, youth and children. Most are Adnyamathanha, and there were nearly 50 pre-enrolled.

Adnyamathanha Ngawarla Yarramalka means

'Adnyamathanha language message stick'. The name brings back an ancient Adnyamathanha term to name a course that is communicating across generations and to the wider Australian communities.

How did it all come about?

It snowballed from the beginning: An Adnyamathanha woman, Gillian Bovo, asked Australians Against Racism, itself a grassroots organisation, whether such a program might be something they would do.

The community got behind it, many Elders supported it, teaching materials were



Participants in the Adnyamathanha language course at Port Adelaide. Adnyamathanha is the language of the Flinders Ranges and is the closest living relative of Kaurna language. The language is critically endangered.

donated by Guy Tunstall from DECS, Dave Mutton donated the Adnyamathanha website, Tauondi College came on board to host it and to help by part-paying teachers, private people donated money towards resourcing the course and extraordinary numbers of potential students expressed interest or pre-enrolled.

Elder Uncle Buck McKenzie, who has worked for decades to prepare language materials for teaching Adnyamathanha, is the teacher for the adults.

Youth worker Kaylene Brown is teaching children in the first term.

The program includes many guest sessions by Elders from Adelaide and the Flinders Ranges, and a language camp in the Flinders Ranges for the whole class, with the support of two Adnyamathanha-owned businesses - Bookabee Tours and Igawarta cultural centre.

That Adnyamathanha is now taught in Adelaide is seen as very significant for the community.

Program co-ordinator Gillian Bovo said: "Learning Yura Ngawarla is very special to me. It gives me a sense of belonging to my community, which I left a long time ago.

To be able to learn it with my children and know that it will be a living language into the future is deadly."

Uncle Buck said: "It's great to see the younger Adnyamathanha people who have lost contact begin to strengthen themselves, their language and their community."

Aunt Lily Neville, an Elder and linguist living in the Flinders Ranges, said: "This course is very important to me. I am very proud to know that the younger generation want to learn. I am very much into preserving our language and we cannot do it any other way."

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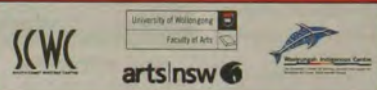
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Oran Park and Turner Road Draft Precinct Plans

The exhibition of the draft Precinct Planning documents for Oran Park and Turner Road in the South West Growth Centre will commence on Monday 14 May 2007, closing six weeks later on Friday 22 June 2007.

The exhibition will introduce new planning controls for the precincts of Oran Park and Turner Road. The public are encouraged to view the information and are invited to provide their input to help shape the future of Oran Park and Turner Road.

The exhibition can be viewed at Camden Council 37 John Street, Camden; and the Growth Centres Commission Level 11, 10 Smith Street, Parramatta. The material will also be on display at Campbelltown City Council Cnr Queen and Broughton Streets, Campbelltown; Department of Planning 23 - 33 Bridge Street, Sydney; Narellan Library, cnr Queen and Elyard Streets, Narellan.

In addition, the exhibition information can be obtained by visiting www.gcc.nsw.gov.au or by calling the Growth Centres Commission on 1300 730 550.

Open House sessions will be held on Tuesday 22nd May, 6pm to 8pm, Art Gallery, Camden Civic Centre, Cnr Oxley and Mitchell Streets, Camden; Saturday 26th May, 9am to 12noon, Iron Bark Room, Narellan Library, Cnr Queen and Elyard Streets, Narellan and Wednesday 13th June, 6pm to 8pm, Iron Bark Room, Narellan Library, Cnr Queen & Elyard Streets, Narellan.

For further information call the Growth Centres Commission on 1300 730 550 or visit www.gcc.nsw.gov.au. If you require a translator please call the Telephone Interpreting Service on 13 14 50, during weekdays from 9am to 5pm. Ask for an interpreter in your language and say you would like to be connected to 1300 730 550.

Submissions on the Oran Park and Turner Road exhibition material must be received no later than COB Friday 22 June 2007. Submissions can be sent to the Growth Centres Commission:

PO Box 1457, Parramatta NSW 2124
community@gcc.nsw.gov.au or
Fax: (02) 9204 7599



GROWTH CENTRES
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Life turns around

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

SA

Adelaide man Derek Forbes comes from challenging beginnings.

Growing up, he and his brothers and sisters were in and out of foster homes. He rebelled and dropped out of school in Year Nine, and says he has seen 'pretty much everything'.

It wasn't the best start in life, but one that he is now turning to his advantage and that of other young Indigenous people in his role as a youth worker with SHine SA (Sexual Health information networking and education South Australia).

The job, which he scored three years ago after working as a volunteer and earning his Certificate III in Community Health Work and Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice, was the 28-year-old's first.

"I never really thought about a career until I met somebody who worked with SHine who had a positive influence on my life," Mr

Forbes said. "I started off as a volunteer and it progressed from there."

"I was attracted to this work because it was working with the younger generation, not just Indigenous kids but anybody who needed help as a young person."

"I've survived a lot of bull... from when I was living in foster homes and I know what it is like surviving and living on the dole, so I look at myself as someone who has been there. I am here today and I'm thankful for that."

Mr Forbes said while he knew what many of the kids were going through, it was important to share his personal experience without crossing professional boundaries.

"I try to focus on positive things like getting out of a bad situation with your family, or like trying to find somewhere to stay without violence," he said.

His main role is talking with boys about sexual health and raising awareness of sexually transmitted infections



DEREK FORBES



Derek Forbes (rear) with a colleague (wearing brown coat) and some of the boys he has spoken with in his role at SHine SA.

and pregnancy.

"You know it has been effective when young fellas walk up to you and say 'I'm going to look after myself', when they see

it as a positive. It's like a wake up call," Mr Forbes said.

"We need people to yarn to our younger generation, and that is basically my job. If I wasn't working with kids, I don't think I would have lasted."

Mr Forbes said he had to change his attitude in order to overcome his hardship.

"I had a lot of anger, just being Indigenous, a lot of the black and white issue which was holding me back," he said.

"You've got to let go of some things and grow a bit. It took me a long time to realise that but I wanted to change."

"I managed to turn it around and that is what I try and tell kids, that nobody is going to do things for

you. If you want something, then you have to go out there and get it yourself."

One of Mr Forbes' inspirations is star boxer Anthony Mundine.

"Mundine is about his community and by looking at him and other fellas who do stuff for their community that gives me inspiration," he said.

"When we grew up, we were made to believe that it wasn't a good thing to be Indigenous, and I guess I had a few problems when I got into my teens."

"But I want to go further, I have a lot more to do."

Mr Forbes also wants to break into the entertainment industry by doing stand-up comedy and impersonations.



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New police station for Elcho Island



The 2500-strong remote Northern Territory Aboriginal community of Galiwinku should have a constant police presence,

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal said as he announced funding for a new station last week.

The new station and house at Elcho Island, off the Northern Territory coast, are part of a \$40 million national commitment to increase policing resources in remote communities, he said.

It follows a commitment by the NT Government to provide two sworn permanently posted police officers and one Aboriginal Community Police Officer (ACPO) at Galiwinku.

Making the announcement during a visit to the community, Mr Brough said residents deserved to live with law and order.

"I was horrified when I first went there ... to find that a community which looked after 2500 or more people did not have a permanent police station," he said.

"It's about time this community had its own police station,

permanently staffed by police officers."

Petrol sniffing and domestic violence were problems in the community, Mr Brough said, adding: "That is not a community that is without need of a police station."

"This community is as deserving as any other community to have a police presence ... that will give real comfort to the people of Galiwinku."

Mr Brough also discussed township leasing, opportunities for home ownership and a new approach to income management.

He said traditional owners from the town were keen to move toward more formal negotiations with the Australian Government.

"The people of Galiwinku tell me they want to be like any other Australian town, with opportunities for future generations to live and work in a safe environment," he said.

"We are now moving to the next stage at the request of the traditional owners."

Mr Brough said the Federal Government was committed to providing \$5.1 million for 10 new houses and land servicing. -AAP

Young songbird an internet hit

Sistah Girl

*My Sistah, I'm so proud of ya
You move me, Every time I'm with ya
Your head up high, Nothing can ever
stop ya
One of a kind, I'm so blessed to know
yah*

*You may not believe it but I know you
must receive it girl
Ain't nobody can do what ya do
Ain't nobody can talk like you do
You can make it yes my Sistah, go
ahead and paint your picture*

— Written by
Shauntai/Ashton Tyler



Ratings are determined by the number of times songs are played or 'streamed', not necessarily downloaded.

"You look at how many people have played the whole album or each song through," said Shauntai, who comes from a big Dubbo family and is the daughter of renowned boxer Wally Carr.

"It's a good indication of how many people are listening. I've scored 350 listens over some 30-day periods, which is how they measure how you're going."

The softly-spoken but friendly sales co-ordinator started singing at the age of just three or four 'in front of my mirror with a hairbrush' and wrote her first song at the age of ten.

In 1995, she joined the Black Vine choir. She performed at many clubs and special functions, while continuing her songwriting, and studied contemporary music at Sydney's EORA Centre, where she and other students formed and sang with a band called Waga.

Shauntai toured in the award-winning musical, Jimmy Chi's *Corrugation Road*, played the lead role in the musical *Follow Your Dream* for a six-week Sydney season in 1999, and took part in the NAISDA showcase of new Indigenous artists held at the Sydney Opera House.

She plays as integral role in the music department of her church, the Grace Tabernacle Christian Centre in Campsie, Sydney.

She also wrote and co-produced on her album, and can play keyboard and guitar.

Shauntai's dad Wally was an Australian, Australasian and Commonwealth boxing champion, having fought across 13 divisions including welterweight and super middleweight.

Shauntai's mini-CD comprises five songs: *All yours*, *Sister Girl*, *Sparrow*, *Today*, and *God of Miracles*.

To hear examples of her music, visit www.myspace.com/shauntai or www.mp3.com.au/shauntai

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Queanbeyan City Council seeks expressions of interest from those people who wish to be members of a working party to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Council and members of the Queanbeyan Aboriginal community.

The working party will report to Council through the Council's Aboriginal Consultative Committee and those who are invited to join the working party must be Aboriginal people who reside within the Queanbeyan Local Government Area.

Expressions of interest to be sent to:
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Queanbeyan City Council, PO Box 90,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

For further information place contact:
Malcolm Towney on

(02) 6298 0202



Upgrading the Pacific Highway Wells Crossing to Iluka Road

Aboriginal heritage registration of interest

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

The project commences 23km south of Grafton and extends 71km to Iluka Road, Woombah. Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people with cultural attachments to this area are invited to register their interest.

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Friday 29 June 2007.

All registrations received will be accepted.

To register your interest please write to:

Susan Crick, Sinclair Knight Mertz

Reply paid 164 St Leonards NSW 1590

Email: wellscrossingtoiluka@skm.com.au

Phone: 1800 557 673 (toll free)

www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific
(click on Wells Crossing to Iluka Road).

Art prize judges named

Country Energy has announced three renowned Australian artists to judge this year's \$35,000 Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting.

Peter Kingston, known for supporting causes as well as the art he produces, will be the overall judge for 2007, viewing the 40 or so finalists after they have been whittled down by renowned Indigenous artist Bronwyn Bancroft and David Fairbairn, a winner of the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize.

For the first time this year, the Country Energy Art Prize will be a non-acquisitive prize.

The prize is open to all artistic styles, mediums and contexts, ranging from figurative to abstract, charcoal to traditional oil paint, and entries close on 20 July 2007.

To find out more or view the artworks from 2006 visit www.countryenergy.com.au



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The Endeavour Programme is part of *Australian Scholarships*, an initiative of the Australian Government to promote sustainable development and excellence in education in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Celebrating our best



Crocodile Dreaming Executive Producer Sue Milliken, actor David Gulpilil and his wife Miriam Ashley, and **Crocodile Dreaming** Director Darlene Johnson at the launch of the book *Dreaming in Motion*. Gulpilil starred in the 25-minute film *Crocodile Dreaming*.

The Australian Film Commission (AFC) has launched *Dreaming in Motion*, a new book celebrating the work of Australia's Indigenous film-makers.

The book was launched at the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival in Sydney on 4 May.

Dreaming in Motion celebrates the work of the AFC's Indigenous Branch, the film-makers it has supported and the network of organisations that have made Indigenous film-making such a success.

"In recent years, a number of Australia's Indigenous film-makers have enjoyed heightened international acclaim," said AFC Chair Maureen Barron.

"However, the development of Indigenous screen practice in Australia has not been an overnight success, but rather the culmination of decades of groundwork by countless individuals and organisations, including the AFC.

"The AFC commissioned this book to celebrate the achievements of all those involved in the long journey from the beginnings of Indigenous film-making in the 1980s to its

Book showcases Indigenous film-makers

recent successes and to inspire others to follow them."

Dreaming in Motion contains three essays, profiles of 26 Indigenous directors, producers and cinematographers selected by the AFC for their achievements, and a DVD highlighting some of the key films of the last decade from Indigenous directors.

Two of the contributors to *Dreaming in Motion*, Sally Riley, (Manager of the AFC's Indigenous Branch), and editor Keith Gallasch were joined at the launch by AFC Commissioner Rachel Perkins and other film-makers profiled in the book, including Wayne Blair, Pauline Clague, Beck Cole, Allan Collins, Priscilla Collins, Darren Dale, Erica Glynn, Darlene Johnson, Julie Nimmo, Ivan Sen and Warwick Thornton.

Dreaming in Motion was launched ahead of the opening night of the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House.



● ABOVE: Australian Film Commission Indigenous Branch Manager Sally Riley with Keith Gallasch, Editor of *Dreaming in Motion*.

● RIGHT: From left, Rhoda Roberts, whose film screened at the Message Sticks Festival, Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival opening night host Debra Mailman, and Sally Riley.



CALL FOR ENTRIES

Indigenous Artists in Victoria are invited to submit work for the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards (VIAA) 2007.

Categories include the Deadly Art Award and new categories for 2007.

Winning and short-listed works will be exhibited at the Keddie Heritage Trust, Melbourne from 26 October - 29 November.

The award ceremony will be held on 26 October 2007.

For entry forms or further information contact Lowanna Norris or Liz Liddle at Arts Victoria on 9454 5000 or email lowanna.norris@dpw.vic.gov.au.

Entries Close Friday 17 August 2007

Entry is free.

VICTORIAN INDIGENOUS ART AWARDS 2007



Department of Culture and the Arts
Government of Western Australia



Money for artists and art projects

ARTS GRANTS – JULY FUNDING ROUND

The Department of Culture and the Arts invites applications from individuals, groups and organisations requiring financial assistance to undertake activity in all artforms (except film, television and radio) in the following categories:

- Arts Development
- Indigenous Arts
- Young People & the Arts

The next closing date for applications is Friday 6th July 2007, 5pm.

Please check our website www.artswa.wa.gov.au for details on these as well as Contemporary Music and Designer Fashion funding programs and then call a Project Officer on (08) 9224 7310 or free call 1800 199 090.

Indigenous flavour at Venice Biennale



Four Indigenous curators will join the Australian contingent at the 2007 Venice Biennale opening in June.

Indigenous curators – Keith Munro, from Sydney's

Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA); Bruce McLean, from Queensland Art Gallery; and Tina Baum and Simona Barkus, from the National Gallery of Australia – will join the 15 other Australian curators and arts educators at this year's Biennale as part of the Australia Council for the Arts' emerging and established curators program.

Dr Chris Sarra, chair of the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board, said the Board was excited about the opportunities that awaited the four Indigenous curators.

"The Venice Biennale is arguably the most important contemporary art event in the world, and we are extremely proud to support our Indigenous arts practitioners' participation," Dr Sarra said.

"The emerging and established curators program complements the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board's groundbreaking Showcasing the Best

initiative in that provides Indigenous arts practitioners with international professional development opportunities and helps strengthen the position of Australia's Indigenous arts in the international arena."

The MCA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs curator, Keith Munro, also participated in the 2005 curators program. He was able to see the latest international contemporary art, meet artists and curators from across the globe, work closely with other Australian curators, and experience the vast scale and significance of the Biennale.

"It was a great experience participating in the establishing and emerging curators program in 2005 as it provided me with invaluable exposure to artistic and curatorial practice on the international stage," he said.

"Another important aspect was having the opportunity to link up with other Indigenous arts professionals from around the world and establish a professional dialogue within our respective practices."

The Venice Biennale opens to the public on 10 June and continues until 21 November.

For further information, see the Australia Council's website at <http://www.ozco.gov.au>



Message from the Minister for Indigenous Affairs



This year's Budget will benefit all Australians. It is only possible to do this because of the Howard Government's strong record in economic management.

The Government recognises that some people need special assistance as well. Many Indigenous Australians are disadvantaged and are not able to share in the country's economic wealth. This is particularly the case in remote Australia.

This publication sets out details of an \$815 million Indigenous Affairs Budget package put together with my ministerial colleagues.

Last year the Indigenous Budget focused mostly on health, leadership and governance and this was followed by a substantial law and order strategy announced last June.

This year's Budget focuses on housing, early childhood, new education opportunities and economic independence measures for Indigenous people.

Overcrowding particularly in remote Indigenous communities contributes to social problems and poor health and education outcomes. It is clear from recent reviews and reports that the current approach isn't working.

That is why we are embarking on a major seven-year strategy with additional funding and a new approach to build many more houses and upgrade existing houses in remote Australia.

In July 2008, the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program will be replaced by a bigger and better Australian Remote Indigenous Accommodation (ARIA) Program.

The new program will be based on a mainstream public housing model with incentives for private home ownership. We aim to reduce the cost of houses, make sure they last longer, and give local Indigenous people opportunities to be employed in construction and maintenance.

If it works and if communities and State and Territory Governments get on board, the Government will consider increasing the level of funding.

A decent education is fundamental to economic independence. The National Indigenous Council has placed a priority on boarding school opportunities.

The Government will provide new education opportunities for thousands of young Indigenous Australians by funding boarding hostels in regional centres, more boarding school places and more higher education scholarships.

The Budget also includes significant early childhood development and health initiatives, as well as new spending to tackle passive welfare through jobs and training.

This is another positive Budget. It's about continuing to build the foundations for a better future for Indigenous Australians. We are making a strong start. There is much more to do, but together we can make a difference.

Mal Brough

Mal Brough

Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

8 May 2007

Major new spending for Indigenous housing



The Thardim family with their newly built house near the Northern Territory community of Wadeye. The family recently entered into the first stage of an innovative rent-to-buy arrangement that will ultimately enable them to own their home. Photo: NewsPix

An ambitious strategy of major reforms will help fix Indigenous housing, particularly in remote Australia.

The Australian Government will invest nearly \$1.6 billion over the next four years to tackle the problem of overcrowded and inadequate housing for Indigenous Australians.

Of that amount, around \$1.3 billion is earmarked for remote communities.

The new Australian Remote Indigenous Accommodation (ARIA) Program will begin in July 2008, replacing the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP). This year's Budget provides \$293.6 million in new funding to 'kick start' the new program.

"This major investment shows that the Government recognises the need to unwind the failed policies of the past that have led to an unacceptable state of

housing and overcrowding in many remote Indigenous communities," Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough, said.

Australian Government funds will be used to construct new houses and repair and upgrade existing houses. Funds will be targeted initially at remote locations where Indigenous housing need is greatest.

The ARIA program will use a public housing model for the provision and management of houses in remote Indigenous communities.

It will also assist people to make the transition from public to private ownership of houses, either through direct purchase or through lease-purchase arrangements.

Indigenous public housing will continue to be funded by the Australian Government under the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program (ARHP).

The housing reforms are a practical response to the independent review of CHIP undertaken last year by consultants PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The review found that houses in remote communities were in some cases costing in excess of \$600,000. And yet many of these houses were lasting only ten years.

An Australian Bureau of Statistics survey recently revealed that the Indigenous housing stock had increased by only 2 per cent since 2001, and the standard of housing stock had

deteriorated, despite well over \$1 billion being spent since 2001.

New houses constructed through ARIA will use innovative designs and construction techniques to meet Indigenous needs and aspirations as well as deliver housing more cheaply.

Local Indigenous people will have greater opportunities to be trained and employed in building new houses and repairing and maintaining houses.

The reforms also break with former arrangements that have funded many small Indigenous Community Housing Organisations (ICHOs).

The CHIP review found that around 600 ICHOs across Australia own and manage approximately 21,000 houses available for rent by Indigenous people.

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Indigenous Budget 2007-08

New funding of \$815 million over five years

Record \$3.5 billion expenditure in 2007-08



Mobility means opportunity

Connecting young Indigenous people to education.

\$218 million in new funds over four years will support Indigenous education and training mobility programs.

Thousands of young Indigenous Australians from remote communities will get a new start in life through the boarding school places and scholarships provided.

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program which assists young people to access quality training in major centres has been boosted by an extra 860 places to a total of 1500.

There'll also be 750 more places, to a total of 1000, for young Indigenous students to study at schools and universities under the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program.

The Australian Government will provide nearly \$43 million—and work in partnership with the private sector—to establish boarding hostels in regional towns with quality secondary schools.

The construction of a new boarding hostel at Kununurra in Western Australia is expected to commence in September 2007 for completion by July 2008.

A capital injection of \$65 million will upgrade facilities in existing boarding schools with significant numbers of Indigenous students and provide additional places.

An additional 1000 Access Scholarships each year will assist Indigenous students enrolled in an undergraduate or enabling course at university with costs associated with relocating from remote and rural areas.



Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) provides short-term accommodation for Indigenous people around Australia. Budget 2007–08 enables AHL to provide more accommodation to cater for an increasingly mobile Indigenous population looking for services and opportunities not available in home communities.

Budget helps clear the way to private ownership

Making it easier for Indigenous people to own, rather than rent, the houses they live in.

Many Indigenous people wanting to own their own homes have been prevented by lack of money or the difficulties of buying property on communally owned land. The Australian Government is working to remove these barriers.

Changes to the Northern Territory Aboriginal Land Rights Act made last year give traditional owners the choice to negotiate headleases over entire townships on Aboriginal land. Once a headlease has been negotiated,

smaller areas will be available for sublease by people wanting to own homes or set up businesses.

The Australian Government is currently in discussion with a number of traditional owner groups in the Northern Territory who have expressed an interest in leasing. The Government is also talking to State Governments about the reform of their land-tenure arrangements so that home ownership on community land can be achieved across Australia.

The new ARIA program will also extend the lease-purchase arrangements currently being trialled in the Northern Territory. At three outstations near the community of Wadeye, the Australian Government is building houses that

are being made available to families on an innovative 'rent to buy model'.

The rental phase will support families to take on the responsibility of home ownership by improving their money-management and home-living skills. When families are ready to buy their houses, they will have access to the flexible loans and discounts available through the Home Ownership on Indigenous Land Program, funded in last year's Budget.

This program, run by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), provides a specially designed loan and grant package to allow eligible borrowers—even those on very low incomes—to take out affordable home loans.

IBA also administers the major Australian Government scheme that since the 1970s has helped thousands of Indigenous families to buy homes in the mainstream housing market. There were more than 3350 active loans at 30 June 2006 and at 30 April 2007 a total of 12,866 loans had been issued since the program commenced.

The ARIA program will provide incentives to Indigenous Community Housing Organisations across Australia to allow their tenants to purchase their homes with assistance from IBA or other financial institutions.

For more information about home loans, go to www.iba.gov.au

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Australian Remote Indigenous Accommodation Program

Eighty per cent of these organisations manage 50 dwellings or less, and collect an average of \$40 a week in rent for each house. As a result many organisations are inefficient and unviable.

From July 2008, ARIA program funds will not be provided to ICHOs, except under certain circumstances. ICHOs will have the opportunity to upgrade their properties where they agree to private-ownership opportunities or to transfer title to state/territory housing authorities.

ICHOs that are operating well without government support will not be affected. No organisation will be forced to transfer ownership of its housing stock.

The Budget's new Indigenous housing funding also includes \$30 million for hostel-style accommodation in remote locations, and \$12 million for the Torres Strait Regional Authority for major infrastructure projects including sewerage, water supply and roads, subject to matching funding from the Queensland Government.

The Australian Government will be asking State and Territory Governments to invest more of their own funds so there is a major coordinated effort to meet the housing needs of Indigenous people living in remote areas.



Mr Barney Narjic and his family receive the key to their new house from Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough. The handover took place near the Northern Territory community of Wadeye on 3 May this year. It was, Mr Brough said, an "historic event". "This is the first stage of the Howard Government's lease-purchase scheme to provide Indigenous people in remote communities with the opportunity to buy their own home." Major reforms to Indigenous housing announced in the Budget will enable extension of the lease-purchase scheme and provide significant new funds for Indigenous housing in remote areas. Photo: Newspix



Health and safety the foundation of better lives



The Australian Government recognises that safe and healthy childhoods lay the basis for better lives. Budget 2007-08 provides funds for Indigenous children's health, for more child care and playgroups, and for *Footprints in Time*, a long-term research project looking at how early experiences affect young people's development.

Providing for the well-being of Indigenous children, families and communities.

Early childhood development

The Indigenous infant mortality rate is approximately 2.5 times that of other Australians. Indigenous child-protection reports are increasing and a greater proportion of Indigenous children are in out-of-home placements. Add to this the high levels of violence in many communities and it is easy to see why Indigenous childhood development is a priority area for Australian Government action.

Health@Home Plus

\$37.4 million over four years will improve access to health professionals for Indigenous families in targeted outer regional, rural and remote areas. Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers will make home visits to, and provide support for, Indigenous families with children aged 0-8 years.

Better access to child care and other services

\$23.5 million over four years will establish 20 new Innovative Child Care Service Hubs in regional and remote areas with high Indigenous populations. The families of 700 children will receive child care and

other services at these centres. Existing child care centres in regional and remote areas will be upgraded to improve the quality of care provided to approximately 840 children and their families.

More playgroups

\$13.8 million over four years will increase the number of supported playgroups and strengthen the effectiveness of the nine existing Intensive Support Playgroups.

These playgroups will provide more than 6000 vulnerable Indigenous children with greater access to child care services and to play-based early childhood development. Indigenous families will benefit from improved parenting support.

Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children

New funding of \$8.9 million over four years will support the \$12 million Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children. The study, *Footprints in Time*, will provide an understanding of how early childhood experience affects later life outcomes for Indigenous people and inform future Indigenous-related policy.

More than 1500 families in rural, remote and urban areas will be involved in the study.

Better health services

The Australian Government is committed to improving the health and well-being of Indigenous people and families through access to better primary health-care services. Since 2003-04 Indigenous health services have benefited from 200 additional health professionals and 220 additional other service and support positions, as well as the associated capital infrastructure.

Family centred primary health care

\$38.1 million over four years will improve Indigenous access to comprehensive primary health care. Up to 45 additional health professionals will be employed and six rural and remote communities will have clinics built and/or upgraded.

One hundred Indigenous health-service managers will receive business-management training.

Raising the quality of Indigenous health care

Over 200 Indigenous health services provide more than 1.6 million episodes of care annually, but most are not yet fully accredited against Australian health-care standards. \$36.9 million over four years will help to upgrade health-care buildings and clinics, improve patient information and management systems, and provide staff training and management support so that services can meet mainstream standards.

Hostel accommodation

A new aged-care nursing home in Perth will provide 45 residents with care that is culturally appropriate and affordable. Perth currently has no Indigenous aged-care accommodation.

The Australian Government will also build and operate three new renal dialysis units in Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Tackling substance abuse and violence

Continuing the National Illicit Drug Strategy - Indigenous Communities Initiative

The National Illicit Drugs Strategy aims to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs. \$14.6 million over four years will assist Indigenous communities to develop local solutions to substance abuse.

Indigenous-specific and evidence-based treatment guidelines, alcohol-awareness products and other resources will help communities to tackle misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

Continuing the CDEP Working for Families initiative

The successful *Working for Families* initiative funds activities to address substance misuse and family violence in Indigenous communities. Projects including night patrols, police aids and women's shelters are coordinated through CDEP.

\$50.7 million over four years will continue the 1000 CDEP positions dedicated to the initiative, part of the Indigenous family violence strategy launched by the Australian Government in 2003.



The road to economic independence



The Hopevale community in Cape York will be the site of the first stage of a significant welfare-reform measure focusing on housing, economic development and money management.

Budget supports real jobs, education and training and an end to welfare dependence.

Out of CDEP and into real jobs

The Budget provides \$97.2 million to create at least 800 jobs over the next four years in government service delivery to Indigenous communities in areas such as environment and heritage protection, education, community care, child care and Indigenous community night patrols. Positions in Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) will be converted into real jobs paying wages.

This is part of the Government's push to end CDEP substitution for the delivery of government services, and provide those doing the work with access to entitlements enjoyed by other Australian workers.

This follows on from the Government's announcement in February that

from 1 July 2007 CDEP will not be delivered in the strong labour markets of urban and major regional centres. Instead the Government will fund additional Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) brokers to more effectively assist Indigenous people into employment.

Participation in remote communities

The Government is reducing Indigenous welfare dependency and increasing participation in work-related activities in remote Indigenous communities by removing Remote Area Exemptions for income-support activity testing.

Many remote communities currently do not benefit from job preparation and placement services that assist job seekers in other parts

of Australia because they are exempt from any activity testing to get their welfare payments.

The lifting of Remote Area Exemptions will be accelerated with a further \$23 million, building on the \$18 million invested in last year's Budget and including the additional \$1.3 million already announced for 2006–07. All Remote Area Exemptions will be removed by 2010–11.

Welfare reform in Hopevale

The Cape York community of Hopevale will be the centre of a welfare-reform project focused on strengthening mutual obligations around housing tenancy, school attendance and money management.

Families will benefit from housing upgrades, the opportunity to buy their own home and the establishment of a business centre in the town. This \$10 million initiative aims to put the community on the road to economic independence.

Other economic independence measures

The Budget provides \$3.2 million to improve Centrelink services to Indigenous customers in remote and rural Australia, and \$2.2 million to build the capacity of organisations managing Indigenous assets and increase beneficiaries' understanding of their rights and responsibilities.

Work skills

Adults aged 25 and over who do not have Year 12 or Certificate II qualifications will be assisted through the \$21.4 million Work Skills Voucher Program. Indigenous adults living in regional and remote areas can use a Work Skills Voucher, worth up to \$3000, to assist with the costs of finishing Year 12, obtaining a Certificate II qualification or upgrading their literacy and numeracy skills.

Matched funding for this scheme will be provided by the Queensland, South Australian, Western Australian and Northern Territory Governments.

More support through ABSTUDY

The enhanced independence workforce criteria will benefit 170 ABSTUDY students who have supported themselves through paid work for periods of 18 months out of any two year period since leaving school.

The ABSTUDY Incidentals Allowance will also be extended for younger students enrolled in enabling courses to encourage them to undertake preparatory studies at university and go on to an undergraduate course.

Protecting and returning cultural material

Recognising the national significance of Indigenous culture.

The Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra is the custodian of unique and irreplaceable Indigenous cultural and historical resources. The collection includes fragile and deteriorating audiovisual materials such as film, photographs and audio.

The Australian Government will fund another \$10.2 million over three years to digitise the remaining 18,000 hours of the most at-risk material. This follows on from \$12.1 million provided in the 2005 Budget to digitise 16,000 hours, representing about 40 per cent of the most fragile audiovisual material.

The funding will end on 30 June 2011 when the preservation of the entire collection is completed.

Over the next four years, \$4.7 million will be provided to the Return of Indigenous

Cultural Property (RICP) Program. This program supports the repatriation of Indigenous human remains and other cultural property from Australian museums back to their communities of origin.

It is estimated that the eight major Australian museums participating in the current RICP collectively hold 7070 ancestral remains and 11,448 secret-sacred objects.

RICP began in 1999–2000 and has already received \$1.5 million from the Australian Government.



The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies will receive further funds for its long-term project to digitise—and therefore preserve—precious Indigenous audiovisual materials in danger of deterioration.

Paddy Bedford in focus



One of Australia's most respected artists features in a new exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. Artist in Focus Paddy Bedford opened at the gallery on 12 May.

Mr Bedford, a Gija Elder and a senior lawman from the Warmun region of the north-east Kimberley, has been involved in painting as part of ceremony all his life. But he only began painting for exhibition in 1998 after fellow artist Freddie Timms set up the Jirrawun Aboriginal Art group at Rugun (Crocodile Hole).

Despite his relatively brief career, Mr Bedford's artistic output has been prolific. He is one of only eight Indigenous Australian artists to have been selected to create a site-specific work for the Quai Branly Museum in Paris and is represented in a number of major Australian and international collections.

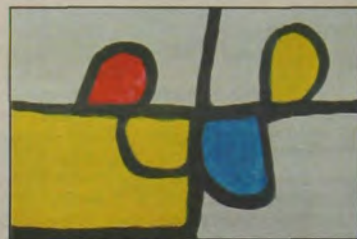
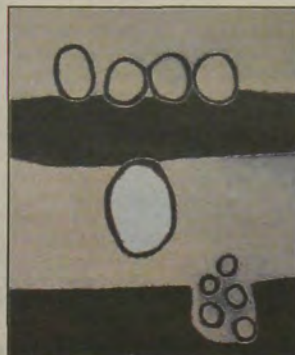
Mr Bedford experiments freely with colour, form and pictorial space, ranging from his early, densely patterned panels of red, yellow and black ochres, to his recent expansive canvases in black and white, interspersed by vivid gouaches on paper.

● **RIGHT: Cockatoo Dreaming 2002**, ochres and pigment with acrylic binder on Belgian linen, 180 x 150 cm, Private collection, © the artist
— Image courtesy GRANTPIRRIE Gallery, Sydney

His paintings depict the landscape in which he has spent a lifetime. They combine important family dreamings, such as emus, turkey and cockatoo, with the country he travelled in his days mustering cattle – from hills, creeks, caves and waterholes, to roads, homesteads and stock camps. The paintings often act as visual accounts of oral histories, relating the interaction of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the Kimberley.

Mr Bedford continues to develop the distinctive 'Turkey Creek' or 'East Kimberley' style of painting. His expanses of plain ochre ringed by white dots, sparse lines and bold, rounded shapes recall the minimal approach of artists such as Rover Thomas, Queenie McKenzie and Jack Britten.

Artist in Focus Paddy Bedford is organised and toured by the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, and will be on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia until 22 July.



● **ABOVE: Untitled 2003**, gouache on acid free crescent board, 51 x 76 cm, 83 x 104 cm (framed), Private collection, © the artist
— Image courtesy Jirrawun Arts, Kununurra



Part of the Neminuwarlin Performance Group performing at the Paddy Bedford exhibition opening.



West Australian Culture and the Arts Minister Sheila McHale and Kathy Watson, daughter of Paddy Bedford.

Scholarship for film-makers



Metro Screen is offering a new scholarship for Indigenous film-makers.

The scholarship offers Indigenous people in NSW the opportunity to enrol in Metro Screen training courses to the value of \$1000.

It is open to people who are just starting out or who want to improve their skills.

Metro Screen has a comprehensive training program that can support film-makers' professional development. The scholarship is funded through the NSW Film and Television Office.

Applicants need to complete an

application form identifying the course they wish to study and the reasons for selecting the course.

They may identify any training course on offer within six months of the date of their application.

Most Metro Screen courses are listed at www.metroscreen.org.au but applicants can call Training Co-ordinator Maeve Marsden on 9361 5318 to discuss their training needs.

Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis, with preference given to applications received before 25 May 2007.

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Lockhart River art on show



An art exhibition featuring works from the Lockhart River region of far north Queensland has opened at the University of Queensland Art Museum in Brisbane.

The exhibition is the first to survey the work of the Lockhart River Art Gang.

"Our Way, Contemporary Aboriginal Art from Lockhart River recognises the extraordinary achievement of this group of young artists from a remote Aboriginal community in Queensland's Cape York, many of whom as recently as 12 years ago were virtually school students", said University of Queensland

Vice-Chancellor Professor John Hay, AC.

"This is a good news story about what can be achieved when talent, hard work and strategic planning on the part of the community and government are combined.

"Several of these young artists have now achieved national and international recognition."

The James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre is filled with more than 100 works depicting Cape York's sandbeach country, with work including the fine art printmaking of the Art Gang's early years and major paintings.

Rosella Namok, Samantha Hobson and Fiona Omeenyo lead the movement with spectacular and diverse insights into country, culture and history.

Exhibition Curator Dr Sally Butler travelled to Lockhart River and Cairns to research the art and the development of the Lockhart River Art Gang, talking with the artists and the art advisers who had worked at the Lockhart River Art and Cultural Centre.

"The work of the Lockhart River artists featured in the 2003 Queensland Art Gallery exhibition Story Place: Indigenous art of

Cape York and the Rainforest, but up until now no exhibition has attempted to bring the major works together and look at exactly what has been achieved by this group", Dr Butler said.

"There are traces of Quinkan figures, traditional body painting and totemic motifs in Lockhart River contemporary art, but most of the forms and stylistic techniques are entirely new creations."

Artworks have been drawn from public and private collections across Australia, including institutions such as the Art Gallery of New South Wales, National Gallery of Victoria, and Queensland Art Gallery, as well as the Cairns Regional Gallery, the Mackay City Council Collection, Artspace Mackay, and the Macquarie Bank.

A major publication of the same title, written and compiled by curator Dr Sally Butler and published by University of Queensland Press, was launched in conjunction with the exhibition.

The exhibition will tour internationally to destinations such as Singapore and New York, for the remainder of 2007 and into 2008.

The Brisbane exhibition runs until 1 July at the University of Qld Art Museum, James and Mary Emelia Mayne Centre, University Drive, St Lucia. Admission is free, open 10am-4pm, Tuesday to Sunday.



Fiona Omeenyo's *Growing*, painted in 2006.



Terry Platt's *Before Time*, painted in 2002.



● LEFT: Adrian King's *The New Site*, painted in 1999.



Rosella Namok's *Waterhole, Lockhart River Canteen*, painted in 2004.



● RIGHT: Samantha Hobson's *Bushfire*, painted in 2006.

Lou Bennett, as she appears in *Show us your Tiddas!*



Tidda tells her story



Lou Bennett is probably best known as a member of the ARIA Award-winning musical trio Tiddas*.

But since the much-loved Melbourne-based group disbanded in 2000, she has made a smooth transition from music to theatre performance – acting in a host of professional theatre productions, including Richard Frankland's *Conversations with the Dead*, Andrea James' *Yanagail Yanagail* and Ilbjerri's *Natives Getting Funny*.

Last week, Bennett opened a new show at Melbourne's Arts Centre BlackBox, called *Show us your Tiddas!*

The show is about the Yorta Yorta/Dja Dja Wurung woman's musical and spiritual journey from small-town black chick playing doo-

wop in her uncle's band to international fame with Tiddas.

It features some of the Tiddas repertoire, as well as some of Bennett's original songs and some covers.

The show is described as 'an evening of high glamour, high drama and sublime music and song', and boasts an all-female, all-Indigenous artistic team, including director Rachel Maza and dramaturg Andrea James.

Show us ya Tiddas! is on at the Arts Centre BlackBox in St Kilda Road, Melbourne, until 2 June. It will then tour to Queensland's Dreaming Festival next month.

The show is presented by the Melbourne Workers Theatre. Bookings via ticketmaster 1300136166 or www.ticketmaster.com.au

*Tiddas means 'sisters'.

Are you creative in the arts?



Applications are now open for the Yvonne Cohen Award for Creative Indigenous Australian Youth.

The \$5000 award is in its third year and aims to highlight and nurture the artistic talents of an individual Indigenous artist aged 30 years and under.

The late Yvonne Cohen was a successful non-Indigenous artist spirit, who bequeathed a significant amount of money to foster the award over 25 years. Ms Cohen lived a huge part of her life on Timara Island, north Queensland.

Auspiced by the Victorian College of the Arts' Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development, the Yvonne Cohen Award recognises past achievements. Each year the trustee of the award, Wurundjeri

Elder Aunty Joy Wandin Murphy bestows the financial encouragement to one individual, enabling that person to continue his/her artistic endeavours.

The 2006 award winner, visual artist Lisa Michl of Cape York Peninsula in Queensland, said winning the award was a great honour for her.

"It was wonderful to know that my sustainable arts practice and studio discipline had not only been recognised, but also awarded," she said.

Nominations close 29 June and should be sent to Yvonne Cohen Award, c/- The Wilin Centre, Victorian College of the Arts, 234 St Kilda Rd, Southbank, Vic, 3006. For more information on what should be included in nominations, contact the Wilin Centre on telephone (03) 9685 9327.



2006 Yvonne Cohen Award winner, Lisa Michl, in Kokoberrin body painting.

Jarrah album 'shares love, culture'



With more than a decade of writing and performing original acoustic

folk/rock to audiences around Australia, Jarrah have released their latest album, *Down on the Misch*.

Writing songs from the heart and soul, singer/songwriter Gavin Somers has crafted 12 tracks polished by his band Jarrah on their second independent album.

Jarrah says their contemporary Koori music is a positive sharing of culture, love and life through song and upbeat rhythms.

Indigenous members of the band Gavin Somers and Lee Morgan, from Cherbourg (Qld) and Framlingham (Victoria) respectively, joined forces more than 10 years ago to create their own style of Koori folk/rock and ballads which has moved audiences at dozens of Victorian festivals and community events.

Lead vocalist Somers is gaining recognition for his works, having won eight song-writing awards over the past five years.

Down on the Misch features 12 tracks with three-part harmonies and acoustic rhythms.

Producers say *Mango Kisses* is a particularly moving acoustic ballad about a young lads first kiss under a mango tree.

Too Scarred shows the band's tight acoustic rock roots.

Jarrah have supported artists such as Archie Roach, Tiddas, Midnight Oil and Paul Kelly.

Debut album for Shellie Morris



Darwin Aboriginal singer and musician Shellie Morris has released her debut album.

Waiting Road was due to be launched at the Studio Theatre in Darwin last weekend.

Morris describes herself as an Australian Indigenous singer/songwriter performing and recording earthy and honest acoustic songs with contemporary instrumentation.

Others go further. She has been described by media as intriguing, the 'Janis Joplin of Jingili', and 'the Territorians' diva'.

Sisters singing it up at The Dreaming

Next month's Dreaming Festival will feature a super sisterhood of performers – a special gathering of Indigenous leading ladies with extraordinary talent.

Some are already household names, while others are rapidly showing Australia that there is amazing depth of Indigenous talent.

The four-day long weekend celebration of Indigenous culture and song, to be held on the Woodford Folk Festival site, north-west of Brisbane, from 8-11 June, is in its third year.

Festival-goers will enjoy a wide mix of performances in a number of venues. The acclaimed Christine Anu singing the blues in addition to her wide repertoire; Kerriane Cox,

an internationally-renowned independent Aboriginal singer and songwriter and winner of a Deadly award; Shellie Morris also is back to The Dreaming stages; and Lou Bennett, formerly of the legendary all-female trio *The Tiddas*, who will bring glamour, drama, divine singing and a string of heart-warming yarns in a solo theatrical performance called *Show us Your Tiddas* (see story on previous page).

Another legendary lady will star in her own story told through a cabaret-style show – Ruby Hunter with her life and music partner Archie Roach will inject emotion and humour in concert, accompanied by Paul Grabowsky and the Australian Art Orchestra.

Festival stalwart and award-winning singer Casey Donovan will return to The Dreaming.

Another Donovan family member, Emma, also will return with her six-piece band.

Appearing in the Emerging Artists program will be Jacinta Tobin, a Darug woman; Shaz Lane, a Dubbo-based singer/songwriter; Sharnee Fenwick, who is a contemporary country artist on the rise, and Leah Flanagan, from Darwin, with her music ranging from opera and jazz to rock, blues and folk.

● For more details, visit The Dreaming website. Pre-purchase tickets and save online at www.thedreamingfestival.com or call the festival office on (07) 5496 1066.

Mossman artist goes solo



Mossman Indigenous artist Michael Naden has celebrated a career milestone with the opening of his first solo exhibition.

Mr Naden has contributed works to national, state and regional group exhibitions in a career spanning 12 years, but until now has not staged a solo show.

Beautiful, a retrospective featuring 20 of Mr Naden's striking and sometimes provocative works, opened on 14 May in the Banggu Minjaany Art Gallery at the Cairns campus of Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE.

Mr Naden is a former TAFE visual arts student.

"It's great to get a chance to stage a solo exhibition, particularly in Cairns," he said.

"My main objectives are

expressing feelings and emotions through my art, which displays the political and cultural diversities in today's society.

"I follow my heart in my art creations, which are most of the time connected to Indigenous Australians and how we have been treated over the past 200 years."

Mr Naden hails from Gamilaroi country, near Gilgandra, in central west New South Wales, and has lived in Mossman for more than 20 years.

He undertook a visual arts training course at the Mossman TAFE campus in the mid-1990s and has been producing art ever since.

The Banggu Minjaany Art Gallery is in R Block at the Cairns TAFE campus, off Gattin Street, Manunda. The gallery is open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.



Mossman artist Michael Naden with one of his works.

AIATSIS gains Hiatt papers



The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra has acquired the papers of nearly seven decades of fieldwork by anthropologist Dr Lester Hiatt.

The Institute says the ANU post-graduate anthropologist's papers will form a vital new addition to its collections.

AIATSIS recently launched a 'finding aid' to the Hiatt collection, enabling interested researchers to easily search for the published and unpublished papers, which fill more than 48 boxes.

The papers cover Dr Hiatt's fieldwork amongst the Gidjingali people of northern Arnhem Land in the late 1950s and the debates that emerged from this fieldwork – his views often challenging the dominant anthropological models of the time.

AIATSIS Principal Steve Larkin said it was an honour to the Institute to have Dr Hiatt's vast body of work included in its collection.

"These papers, field notes, letters, lecture notes and photographs form an invaluable resource for students, teachers and for the Gidjingali people themselves, who were the focus of so many years of his work," he said.

Kinship, marriage, land and politics remained Hiatt's central interests, but he

also wrote on totemism, mythology, secret male cults, avoidance relationships, conceptualisation of the emotions and evolutionary biology.

The papers also cover Dr Hiatt's work at the University of Sydney and Harvard University, in the United States, his editorship of anthropological journals and his involvement in AIATSIS.

The finding aid is available online at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/7427/MS4129_Hiatt.pdf

Rangers learn new skills



Saltwater rangers will monitor their own 'back yard'. The Crab Claw Island Resort, just south of Darwin, will become the

regular live-in classroom for Indigenous sea rangers learning about boats.

The first batch of rangers lived for more than a month at the resort during the wet season, taking lessons in navigation, chart reading, mathematics, fuel consumption and other lessons in boat maintenance.

The rangers were studying for their coxswain's certificate through Charles Darwin University, which provided the maritime studies lecturers and did a deal with the owner for an accommodation and meals package to go along with the lessons.

Another month-long series of classes are expected to be held there later in the year.

While maths classes were held in the undercroft beneath the resort's dining room, the hands-on experience of messing about in boats was literally on the beach – watched by the occasional crocodile cruising past in the waters of Bynoe Harbour.

About 15 students drawn from various sea ranger groups across the Northern Territory completed the course.

The university began running the coxswain's course last year to ensure sea rangers were proficient in using boats for patrolling the waterways. The rangers have already shown their skills in guarding the coastline from illegal Indonesian fishermen, often working with Customs to find and detain boats.

Their boating skills will also play an important role in managing the coastlines of the Territory, which are dogged by the problems of debris from fishing trips being washed up on the shores.

The training scheme is based on the concept that the best people to patrol the remote coastal fringes are the people who live on the coast – the 'saltwater people' or traditional owners whose ancestors have been managing the environment for hundreds of years.

"One of the things these blokes can do well is monitor their own back yard," said course co-ordinator Milton Miller.



Sea rangers in their classroom at Crab Claw Island resort do the maths for their coxswain's certificate.



Charles Darwin University maritime lecturer Grant Rubock shows the sea rangers the ancient art of rope splicing as part of their course.

At the end of the training period, those who mastered the mathematics and other skills qualified for their coxswain's certificate. Those who struggled with the course passed their small boat

safety certificate.

Many sea rangers are expected to get jobs with Customs, and join the frontline in patrolling the vast expanses of coast across the Territory.

Educator to speak at conference



Dr Chris Sarra will be a keynote speaker on the opening day of a major national conference on Indigenous education starting in Melbourne at the weekend.

The Yapaneyepuk Indigenous Education conference will be held in Melbourne on Sunday 27 May and Monday 28 May. It will focus on the challenge of improving outcomes for Indigenous students.

Dr Sarra is Director of the Institute of Indigenous Education Leadership in Queensland, and has won national acclaim for the 'Strong and Smart' philosophy which he pioneered as principal of the Cherbourg Primary School.

He is credited with using attitudinal change, engagement with the community and implementation of a more relevant curriculum to turn around the school's high rates of absenteeism and chronic under-achievement, and creating enthusiasm for learning amongst the school's students.

Studies show that most Indigenous students, regardless of their completion year, leave school poorly prepared in comparison with their non-Indigenous counterparts. These outcomes limit the post-school options and life choices of Indigenous students, perpetuating intergenerational cycles of social and economic disadvantage.

The Yapaneyepuk conference will offer the opportunity to air the issues and challenges associated with delivering better outcomes in Indigenous education, both within schools and beyond.

Other notable speakers at the conference include Eimer Ghostkeeper of the Métis Nation in Canada, Director of the University of Melbourne Centre for Indigenous Education Dr Mark Rose, and Vice-President of Worawa Aboriginal College Lois Peeler.

The conference is a partnership involving Worawa Aboriginal College, Independent schools, university departments, educational organisations, the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association, Dare to Lead and the Centre for Strategic Education.

To register, contact the Centre for Strategic Education through www.cse.edu.au or telephone (03) 9654 1200. For more information on the conference program, contact Pam Russell on 0412 312 950.



Dr CHRIS SARRA

Fitzroy Valley celebrates graduations

By EMILIA BIEMMI BEURTEAUX



Students, family and friends from across the Fitzroy Valley, in Western Australia's Kimberley region, gathered at Karrayili Adult Education Centre's graduation ceremony last week to celebrate the achievements of more than 200 students.

Bunuba Elder Mary Aitkin gave a traditional owner's welcome to students and guests representing more than 35 communities in the Fitzroy Valley, five different Indigenous

language groups and numerous government departments and organisations from as far away as Perth.

More than 350 statements of attainment and completed qualifications were awarded to students studying Certificate I in Aboriginal Environmental Health Work, Business (Certificates I, II and III), and the Certificates of General Education for Adults (Introductory, Certificate I and II).

Walmajarri Elders Boxer (Pampilla) Hanson and Joe Brown presented the certificates and statements to students together with lecturers.

Karrayili Principal Moira Brodie believes the graduation was a special time for staff, students and the community.

"This graduation is a great way to acknowledge all the hard work and commitment that students, lecturers, industry representatives and community leaders across the Fitzroy Valley have dedicated towards training," Ms Brodie said.

"It's been nearly three years since our last graduation, so it's not only a special time to reward the achievements of students, but also to catch up with students who have moved on to other things in life."



● LEFT: Karrayili Chairwoman Daisy Andrews welcoming all to the graduation ceremony. Seated is Joe Brown.

● ABOVE: April Jones, who completed the Certificate I in General Education for Adults (Introductory) receives her certificate from Boxer (Pampilla) Hanson, with CGEA teacher Jasmine Francis at the microphone.

● BELOW: Karrayili students Lisa Uhl and Dolly Snell with Dolly's husband Spider Snell.



Dr Linda Ford



Dr Veronica Arbon

Yet another doctor graduates



Another Indigenous Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) has graduated from Deakin University. Dr Veronica Arbon graduated in April and follows the graduation of Dr Linda Ford last

year.

Both women undertook their doctoral studies in education through Deakin's Faculty of Education and the Institute of Koorie Education.

The Institute of Koorie Education is at Geelong and delivers undergraduate and postgraduate programs to Indigenous students through community-based mode throughout Australia.

Dr Ford was presented with her award at the Institute's 20th anniversary and community graduation ceremony in October.

Dr Ford, a Rak Mak Marranunggu woman from the Wagait and Daly region of the Northern Territory, said at the graduation ceremony:

"It has been one heck of a journey ... It's been a really interesting journey of how to capture the knowledge systems of Marranunggu ways of knowing and the Western culture, and how to bring them together to create new ways of understanding and how to work those metaphors to benefit Indigenous knowledge interests."

"That was the aim of my thesis, 'Narratives and Landscapes and Their Capacity to Serve Indigenous Knowledge Interests', and it's a great honour that not only was I able to write the thesis in Marranunggu Aboriginal, Creole, Aboriginal English and academic English ... but I was also able to express it in our traditional ways of knowing through art."

Dr Ford now is working as an academic member of staff in the School of Aboriginal and Islander Knowledge Systems at Charles Darwin University in Darwin. Her research interests include language and cultural diversity in educational settings, social justice, community development and adult education.

Dr Arbon was conferred with her doctoral degree in April 2007.

She and Dr Ford were short-listed for the Faculty of Education Best Thesis Award for 2006-07. Dr Arbon took out this prestigious honour with Dr Ford receiving an honourable mention.

Dr Arbon has worked in Indigenous Tertiary Education for more than 25 years and has held several leadership positions, the most recent as Director of the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. Presently she is employed as a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Adelaide.

Proud APY students graduate



Two more students from the Anangu Tertiary Education Program (AnTEP) graduated in the University of South Australia (Uni SA) graduation ceremony at the Festival Theatre, Adelaide.

Cheered on by family and friends, many of whom had travelled 1400 kilometres from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY Lands) in the north-west of South Australia, Madeline Curley and Kani George received their parchments from the Chancellor of the University of South Australia.

Madeline Curley was presented with the Bachelor of Teaching (Anangu Education) and Kani George was presented with the Diploma in Education (Anangu Education).

Back in 1995, one of the first AnTEP graduates, Ruth Anangka said, 'Walking across the stage, no-one can take that feeling away because it's really special to you. You feel really, really proud – even though it took a long time to do it and to get there.'

Ms Curley and Ms George were very proud to walk across the stage and receive their awards.

Ms Curley will now continue with her work at Fregon Anangu School as a teacher. Ms George will continue at Fregon community with her study and work as an Anangu Education Worker (AEW) at the school.

Ms Curley and Ms George are two more success stories from the AnTEP program. The AnTEP program, which has operated continuously since 1984, is a collaboration between the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC), the Department for Education and Children's Services (DECS), the University of South Australia (Uni SA) and



Madeline Curley and Kani George at the graduation ceremony.

the Department of Science Education and Training (DEST). AnTEP provides an avenue for Anangu to gain formal qualifications and recognition as teachers and professionals in their communities.

Shilo rises to the challenge



When Shilo Barker started studies with TAFE in 2000, she didn't expect to go on to study the Diploma of Community Welfare Work, or to be eventually named Aboriginal Student of the Year as part of TAFE NSW – Western Institute's Outstanding Graduating Student Awards.

The decision for Shilo to undertake TAFE studies was part of a plan to change her life.

"I wasn't working and decided I wanted to change my life and get work," she said.

"I read the handbook in 2000 and picked welfare – it was an area of interest but I'd never taken any steps."

Shilo started study in the Certificate III in Community Services (Welfare) after which she progressed to higher levels, eventually completing the Diploma.

Speaking of the qualification levels leading up to the Diploma, Shilo said she looked them as stepping stones toward what she wanted to do.

"It's been a long but happy journey which isn't over yet," she said.

Shilo is planning to continue study next year by undertaking the Bachelor of Social Science (Social Welfare) with Charles Sturt University.

Based on her completion of the Diploma, Shilo will receive credit for

12 subjects in the degree accounting for half the course. The university will also recognise all of the 400 hours of work experience she completed during her time at TAFE.

Shilo is currently a Senior Community Engagement Officer with the Commonwealth Government's Department of Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

She credits TAFE with preparing her for the role and cites as one of her achievements that through her studies she has progressed from being an unemployed on a sole parent pension to being a full-time working sole parent.

"There's no way I'd have had the confidence and skills to even apply for jobs like this," she said.

"My studies have been relevant and transferable and have enabled me to build up my confidence to push myself professionally and personally."

"I model behaviours, goal-setting and achievements, not only for my daughter, but also my whole extended family."

Deanne Davis, Head Teacher of Welfare in Dubbo, nominated Shilo for this award. In the nomination she wrote that 'Shilo is a great example of someone who knew where she wanted to go and when she got there made the most of the opportunities that came'.

Shilo was recognised at a function in Orange on 15 May.



● LEFT: Shilo Barker, Aboriginal Student of the Year at TAFE NSW – Western Institute's Student Awards.

Indigenous traineeship first for Riverina



Wiradjuri woman Tanya Clarke is the first person to receive an Indigenous traineeship with TAFE NSW Riverina Institute under a federal government program aimed at providing Aboriginal people with a pathway to unsubsidised employment.

Riverina Institute Director Rosemary Campbell and Danny Howard of training and employment agency GTES signed off on Tanya's traineeship earlier this month under the Structured Training Employment Program (STEP).

Under the agreement, 37-year-old Tanya from Lake Cargelligo, in south-western NSW, will take up a 12-month traineeship in Business Services with the Institute's Aboriginal Education and Training Unit and the Wagga Wagga campus.

She will gain hands-on experience in office procedures and administration with the unit, and in customer services at the campus level while undertaking a Certificate III in Business Services.

"This is a great beginning, in that it's the first time Riverina Institute has offered an Aboriginal traineeship under our new employment strategy," said Aboriginal Development Manager

Sonia Shea.

"We hope this will be the first of many pathway opportunities for Aboriginal people into the workforce."

"Tania will be working in an administrative and an educational environment. She'll benefit from the practical experience she gains from working in administrative support to the unit, as well as the underpinning knowledge learned from her studies."

Ms Shea hopes this will be the first of many Aboriginal traineeships to be offered across the Riverina.

● RIGHT: Tanya Clarke (front) is the first Indigenous trainee at Riverina Institute under the new initiative. She is pictured here with, from left, Danny Howard (GTES), Pat Keene (Summit Personnel), Rosemary Campbell (Director Riverina Institute), Sonia Shea (Manager Aboriginal Programs at Riverina Institute), Pauline Weigand (Gannambarra Enterprises), Coral Bulger (Riverina Institute's Aboriginal Co-ordinator) and Steve Forsyth (Head of Studies General Education at Riverina Institute).



Enrichment through dance

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Aboriginal students from Lismore Heights Public School, in northern NSW, have completed a unique Aboriginal dance program aimed at culturally enriching and empowering Indigenous primary school students.

The students met with the program instructor Aboriginal dancer Dhinawan (Mick Baker) for two hours each week for five weeks.

Dhinawan said the children learned more than just dancing.

"The kids learn to have pride in themselves, learn about who they are, where they come from," he said.

"Through dances they learn about simple morals which will carry them through life and greater understanding of the environment around them. They understand that it is not the colour of their skin that matters, but the culture within."

"It brings the entire Aboriginal students together and reinforces their identity as Aborigines."

"All the students are really curious about what is going on when I go to schools. All the non-Indigenous kids think it's deadly and that is a first step to reconciliation."

Dhinawan said the dance program was also designed to help kids who may need to raise money in order to participate in sporting activities and trips.

"A few of the kids have made it into the rep team to travel to Sydney, and it's a lot of money for the travel and

accommodation for families and single parent families. This way they can put on shows to raise money," he said.

Year five student Alicia King said the best part about dancing with Dhinawan was learning about Aboriginal culture, learning the dances and getting to know each other.

"We learned different traditional dances, about bush medicine and about feeling proud of who we are and where we are from and how to co-operate," Alicia said.

The 10 year-old has pledged to keep up her dancing.

Lismore Heights Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator Vanessa Thompson said she and another teacher saw Dhinawan perform in Sydney at an Aboriginal Studies Association Conference and were mesmerised. They agreed that they had to get him to their school.

"The kids started off a little reluctant at first," she said. "You know the 'shame' factor that kids get, but it really didn't take long for them to just get in and have a go."

"A couple of the boys who really struggled academically and with the structure of the classroom situation were very attentive and listening to everything."

"The change I saw was how the kids really looked out for each other. The bigger kids took the little ones under their wings and helped them out with the moves and stuff. It was beautiful to see."

"I never imagined in my wildest dreams that a couple of those kids would have got up in front of the whole school



Brunswick Heads Public students get ready to paint some ochre.

Lismore Heights Public School students with Dhinawan at the performance for students and parents.



and performed, let alone with such pride. I'm so proud of these guys."

Dhinawan noted changes in the students' behaviour too.

"Our programs have proved to help children gain self-confidence and perform better in literacy and numeracy," he said.

"Understanding who they are and where they come from gives them a sense of pride. Nobody can take that away from them," he said.

Ms Thompson said the school's vision was to involve Aboriginal parents in the day-to-day running of the school, and 'empower our little jarjums'.

"We want to give them

the skills to be happy, healthy, well educated little people who can truly make a difference to the future of this country. And I believe that by getting Dhinawan into our school, we have started this process."

Brunswick Heads Public School was the first school to run the program.

Deputy Principal Wil Constable said it was great watching the Aboriginal students become empowered through the dance program.

"At recess you can hear the kids playing the didgeridoo and you can see the spark in them and the confidence," Mr Constable said.

"The kids appear even prouder of their Aboriginality than before."



Lismore Heights Public School show how to shake a leg.



Brunswick Heads Public School students style up for the camera with Dhinawan.

Matter of life over death

Working women healthier – Report



Indigenous women who have a job or have completed Year 12 are more likely to have good health, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The ABS released The Health and Wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women: A Snapshot, 2004-05, which showed that Indigenous women continue to lag far behind non-Indigenous women in health outcomes.

But Federal Opposition spokeswoman on Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation Jenny Macklin said the report showed that Indigenous women's health could be improved through the creation of jobs, encouraging young women to stay at school, and improving health services.

According to the report:

- More than half of Indigenous women (52 per cent) who reported their health as 'excellent' or 'very good' were employed.

- Only one-third of women with 'fair' or 'poor health' were employed.

- Thirty per cent of Indigenous women who reported their health as excellent or very good had completed Year 12, compared to 17 per cent of women who reported fair or poor health.

In the Federal Budget on 8 May, the Federal Government announced \$177.4 million for extra places in the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program, which assists Indigenous young people from remote areas to access training in major centres, \$32.4 million for 1000 Indigenous higher education scholarships, and \$20.9 million for a secondary education hostel in Kununurra in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

In his Budget reply speech, Federal Opposition leader Kevin Rudd committed a Labor government to lifting Year 12 retention rates from 75 per cent to 85 per cent by 2015 and to 90 per cent by 2020.

Ms Macklin said Labor was committed to closing the gap between the school retention rates of Indigenous young people and other students.

"Indigenous people cannot become self-reliant and improve their health without a meaningful job, decent education and a safe home," she said.

"Access to basic health services remains a major problem for Indigenous people.

"We need to recognise that you cannot have a good quality of life if you don't have a safe and clean house to live in.

"You cannot maintain a good lifestyle without a reliable and meaningful job. And you cannot build a happy and healthy life without decent education and skills."



More needed to be done to sell the message of

preventative health, said Canberra's Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service CEO Julie Tongs.

At the launch of the service's biggest ever community health day, Ms Tongs said: "After all, it's a matter of life over death."

Winnunga's Family Fun and Child Health Expo is held to promote the benefits of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Health Check to the community.

Nearly 400 people attended the day – jointly launched by Ms Tongs and Aboriginal sports star and now the public face and driver of the Federal Government's Child Health National Road Show, Nova Peris.

"We need more health days like this," said Ms Peris. "They're vitally important."

Apart from selling the message of preventative health, the day achieved:

- Forty-seven children undergoing the complete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Health Check

- A further 29 completing partial but still comprehensive child health checks, which included teeth and hearing checks as well as advice on good nutrition and exercise

- Ninety-one children had their immunisation status checked and 19 were immunised

- Hundreds of mums, dads, carers, aunts and uncles being better informed on a range of vital health issues.

The underlying reason for the day, assisted by volunteers from many local organisations, was to launch the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child

Health Check to the Indigenous community of the ACT and region.

The check is available free at Winnunga and is offered yearly to all kids from six weeks of age to 14 years. From 15 years on, young people qualify for an Adult Health Check, which is available every two years.

"It is absolutely vital that we get across the message that preventative health care is important. This is what the checks are about," said Ms Tongs. "We want to make sure our kids grow up with the best possible start."

"It is no exaggeration to say that days like these can save lives. Early detection and prevention go a long way in keeping our kids healthy."

Entertainment

Living legend Jimmy Little and his band led the entertainment, backed by Canberra musicians Dale Huddleston, Johnny Huckle, Chris Burke and others.

There were also tents where hearing and dental checks were conducted, as well as painting under the supervision of local Aboriginal artist Robert Bryant and face painting, kids' drawing, spray-on tattoos and even a stall run by Kidsafe demonstrating how to install kids' car seats correctly.

As an extra bonus, 28 lucky parents, aunts, uncles or carers of young people who underwent health checks were given an opportunity to join a range of Aboriginal sports stars, including Bo de la Cruz, David Peachey, Nathan Blacklock, Dean Widders, Dean Rioli and Kyle Vander Kuyp at a golf day at Canberra's Gold Creek golf course.



● LEFT: Winnunga Nimmityjah CEO Julie Tongs at the service's community health day.

● BELOW: 'Open wide' asks young dental nurse Justine Malone, and one youngster obliges. More than 70 young people had their teeth checked during the day.

● BOTTOM: Community member Kathleen Leigh relaxes with Aboriginal entertainer Jimmy Little, who joined with Canberra-based entertainers Dale Huddleston and Johnny Huckle in song sessions.



Some of the crowd at the Winnunga event.



Penrith puts out welcome mat



The adage, 'knowledge is power', is a pretty fair summary of the idea behind a recent health open day at the Penrith Community Health Centre in Sydney.

Indigenous people sometimes miss out on vital healthcare because they're reluctant to access or unaware of available services, so the centre's staff formed a committee to think of ways to let the area's sizeable Indigenous population know about its services.

The committee included Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer Donna Jory, Social Worker Debbie Hughes, Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Craig Brown, Aboriginal Vascular Health Worker Lynette Mieni, speech pathologist Lynette Spicer and social worker Margaret Prentice.

The open day, held over four hours on 4 May and attended by many members and Elders of the Aboriginal community and many service providers, was a deemed a great success. A morning tea and sausage sizzle kept guests energised in between presentations by centre staff.

The centre has nursing staff, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, orthoptists (vision specialists), audiometrists (hearing specialists), counsellors, women's health specialists, drug and alcohol counsellors, mental health services, a play gym and a parenting group.

The committee plans to promote the idea of the open day to all the other health centres in the Sydney West Area Health Service.



Local elders assess some of the information available on the day.

Infections leading cause of baby hospitalisations



Infections are the leading reason Australian babies and toddlers are admitted to hospital, the nation's largest study of childhood admissions has found.

The findings support international trends showing more young children than ever are succumbing to infections, with researchers blaming increased use of day care facilities and emergency rooms.

The survey of the medical records of 270,000 West Australian children found that infectious diseases were the most common cause of hospitalisation for children under two years old.

Researchers at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research found that half of all Aboriginal and one in five non-Aboriginal babies and toddlers had been admitted at least once because of infection.

The most common were the respiratory infections, bronchiolitis, pneumonia, ear infection and gastroenteritis, according to the study published in the Paediatric Infectious Disease Journal.

Dr Deborah Lehmann, who heads the Institute's Infectious Diseases Unit, said Aboriginal children were three-times more likely to be hospitalised, but these rates were declining.

The research team believed increased use of early childhood facilities could be behind the rise.

"These days young children generally mix with many children at a young age due to an increase in day care and other organised activities for children," said co-author Dr David Burgner, a child health specialist at the University of Western Australia.

"Therefore they are also potentially exposed to more infectious diseases, earlier."

He said the reduction in bulk billing practices also had seen more children treated at emergency rooms, which may increase the likelihood of admission into hospital. —AAP

Book offers guide to social change

A new book examining the origins of poor health among Aboriginal communities has been launched in Darwin.

The Social Determinants of Indigenous Health was launched on 8 May by Aboriginal Health CRC Chairwoman Pat Anderson.

The book features respected contributors from around Australia focussing on the social and political factors that have resulted in Australia's original inhabitants suffering from what has been called 'Fourth World' standards of health, that is poverty, class, education, employment and housing.

The book offers a systematic overview of the relationship between the social and political environment and health. It is described as a guide to social change, outlining a framework for effective health delivery.

For more information, contact Ron Banks at Charles Darwin University on telephone 08 8946 6019, fax 08 8946 6533, or email ron.banks@cdu.edu.au

Guide to diabetes available online

Diabetes Australia-NSW has placed an online guide to diabetes on its website. The guide is easy to read and includes the latest diabetes statistics, the cost of diabetes, a dictionary of diabetes definitions, information about type 1 and type 2 diabetes, and complications of the diseases.

The guide can be found at http://www.diabetesnsw.com.au/publications_and_media_pages/media_guide.asp It also is available in hardcopy.

NSW Aboriginal Health Awards 2007

REMINDER - NOMINATIONS CLOSING 8 JUNE, 2007

The Centre for Aboriginal Health, NSW Health, is hosting the 2007 NSW Aboriginal Health Awards on Monday 9 July 2007 to coincide with the commencement of NAIDOC week.

Invitations to nominate for the Awards have been sent to Area Health Services, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and Non-Government Organisations who deliver health services to Aboriginal people living in NSW.

Nominations are closing soon and are open for individuals, teams and organisations to be nominated in the categories of:

- Excellence in Program and Service Delivery
- Innovation in Aboriginal Health
- Strengthening Aboriginal Families and Children
- Working Together to Make a Difference
- Enterprise and Resourcefulness
- Excellence in Workforce
- Innovation in Chronic Care
- Gail May Award
- Director General Award for Aboriginal Health
- Minister for Health Award for Aboriginal Health
- Hall of Fame Award

Nomination packages may be accessed on the Aboriginal Health Awards page on the NSW Health web site: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/ahawards/2007/>

For further information please contact Ian Raymond, Centre for Aboriginal Health, NSW Health on (02) 9391 9546.

Nominations must be received by COB Friday 8 June 2007

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Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Budget promises Indigenous jobs

The recent Federal Budget included a pledge from the Australian Government to provide \$47.6 million over the next four years to contract Indigenous Australians to work on country to protect country.

Environment and Water Resources Minister Malcolm Turnbull said the commitment to fund environmental services in remote and regional Australia marked the largest injection of funds ever for Indigenous environment work.

"This is a giant step forward in creating properly paid jobs for Indigenous people looking after the country," Mr Turnbull said.

"Indigenous Australians will be engaged through the new initiative to work on the Government's environment priorities – from protection of threatened species, control of feral pests and weeds and protection of wetlands and sea country, to conservation of national heritage sites.

"We need to build the resilience of our landscapes and our flora and fauna as we prepare to adapt to climate change, and in our remote and regional areas. "Indigenous Australians are best placed to deliver these services.

"This new funding will buy environmental services from Indigenous communities, creating sustainable jobs for Indigenous Australians doing work that all Australians value."

Mr Turnbull said the initiative built on Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme and offered the prospect for some Indigenous Australians to move to jobs with all the benefits of normal employment arrangements, doing work valued in their community.

"Indigenous Australians have long been involved in actively

managing and protecting the land and sea," he said.

"With funding support from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, we'll be looking to complement the invaluable traditional skills of Indigenous people with training in modern land management practices, offering the prospect of new career pathways and business opportunities."

Mr Turnbull said his department would begin talking with Indigenous organisations, including land councils, about the program.

The first contracts will be negotiated in areas where environment management plans involving Indigenous communities exist, and where strong governance structures are in place to ensure sound contract management.

"It will also help break the long cycle of Indigenous disadvantage," the Minister said.

"As we have discovered in Indigenous Protected Areas, remote communities report that jobs on country deliver real benefits in better health, school education and social cohesion."

● For more information visit:
<http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry/index.html>



● ABOVE: Wulaign Ranger Jefferson Lewis working on the Northern Tanami Indigenous Protected Area.

Photo courtesy of Central Land Council



● LEFT: One of the Wulaign Rangers based at Lajamanu, in the NT. The Wulaign Rangers do work on implementing the plan of management for the land. He is demonstrating the effect of traditional patch burning.

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Queensland Government Queensland Health

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Allied Health/Clinical Support

Social Worker (Generalist) – Community Health Services, Cherbourg Community Health Centre, West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District. Salary between \$43 793 - \$56 392 p.a. (P02) JRN: H07SB21. Duties/Abilities: Provide care in complex situations and provide support to Aboriginal Health Workers and other personnel. Identify, select, implement and evaluate interventions appropriate to identified situations. Participate in health promotion and education.

Enquiries: Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900.

Application Kit: (07) 4162 9186 or
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Tuesday, 12 June 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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DIVISION OF SOCIETY, CULTURE, MEDIA AND PHILOSOPHY Warawara - Department of Indigenous Studies

DIRECTOR OF WARAWARA AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (Full-time (continuing)) Ref. 10858

An applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The appointee will be responsible for the day-to-day management of Warawara - Department of Indigenous Studies, including the Bachelor of Community Management, Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) and Aboriginal Studies units, as well as providing leadership for staff and students in the Department. Under the supervision of the Dean, the appointee will have responsibility for academic program development for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The appointee will also provide academic policy advice to the Vice-Chancellor and Executive on the development of appropriate University policies for Indigenous Australian students and staff, and will assist in the implementation of effective community outreach. The appointee will also be responsible for Warawara's financial resources and academic and general staff. The appointee will be encouraged to teach and pursue research in her/his area of expertise.

Essential Selection Criteria: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; appropriate higher degree qualification; capacity to develop and implement a strategic direction for Warawara; leadership and management experience at a senior level in organisations; demonstrated record of and commitment to the teaching and learning of Indigenous people in higher education; substantial experience with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in higher education; a research track record demonstrated by publications, grants or consultancies.

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The position of Associate Professor is available on a full-time (continuing) basis and may be subject to probationary conditions. The appointment as Director will be for an initial period of three years.

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Enquiries: Professor Mitchell Dean, Dean of Division on (02) 9850 8703 or email: mitchell.dean@mq.edu.au

Package: From \$116,633 pa, including Level D (Associate Professor) base salary \$98,556 to \$108,517 pa, plus leave loading and up to 17% employer's superannuation.

Information about the Department can be obtained at www.warawara.mq.edu.au

These appointments are currently governed by the terms of the Macquarie University Enterprise Agreement 2006-2009. The successful applicant will subsequently be offered the choice of an Australian Workplace Agreement for this appointment.

Please visit www.jobs.mq.edu.au to apply online. Closing date: 16 May 2007.



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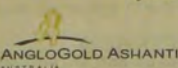
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For a copy of the position description or information on how to apply, please contact Human Resources on (08) 8924 3900 or email ntjobs@redcross.org.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria will be accepted until close of business Thursday 31st May 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE



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- Ability to manage and lead a team and ability to build working partnerships with a range of stakeholders.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent knowledge and experience, with demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.
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Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and MUST complete the forms contained in the information package.

Enquiries: Michael Evans (02) 6024 8700
Information Package: Available online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email: hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or contact (02) 6392 8250.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': Apply on line at: 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: Friday 1 June 2007.

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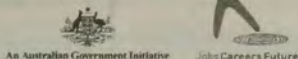
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This position is available on a full-time fixed term basis for 12 months and is based in Taree.

The salary will be in accordance with the National Federal Training Wage.

Confirmation of Aboriginality is required - refer to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander - Establishing Status within the University - Policy 000749).

Applications Close: Wednesday 6th June 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:

T 02 4921 6387 - Lori Parish, Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator
E lori.pariah@newcastle.edu.au or
W www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment

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Reference No: 07-153**

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The Indigenous Education Manager is at the DEST Executive Level 1, and will work jointly with managers across the Indigenous Education Branch (IEB) and their staff to manage the delivery of IEP for the State, including compliance and reporting requirements in respect of WOSI, ITAS, SRA and ELS/ILSS.

The applicant must be prepared to undertake air and road travel within Queensland and interstate and a current driver's licence is required.

Please note: This position is a security assessed position. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a security assessment.

For further information about the position please contact **Shane Williams, Deputy State Manager on (07) 3223 1001**. For selection documentation see below.

Network Development Manager

\$75,151 - \$80,928

DEST Executive Level 1

Reference No: 07-159**

BRISBANE

The Network Development Manager is at the DEST Executive Level 1, and will work jointly with the Indigenous Education Branch (IEB) Managers and their staff across Queensland to facilitate business operations and build workforce capabilities.

The applicant must be prepared to undertake substantial air and road travel within Queensland and interstate and a current driver's licence is required.

Please note: This position is a security assessed position. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a security assessment.

For further information about the position please contact **Shane Williams, Deputy State Manager on (07) 3223 1001**. 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.

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Strategic Interventions Manager (North)

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DEST Executive Level 1

Reference No: 07-160**

QUEENSLAND

The Strategic Interventions Manager (North) will work with District Managers to represent and promote awareness of the Department's policy and programmes to a range of stakeholder groups, e.g. the Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICCs); take a lead role in brokering innovative whole-of-government strategic solutions to better meet the education and training needs of Indigenous people; explore opportunities for improved program coordination, flexibility and access for all Queenslanders; and cultivate productive relationships with key stakeholders including Indigenous communities and other government and non government agencies.

There are two positions. This position will be responsible for working with district offices in North, Far North and Western Queensland and the Torres Strait, and the other, which is currently filled, is responsible for working with district offices in South Queensland which includes Central, South West and South East Queensland.

The successful applicant will be located in a DEST Office or Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC).

The applicant must be prepared to undertake substantial air and road travel within Queensland and interstate and a current driver's licence is required.

Please note: This position is a security assessed position. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a security assessment.

For further information about the position please contact **Shane Williams, Deputy State Manager on (07) 3223 1001**.

For selection documentation see below.

**** 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.

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

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Selection criteria can be obtained from Tai Viri on 02-61226462 or tviri@icv.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close COB Monday 4 June 2007.



The University of Sydney

Community Development Project Officer - Indigenous Education

Broken Hill Department of Rural Health

Reference No. 102314

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For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 102314. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Tony Kickett on (08) 8080 1202 or (08) 8080 1200, fax (08) 8087 0051 or email: tkickett@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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We have a vacancy for an Indigenous Project Officer (IPO) to join our Community and Service Development team.

The IPO will develop Indigenous communities' awareness of and improve access to our services.

We're looking for someone who has:

- strong interpersonal and communication skills
- experience in community education and outreach
- experience in project management
- a current NSW driver's license

You'll need to be able to manage your time effectively and work flexibly as part of a dedicated, enthusiastic team. This position is based in Sydney (near Central Station) however travel within NSW is required.

Enquiries: Emma Keene, Manager Service Development phone (02) 8218 5225

Position description: phone (02) 8218 5250 or visit our website www.ewon.com.au

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 6 June 2007



Energy & Water
Ombudsman NSW

This is an identified Indigenous position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

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www.dest.gov.au

DEST prides itself on being an 'employer of choice' and offers a work environment where Caring for Our People is priority and where social and cultural diversity are valued.

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Are You Interested in Serving Christ in Sydney's West?

The Anglican Church in Sydney is looking for an Indigenous committed Christian to carry on the work at the Koori Church at Tregear. Over the last eight years Rev Neville Naden and Rev Rick Manton of the Presbyterian Church have pastored this Church in an area of Sydney with a large Indigenous population. Neville has moved and a replacement team member is being sought.

The Anglican Church provides an income, allowances and rent-free accommodation. Assistance may be provided for further Bible/Theological training at a college considered appropriate by the Diocese.

The Anglican Church supports two other Indigenous ministries at Redfern and at Macarthur, near Campbelltown.

If you believe you have preaching and pastoral skills and feel called to this kind of ministry, please or write to Pastor Ray Minniecon, mobile 0417 929 701 or address, 115 Young Street Redfern, 2016.



Casual Care Worker

Ngangana Aboriginal Branch
Position Located in Coonabarabran

Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

We are seeking to employ a Care Worker to provide personal care, housekeeping and respite care on a casual basis with flexible availability, including early mornings, evenings and willing to work on weekends if required.

Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Ability to work without direct supervision
- Ability to undertake housekeeping and personal care tasks
- Knowledge and understanding of EEO, OHS, EAPS and Ethical Practices
- Sensitivity to the needs of customers from different backgrounds
- Good communication skills and ability to work hours as required
- A current driver's licence, own registered vehicle, third party property motor vehicle insurance and telephone.
- Attend training as required

Rate of pay commences at \$19.82ph (casual), plus loadings for out of hours work, non contributory superannuation and car allowance.

For further information and application package contact Janelle Brown on (02) 6841 1570.

Applications to:

Janelle Brown,
Home Care Service of NSW
PO Box 1310,
DUBBO, NSW 2830

Applications Close: Friday 1 June, 2007.

Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check. **Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.**

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



MARIE STOPES
AUSTRALIA

INDIGENOUS SEXUAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Program Manager Program Coordinator (2 year contracts)

Marie Stopes Australia (MSA) is seeking to recruit two enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our dynamic Melbourne-based team which is responsible for our Indigenous Sexual Health Initiative. We are a non-profit social business and a key member of the Marie Stopes International global partnership of 40 affiliates world-wide, working to improve the sexual and reproductive health of women, men and their families.

Working in collaboration with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), and other community-controlled Indigenous organisations, these posts will take responsibility for the national roll out of the SNAKE social marketing project, including the development and delivery of toolkits, training and resources to assist communities to implement the project themselves. Extensive travel to regional and remote Australian communities will be required for the Program Manager post.

We are looking for enthusiastic, outgoing and highly motivated self-starters, with the ability to take responsibility for taking SNAKE out to the wider community. The Program Manager will be passionate about working directly with communities who wish to improve sexual health of their young people in particular. They will need exceptional communication and training skills, and ideally a background in health or marketing. The Program Coordinator will require excellent reporting writing, fundraising, publishing, communication and organisational skills. You will both be committed to Aboriginal self-determination and community control and be happy to work within an international organisation.

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply and will find a supportive environment.

Selection criteria and a job framework can be obtained from our website at: <http://www.mariestopes.org.au/careers-employment.html> or by calling Keya on (03) 9525 2411.

Closing date for applications: 30th May 2007.



COMMUNITY PROJECT OFFICER (CPO)-INDIGENOUS

REF. NO: 2007.35

THE POSITION:

An exciting opportunity exists for a CPO-Indigenous to join the Community Development Team at Fairfield City Council.

The CPO-Indigenous is a dynamic, three-day per week position that will focus on further developing and coordinating Fairfield City Council's Reconciliation Strategy and Statement of Commitment Action Plan. Council has developed strong relationships with the local Aboriginal community and is working in partnership in delivering a number of innovative and exciting projects. Plenty of room for the potential employee to be creative and build a living culture between local Aboriginal communities and Fairfield's urban and culturally diverse society.

CLOSING DATE: 4.00pm Monday 4 June 2007

FURTHER CONTACT: For further enquiries and a copy of the CPO-Indigenous Position Description, call (02) 9725 0393 or visit our website www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au go to Career Opportunities under Quick Links.

This is an Aboriginal identified position. This position requires an applicant's aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification authorised by Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be made using Council's Application for Employment Form available from the contact person listed above. Applications should be addressed to the undersigned and received by the closing date. Applicants must be prepared to undergo a medical examination at Council's expense. Fairfield City Council is a smoke-free workplace and is an EEO employer.

PO BOX 21
FAIRFIELD 1860

ALAN YOUNG
CITY MANAGER



department of disability,
housing & community services

Applicants should note that Selection Documents and Application Packages including referee report proformas are available on the ACT Governments website at: <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au>

Applications for this vacancy can be mailed to: Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra ACT 2601 or via email to jobs@act.gov.au

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support

Quamby

INDIGENOUS SUPPORT WORKER

Administrative Service Officer Class 5

(PN: 03296)

Salary Range: \$53,162-\$56,370

Duties: The Indigenous Support Worker's position will work within the case management unit to improve relationships with indigenous young people in secure care and to form strong links with their support networks and broader indigenous community.

Eligibility/other requirements: Current driver's licence; First Aid Certificate; Completion of the Youth Worker Level 4 Certificate, and/or qualifications in the behavioural sciences highly desirable; At least two (2) years' relevant experience.

Contact Officer: Frank Smith (02) 6207 0649

Selection Documentation may be downloaded from:
www.jobs.act.gov.au

Applications: Via e-mail to jobs@act.gov.au or by post to Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City 2601.

Applications close: 1st June 2007



Australian Government

Department of Families, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

Improving the lives of Australians



The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) is the Government's principal source of advice on social policy issues. We also have responsibility to effectively and efficiently manage a diverse range of programs and services to improve the lives of Australians. Our whole-of-government approach brings with it many opportunities to build effective relationships with other government and non-government organisations.

We are looking for innovative and professional people who have a particular interest in the challenges involved in improving the capacity and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

We welcome applications from Indigenous Australians, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

Queensland State Office

Indigenous Coordination Centre, Townsville

The Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) is the main mechanism for coordination of Indigenous-specific programs in the Townsville region. ICCs are committed to making a difference to the lives of Indigenous Australians through better coordination and collaboration across Government. The ICCs strive to provide more innovative and flexible approaches to development and delivery of Indigenous programs and services, and aim to have real partnerships with local Indigenous communities, working together to achieve improved outcomes on the basis of shared responsibility.

The Townsville ICC region extends North to Mission Beach, east to Palm island, south to Sarina and west to Richmond.

Director

Executive Level 2

\$83,720 - \$95,363

Reference No. 5001 3277

FaCSIA is looking for results oriented individuals experienced in driving significant change, with the ability to work in a dynamic environment, think strategically, and work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders, including the community.

Contact Officer for more information about this position: Anne Marie Roberts, ICC Manager (07) 4760 1040.

Applications Close: 31 May 2007

HOW TO APPLY

An information package with full details of these vacancies and how to apply is available by visiting our Website on www.facsia.gov.au under 'Careers in FaCSIA'.

Alternatively, contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (07) 3321 7104. People with hearing or speech impairment candidates, may obtain selection documents via the department's TTY number on 1800 260 402.

To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian citizens or willing to apply for Australian citizenship.



Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Join our team

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our Central Office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Canberra Central Office

Project Officer - Systems Administrator
APS Level 6

\$54,263 - \$61,038 pa, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will maintain the company's software register and computerised accounting system and other associated systems including but not limited to records management, EFT, payroll system, installation, security, backup, updates, period closures, consolidations and end of financial year system roll-overs. Develop and manage the system user policy in accordance with the company's policy. Co-ordinate IT maintenance contracts for the company's hardware and software. Provide support in relation to Microsoft Excel designed revenue sheets and expenditure reimbursement forms and provide administrative support within the Division as required.

Senior Records Officer

APS Level 5
\$49,254 - \$52,270 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a highly motivated person with sound communication, interpersonal and analytical skills to fill our position of Senior Records Officer.

The successful applicant will supervise and undertake services provided by the Records Management Section. This position requires experience with electronic information management and database systems for the creation, maintenance, disposal and storage of Central Office records.

Further inquiries: Luke Sikalaski
Telephone No: 02 62122051
Selection documentation: Hazel Tsitsikronis
Telephone No: 02 62122078 or from our website.

Special Project Officer

(non-ongoing 18 months)
APS Level 5
\$49,254 - \$52,270 pa, plus superannuation

A temporary position exists at Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) for a period of 18 months.

Under general direction, undertake a range of duties associated with Fire Safety works at AHL hostels, the development, review and implementation of the company's operating manuals and guidelines and property acquisition and disposals.

Further inquiries: Phil Pratt
Telephone No: 02 62122075
Selection documentation: Hazel Tsitsikronis
Telephone No: 02 62122078 or from our website.

Assistant Project Officer

APS Level 4
\$44,612 - \$47,703 pa, plus superannuation

Duties: As a member of a small team the successful applicant will be responsible for managing various databases, recruitment functions and assisting with other human resources tasks. You will be a highly motivated person with good communication skills and an ability to operate a range of computer packages.

Further inquiries: Alan Coxhill
Telephone No: 02 62122035
Selection documentation: Marlene Dunn
Telephone No: 02 62122034 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 8 June 2007 and should be sent to: Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606.

Cairns Cairns Regional Office

Corporate Services Administrative Support Officer

APS Level 2
\$35,176 - \$38,379 pa, plus superannuation

Under routine direction, be responsible for the provision of routine support services for the Regional Office with an emphasis on support to the purchasing, finance and personnel/payroll functions.

Further inquiries: Patricia Whitla
Telephone No: 07 40514588
Selection documentation: Sandra Callope
Telephone No: 07 40514588 or from our website.

Kuiyam Hostel Assistant Hostel Manager

APS Level 3
\$39,613 - \$42,039 pa, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Gwen Motlop

Telephone No: 07 40516466
Selection documentation: Sandra Callope
Telephone No: 07 40514588 or from our website.

McLeod IYMP Hostel Relief House Manager

(part time 15.20 hours per week)

APS Level 3
\$303.74 - \$322.34 per week, plus superannuation

Digger Street IYMP Hostel Relief House Manager

(part time 15.20 hours per week)

APS Level 3
\$303.74 - \$322.34 per week, plus superannuation

Clare Street IYMP Hostel Relief House Manager

(part time 15.20 hours per week)

APS Level 3
\$303.74 - \$322.34 per week, plus superannuation

Provide residential support for young Indigenous people aged 16-24 years and manage an accommodation facility for up to 10 residents.

We are seeking three motivated people to manage group houses or similar accommodation and provide residential support for young Indigenous people from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

Duties include:

- managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation
- assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle
- liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. On-the-job training will be available.

Desirable: Drivers Licence
Further inquiries: Michael Jackomas
Telephone No: 07 40514588

Selection documentation: Sandra Callope
Telephone No: 07 40514588 or from our website.

Joe McGinness Hostel Relief Houseparent

(part time 15.20 hours per week)

APS Level 2
\$275.12 - \$291.94 per week, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty and ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students.

Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teenagers in a residential setting would be an advantage as well as a current Senior First Aid Certificate.

This position requires the successful applicant to possess a licence to drive a 22-seater bus or the ability to obtain one.

Further inquiries: Irene Laifoa
Telephone No: 07 40512141
Selection documentation: Sandra Callope
Telephone No: 07 40514588 or from our website.

Townsville Duyfken IYMP Hostel Relief House Manager

(part time 15.20 hours per week)

APS Level 3
\$303.74 - \$322.34 per week, plus superannuation

Provide residential support for young Indigenous people aged 16-24 years and manage an accommodation facility for up to 10 residents.

We are seeking a motivated person to manage a group house or similar accommodation and provide residential support for young Indigenous people from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

Duties include:

- managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation
- assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle
- liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. On-the-job training will be available.

Desirable: Drivers Licence
Further inquiries: Michael Jackomas
Telephone No: 07 40514588

Selection documentation: Sandra Callope
Telephone No: 07 40514588 or from our website.

Iris Clay Hostel Assistant Hostel Manager

(part time 30 hours per week)

APS Level 3
\$599.49 - \$636.20 per week, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Tony Greer
Telephone No: 07 47723649
Selection documentation: Sandra Callope
Telephone No: 07 40514588 or from our website.

Mackay Mackay Hostel Assistant Hostel Manager

(part time 30.40 hours per week)

APS Level 2
\$550.24 - \$583.88 per week, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Veronica AhWang
Telephone No: 07 49533703

Selection documentation: Sandra Callope
Telephone No: 07 40514588 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 8 June 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143, CAIRNS QLD 4870.

Perth Perth Regional Office Corporate Services Officer

APS Level 4
\$44,612 - \$47,703 pa, plus superannuation

Under general direction, be responsible for providing information and advice on financial/grant management issues to those hostels of the Community Grants (CHG) program and monitoring and reporting on the financial/grant management and administrative operations of the CHG program.

Further inquiries: Brett Hill
Telephone No: 08 93256770
Selection documentation: Sharna Collard
Telephone No: 08 93256770 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 8 June 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, 12th Floor Septimus Roe Building, 256 Adelaide Terrace, PERTH WA 6000.

Sydney Various Hostels Relief Hostel Manager

APS Level 2
\$35,880 - \$38,074 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a highly motivated person to fill the position of Relief Hostel Manager.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the operation of the hostel, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Malisa Carney
Telephone No: 02 93102777

Selection documentation: Malisa Carney
Telephone No: 02 93102777 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 8 June 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager Aboriginal Hostels Ltd, GPO Box 783, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012

Dubbo Dubbo IYMP Hostel House Manager

APS Level 3
\$42,880 - \$45,503 pa, plus superannuation

Provide residential support for young Indigenous people aged 16-24 years and manage an accommodation facility for up to 10 residents.

We are seeking a motivated person to manage a group house or similar accommodation and provide residential support for young Indigenous people from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

Duties include:

- managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation
- assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle
- liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. On-the-job training will be available.

Desirable: Drivers Licence
Further inquiries: David Collins
Telephone No: 07 32213866

Selection documentation: Angeline Blitner
Telephone No: 07 32213866 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 8 June 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 10122, Adelaide Street PO, BRISBANE QLD 4000.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the probationary period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions. The successful applicants will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

These are identified positions.

Winner of the 2006 Victorian Premier's award for the most outstanding regional health service

Senior Koori Liaison Officer

Permanent Full Time

The Senior Koori Liaison Officer will be responsible for facilitating access and availability of appropriate health care services, coordinating preventative health programs and ensuring appropriate discharge support services are in place for Koori customers/clients.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Leadership, education and coordination of LRH Koori Hospital Liaison Services
- Providing advice and support on appropriate services for Koori customers/clients

Improving the ability of health care providers to meet the needs of Koori people

- Assisting in improved access to LRH programs and services for Koori people
- Ensuring services delivered are client focused, effective, are provided in a positive, team-orientated environment and meet government ICAP (Improving Care for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Patients) Policy requirements (ICAP document available within online application).

Applicants must possess the following attributes:

- Sound knowledge and understanding of Koori culture, society and kinship networks
- The ability to effectively engage with the Koori community
- Well developed interpersonal and communication skills, written and verbal
- Strong computer skills
- Strong organisational and time management skills

The Anti Discrimination Tribunal has granted exemption (No. A73/2007) from the operation of Section 13, 100 and 195 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 in relation to this position. **Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply. All applicants must submit a detailed resume and a covering letter addressing the selection criteria detailed in the Position Description; available online at www.lrh.com.au or by contacting Wendy Bezzina, 03-5173 8830. Applications close 5pm Friday 1st June, 2007.**

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www.lrh.com.au

MANAGER

Full-Time Position Available

NSI Aboriginal & Islander Housing Co-op is a non-profit organisation located on North Stradbroke Island.

Currently delivering a range of programs including community housing, respite, caravan park and aged care hostel.

To receive an Info/Application kit, send email to nsiho@redzone.com.au or call

07 3409 9340

Applications close 4pm Friday 1st June 2007.

North Coast Institute

JOIN OUR TEAM

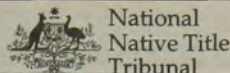
Have you got the skills we need?

Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?

The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:

www.nci.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Manager Administrative Services

- Rewarding work/life balance
- \$55,422 – \$58,765 plus 15.4% superannuation
- Located in Adelaide

The Manager Administrative Services is a pivotal role responsible for the management and coordination of a multi-functional administrative services team, and a part of the South Australian registry management team.

To be successful in this role you must have:

- the ability to work under limited supervision, while managing a variety of tasks and meeting deadlines;
- high-level management and administrative skills, and
- well developed communication skills.

To apply, view the Application Kit on our website at www.nntt.gov.au or freecall 1800 814 592, quoting reference number 191. For further information about the vacancy, please contact Sharon Middlin on (08) 8306 1244.

The Tribunal embraces diversity in its workforce and Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Applications close: 24 May 2007.

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW



Environment Protection and Regulation Division

No smoking in the workplace is Department policy.

The remuneration package quoted includes annual salary, employer's contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common Selection Criteria': Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement; and Occupational, Health and Safety, as they relate to the job.

Senior Aboriginal Heritage Officer

EPO Class10, Planning & Aboriginal Heritage Section,
South Branch, Environment Protection & Regulation Division, Queanbeyan.
Permanent, full-time. Advertisement No: DEC07-042. Total remuneration
package to \$96,207p.a.
including salary (\$79,059 - \$87,184).

Are you an Aboriginal person passionate about the protection of Aboriginal heritage? The NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW is seeking to employ such a person in its Queanbeyan office to lead a small team responsible for the regulation of Aboriginal heritage across Southern NSW. We are looking for an effective and supportive manager with skills and experience in the conservation of Aboriginal heritage and consultation and engagement with Aboriginal communities.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated experience in the protection and conservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in consultation and engagement with Aboriginal communities.
- Sound knowledge of government processes, including Commonwealth and State Government legislation relating to Aboriginal heritage conservation.
- Sound written and verbal communication skills and experience in negotiation, liaison and conflict resolution and demonstrated experience in effective leadership and staff supervision.
- Demonstrated experience in the application of policies and procedures, including planning and assessment, in relation to Aboriginal heritage matters.
- Demonstrated ability and experience in handling heavy workloads, meeting tight deadlines and managing complex and controversial issues.
- Current driver's licence and be prepared to travel and stay overnight at locations away from the Branch office.
- Demonstrated capacity to implement equal employment opportunity (EEO). Demonstrated capacity to implement ethical practice. Demonstrated capacity to implement Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS). Demonstrated capacity to implement occupational health and safety (OH&S).

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: Michael Hood (02) 6298 9701, michael.hood@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kelly Beaver (02) 6298 0342 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked confidential to: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, 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 8 June 2007

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Indigenous Graduate Opportunities 2008

The Australian Government is interested in recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university graduates for exciting career opportunities in the Australian Public Service (APS).

As an APS graduate, you will have the advantage of structured learning and development and on the job experience; a career kick-start to help you establish your professional journey.

By lodging a single application, you will be considered for all participating agency graduate programmes commencing in 2008.

Application material and further information can be found at: www.apsc.gov.au/indigenous/graduates

Or contact the Indigenous Employment Team via email indrecruit@apsc.gov.au

Applications close 15 June 2007



Australian Government

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OFFICER (VARIOUS POSITIONS)

Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07286. Total remuneration package valued to: \$71,566 p.a. (\$58,777-\$64,854) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. An environmental allowance (currently \$2,143 pa) also applies during the occupancy of this position.

Responsible to the Manager, Offender Services, Programs and Employment for assessment, case planning, case plan implementation and delivery of programs and services for offenders to reduce re offending and support integration into the community. **Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated skills and experience working with family, social and/or drug and alcohol related issues gained in a social work, psychological, mental health or human-service field. Demonstrated skills in assessment. Demonstrated ability to analyse complex material and draw relevant conclusions for the development of case plans and the preparation of reports. Demonstrated ability to promote, influence and negotiate appropriate behaviours and outcomes. Highly developed case management skills. Extensive skills and experience in conflict resolution. Knowledge and experience in group process and program facilitation. Highly developed interpersonal, oral and written communication skills. Demonstrated experience in the use of computer software applications. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants with relevant tertiary qualifications should include details in their application. 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: Linda Ernst, Phone: (02) 6845 3730 or Email: Linda.Ernst@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Linda.Ernst@dcs.nsw.gov.au or Ph: (02) 6845 3730.

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 01 June 2007.

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home and community care

A JOINT COMMONWEALTH AND STATE TERTIARY PROGRAM PROVIDING FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE FOR AUSTRALIANS IN ADO

Home and Community Care (HACC) Advisory Committee

Applications are invited for membership to a new six member Home and Community Care (HACC) Advisory Committee (the Committee) which includes the Chairperson.

The Committee will advise both the NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services and the Federal Minister for Ageing on matters relating to the operation of the HACC Program in NSW.

Members will be appointed for an initial term of two years, with the possibility of reappointment for a further 12 months. Sitting fees and travel expenses will be payable in accordance with NSW Premier's Department's "Guidelines for NSW Board and Committee Members: Appointments and Remuneration".

Members will be appointed as individuals and not as representatives of existing organisations or peak bodies.

Stakeholders in the HACC Program include frail older people, people with a disability, carers and service providers.

It is intended that members of the Committee will represent the full range of stakeholders so as to provide comprehensive advice for Ministers.

Applications should indicate whether the applicant is applying for a position of Committee member or the position of Chairperson.

Applications to: Home and Community Care Advisory Committee, C/- Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Strategic Policy and Planning Branch, Level 5, 83 Clarence Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

Or email to: HACCAC@dahhc.nsw.gov.au

For further information refer to: "Information and Guidelines about applying for Membership" on the DADHC website (www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au), or contact Ms Alison Crisp on 02 8270 2417 (Alison.crisp@dadhc.nsw.gov.au) or Ms Carmel Caggegi on 0270 2216 (carmel.caggegi@dadhc.nsw.gov.au)

Applications close: 8 June 2007.

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ABC 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

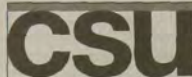
Please check our website at abc.net.au/jobs

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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OFFICE ASSISTANT

Bathurst

Indigenous designated position

Position Number: B632938

Located in the Indigenous Support Unit the successful applicant will be responsible for providing general clerical assistance and assistance to students. Duties will include: receiving student and general enquiries; data entry, word processing and photocopying; registering and distributing mail; and maintaining the Units stationary supplies and office equipment. The incumbent will be required to provide basic computer support to staff and students accessing the Unit and assist students in understanding the administrative requirements of the University.

Salary Range: \$36,100 - \$40,433 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 Division of Human Resources, Bathurst telephone (02) 6338 4107, email rechrbathurst@csu.edu.au

Applications close at 9.00am on 4 June 2007.

Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.

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Communities

Caseworker (Identified) - Service Delivery (Identified - applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Category: Health and Community Care

Salary: \$42 596 - \$62 544 p.a.

VRN: QLD/COM1469/07

Location: Woodridge

Key Duties: Provide culturally appropriate and well planned services to young people to assist with their compliance with court orders and reintegrate into the community.

Skills/Abilities: Engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people, from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Caseworker (Specified) - Service Delivery (Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community).

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$42 596 - \$62 544 p.a.

Location: Cairns

VRN: COM1433/07

Key Duties: Delivery of best practice statutory casework services to young people. Prepare and present information and evidence to the Children's Court.

Skills/Abilities: Sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services. Preparation of pre-sentence reports, affidavits and other documentation.

Team Coordinator (Specified) - Service Delivery (Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community).

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$66 582 - \$71 730 p.a.

Location: Atherton

VRN: COM1437/07

Key Duties: Oversee day-to-day operations of an outpost Service Centre including supervision of staff to ensure delivery of high quality youth justice casework in accordance with relevant legislative provisions and departmental policies.

Skills/Abilities: Allocating, prioritising and quality assuring work tasks in accordance with departmental and statutory requirements.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone:

(07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 4 June 2007

Natural Resources and Water

Senior Negotiator Team Leader - Mining and Petroleum Program

Category: Management

Salary: \$83 118 - \$87 908 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba

VRN: NRW5275

Key Duties: Managing and Leading the Capacity Building Unit. Developing and implementing State policy concerning native title and the grant of exploration tenures for mining. Managing and leading the implementation of the Capacity Development Officer grants program.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Faxback Service Phone: (07) 3239 3083

Closing Date: Monday, 4 June 2007

Child Safety

Family Group Meeting Convenors - Child Safety Services

Division (Two positions)

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 509 p.a.

Location: Townsville/Mt Isa

VRN: CHS1377/07

Key Duties: Manage the referral processes for family group meetings.

Skills/Abilities: Highly developed interpersonal, oral and written communication skills including demonstrated skills in conflict resolution, group facilitation and negotiation.

Business Support Officer - Child Safety Services Division

Category: Administration and Customer Service

Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 509 p.a.

VRN: QLD/CHS1439/07

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: To provide effective high quality financial, human resource and business support to the Child Safety Service Centre including the provision of specific advice, information and guidance to the Manager regarding the delivery of business services within the Centre.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone:

(07) 3006 7689 or E-mail: vaccs@childssafety.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 4 June 2007

Housing

Senior Housing Officer - Far North Queensland Area Office, Client Services

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$50 420 - \$55 444 p.a.

Location: Cairns

VRN: HQ1428/07

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality client service by the Area Office. Work effectively with Indigenous clients.

Skills/Abilities: Organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients with diverse needs. Strong communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Phone: (07) 3238 3998 or

E-mail: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 28 May 2007

Public Works

Indigenous Training Support Officer - Burdekin Region,

QBuild (Temporary for a period of 3 years)

Category: HR

Salary: \$57 101 - \$62 050 p.a.

Location: Palm Island

VRN: QB1458/07

Key Duties: Effective management and coordination of Palm Island apprentices and trainees to successfully complete their training and achieve successful employment outcomes.

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated high level of ability to recognise and effectively communicate issues of interest to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au or

Phone: (07) 3224 5048 or E-Mail:

jobvac.dpw@csq.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Ken Salmon Phone: (07) 4770 1715

Closing Date: Monday, 28 May 2007

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Clerk Grade 3/4

Office of the Senior Practitioner - Parramatta

Permanent Full-Time - Position No: DADHC-07-00575

Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 per annum (salary \$49,792 pa - \$54,520 pa) includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide a range of administration, office management and customer services to support the Office of the Senior Practitioner.

Selection Criteria:

- Well-developed general administration skills and experience in interpreting and applying human resources, purchasing and financial legislation, regulations and guidelines.
- Strong interpersonal and customer service skills, negotiation, liaison and effective communication (both verbal and written) skills.
- Planning, organising, priority setting and decision making skills. The ability to handle competing priorities and a high volume of work.
- Ability to take meaningful and accurate minutes electronically, prepare agendas and background papers and follow up outcomes.
- Project organisation and coordination skills.
- Analytical and research skills and the ability to investigate different issues and prepare reports as required.
- High level computer and keyboard skills including knowledge of and experience with relevant word processing, spreadsheet and database software.
- Knowledge of records management principles and the ability to efficiently track the flow of correspondence and submissions.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statements (EAPS); and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and MUST complete the forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Peter Goslett (02) 9895 8902 or email peter.goslett@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: 1800 185 466 or email: ann.miller@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Apply on-line at Please click here to apply or post to Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 1 June 2007.

GA1/792489

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE 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.

FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Wollongong, Various, Vacancy Number DECC07-192. Total remuneration package valued to: \$58,334 p.a. (\$34,287-\$45,742) Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Undertake maintenance and improvements to park facilities and grounds including walking tracks and trails. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Facilitate visitor relations and law enforcement activities. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities). Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties. Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and an ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate. Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard. Ability to operate two-way radios. Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Administrative skills. Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft. Current Drivers licence and certification to operate 4wd vehicles. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: One permanent position and one temporary position for a period of up to 3 years. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Joanne Edney (02) 4225 1455 Email: joanne.edney@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 4225 1455 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, 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 01 June 2007.

GA1/792027



MANAGER, PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Clerk Grade 9/10

Organisation Improvement
People & Organisation Performance
Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time - Position No. DOH-07-00612

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$92,591 per annum (salary \$76,142 pa - \$83,907 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

To develop and communicate the Corporate Training plan in conjunction with the Manager, People Development and manage the team engaged in ensuring effective delivery of the suite of People Development programs, scholarships and conferences.

Selection Criteria:

- Experience in contributing to the development of a needs based short to medium term training plan or plans to support the achievement of identified business objectives.
- Demonstrated capacity to manage a team and logistics for the implementation of people development initiatives.
- Proven experience in sourcing, contracting and managing external providers.
- Capacity to administer nationally accredited and other programs sponsored by DoH.
- An understanding of training evaluation frameworks.
- Sound planning, budgeting and project management skills.
- High level communication, negotiation and interpersonal skills.
- Tertiary qualifications in Human Resources or significant equivalent experience.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains full details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Alan Bedford (02) 8753 8269.

Information Package: 1800 502 766 or email: Elise.Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications 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 1 June 2007.

GA1/784192



PROJECT MANAGER ASSETS

Clerk Grade 7/8

Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Area Central Coast, Wyong
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: 07DOH7536

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 implementation of the Area's Asset Management plan. This involves consulting with teams and what type of demand has been identified and what technical options, ie construction versus acquisition are available to meet that demand.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated project management capacity, ie ability to work with a client to develop a need based concept into a workable technical brief.
- High level negotiation communication skills and computer literacy.
- Capacity to co-ordinate a range of professionals and disciplines in both internal and external contractual arrangements.
- Demonstrated knowledge of principles of total asset management.
- Possess competency in technical matters relating to property maintenance, and the ability to contribute to the development of appropriate asset management strategies.
- Understanding of the impact of Local Government planning instruments on housing development.
- Knowledge of commercial business principles as they apply to the building industry.
- Understanding of the principles of client service in both internal and external environment and knowledge of probity issues involved with the management of external contractors.
- 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: Appointment will be in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period up to twelve months. 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: Gregory Starr (02) 4352 9656.

Information Packages: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Applications marked confidential to: Apply on line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to: HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing date: Friday 1 June 2007.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY NATIONAL INDIGENOUS NEWSPAPER - 100% ABORIGINAL OWNED 100% SELF-FUNDING

GENERAL MANAGER

The Koori Mail, Australia's national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander newspaper, printed fortnightly, is seeking a General Manager.

The person we want will:

- Be an experienced newspaper professional.
- Have a hands-on advertising and marketing role while overseeing a successful 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned operation.
- Report to a Board of five business-minded Aboriginal people.
- Be able to work with the Koori Mail Editor to ensure continued circulation growth.
- Be web and net savvy.

The position is based in Lismore, northern NSW - the heart of Bundjalung country.

Salary package circa \$120,000pa.

Applications, including a brief CV and three referees, to
gmjob@koorimail.com
Applications close June 13, 2007.

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INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

APS Level 6 - \$60,470 - \$66,516*

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Statistics Unit
Brisbane

Can you create and foster relationships that deliver improved business outcomes?

Do you see challenges as opportunities in disguise?

Are you looking for as challenging and diverse role with an internationally recognised organisation?

You will facilitate a range of survey and Census activities with Indigenous people in urban and remote areas. Duties include building and maintaining networks with Indigenous communities and organisations, advising on appropriate materials to raise statistical awareness and providing support to Indigenous communities and organisations on use of and access to statistical information. The job will involve extensive fieldwork and liaison within the ABS and with external organisations and data users. You will have an understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people; and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

This is an identified position, the filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

You will be required to travel and conduct field work throughout the State or Territory. A current drivers licence or the ability to quickly obtain a license is required.

If this opportunity appeals to you then find out more by first obtaining an applicant information kit at www.abs.gov.au/recruitment or contact the Recruitment Coordinator on (07) 3222 6420. For further information about the opportunity please contact Michaela McGuigan on (07) 3222 6288. Please quote reference no. 07-565-QLD in all correspondence.

Applications must be received by 6pm on 31 May 2007.

*ABS employees will receive a 3.5% salary increase from 28 June 2007.

To be eligible for employment with the ABS, you must be an Australian Citizen.

The ABS encourages and values a diverse workforce.

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Gidarjil Development Corporation Limited

Gidarjil Development Corporation is an Aboriginal organization established to promote and support economic, social and cultural development in Indigenous communities in the Central Queensland and Wide Bay Burnett regions. This year it is setting up an Indigenous Business Hub that will deliver mobile business support services from its base in Bundaberg.

BUSINESS HUB MANAGER

The Hub Manager, reporting to the Managing Director, will be responsible for the provision of support, coaching and resources to the planning and launch of small businesses by Indigenous entrepreneurs in ten target areas around the region. This position provides an excellent opportunity for an innovative business leader.

Specific responsibilities: Develop capacity in target communities to build local enterprise; Promote and encourage entrepreneurship amongst Aboriginal people; Oversee the delivery of coaching, facilitation and incubation services to potential entrepreneurs from business idea through to operation and ongoing support; Direct the establishment of small business networks in Indigenous communities for mutual learning, growth and encouragement; Coordinate the referral of selected small business planners to specialist agencies and/or the Hub administrative and finance units; Oversee the Business Hub micro-finance facility in providing appropriate micro-finance options to small business clients; Build close links and working relationships with Indigenous organizations, local authorities and government agencies across the region; Prepare reports and communication to funding bodies; Submit monthly progress reports to the Managing Director; Oversee the management of financial records and the preparation of monthly accounts; Travel to target communities in the region, including rural and remote areas; Manage and support staff and volunteers at the Business Hub.

Qualifications: The Business Hub Manager will demonstrate a strong mix of the following attributes: Ability to communicate and work with Indigenous people and communities and a wide range of clients and stakeholders; Passionate about capacity building and systematic change in communities to build local enterprise; Solid experience in small business planning and development; Strong management skills and experience; Communication, interpersonal and cross-cultural skills; Grant writing skills and knowledge of funding and finance sources; Team building and participation skills; Relevant tertiary qualifications; Personal integrity and passion to help people achieve their goals; Willingness to travel in the region including rural locations; Good driving record and current license; Intermediate computer and internet skills.

References: Please list the names and contact details of three referees who are able to vouch for the character and experience of the applicant.

Salary: The salary for this position is (SACS Award level 8) plus on-costs of superannuation, work-cover and statutory benefits. The Business Hub Manager will be appointed for a contract period of one year, which is renewable based on successful performance. A vehicle, working expenses and a fully equipped office base in Bundaberg are also provided. Relevant tertiary qualifications and cultural acumen and experience with Indigenous communities are desirable.

BUSINESS PLANNER

This position provides the opportunity for an innovative business planner to help establish and manage the day to day operations of a pilot Business Hub in the Wide Bay/Central Queensland Region.

Reporting to the Business Hub Manager, the Business Planner will provide support, coaching and resources to the planning and launch of small businesses by Indigenous entrepreneurs in five target areas around the region.

Specific goals include: Passionate about developing capacity building and systematic change in communities to build local enterprise; An understanding of business and business development; Deliver coaching, facilitation and incubation services from business idea through to operation and ongoing support; Establish small business networks for mutual learning and growth; Grant writing skills and knowledge of funding and finance sources; Willingness to travel in the Region including rural locations; Link new businesses with ongoing support through mentors and referrals.

This is a one-year contract position (renewable) with SACS Award level 7 salary and vehicle provided. The successful applicant will demonstrate strong communication and interpersonal skills and extensive experience in small business development. Relevant tertiary qualifications and cultural acumen and experience with Indigenous communities are desirable.

To register your interest and get further details, please contact: Mr Kerry Blackman, telephone: (07) 4153 6700 or 0412 760 501, Email: gidarjil@bigpond.com.au

Mailing Address: PO Box 2773, Bundaberg Qld, 4670.

Applications close: 2nd June, 2007.

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. Traineeships are available for 2007.

For further information visit

www.doi.vic.gov.au/jobs

Or contact the Diversity Coordinator

Phone (03) 9655 6842

Email indigenousprograms@doi.vic.gov.au



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

ABORIGINAL SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

Wangary Branch (Penrith)

Permanent Full-time - Position Number: HCS-07-00605

Salary package is valued up to \$60,605 pa includes a salary range \$49,792 pa to \$54,920 pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: This position provides case management and brokerage services to enable Aboriginal frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to live independently in their own homes.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and demonstrated ability to network with Aboriginal and non Aboriginal service providers and an understanding of the complexities of Aboriginal communities and cultural differences.
- Experience in case management (including assessment) and brokerage preferably in a similar community service.
- Facilitation skills to provide training and development to staff to meet the client's needs.
- Strong written and oral communication skills to be able to prepare project reports and submissions.
- Sound conflict/problem solving skills.
- Sound negotiation skills to be able to work with other agencies and work in community development.
- Knowledge of current community care issues, community services and their availability to ensure appropriate service delivery.
- Computer literacy and basic knowledge of accounting practices to monitor budget. Current driver's licence.
- Knowledge and understanding of Common Selection Criteria.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains further information about the position and information about the department. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicant will be subject to criminal records check. An eligibility list will be created.

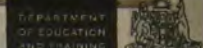
Inquiries: Maxine Conaty on (02) 4734 9422.

Information Packages: Karen Pike (02) 4734 9422.

Applications to: Branch Manager, Home Care Service of NSW, Wangary Aboriginal Branch, PO Box 1893, Penrith BC NSW 2751 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email Maxine.Conaty@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 1 June 2007.

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND



Apprenticeship Program for People with Disabilities has an exciting range of Temporary Full Time apprenticeships available.

Disabled Apprentice Painter - New Lambton

Position No: 54231

Disabled Apprentice Electrician - Maitland

Position No: 54244

Disabled Apprentice Carpenter - Maitland

Position No: 54246

Disabled Apprentice Engineering (Mechanical) - Maitland

Position No: 54248

The positions are responsible for assisting the qualified tradespersons as they carry out their daily duties. Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Enquiries: Emma Davies, (02) 4985 3284, emma.davies@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date for all positions: 1 June 2007

Applications may be obtained from www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/disabled

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

F/T, Perm Salary according to qualifications and experience
MMC Clayton / Moorabbin

This position aims to improve access and availability of appropriate health services and preventative care for Koori people, to ensure the provision of support, resources, information and programs to Koori patients, families and communities.

It also aims to improve the ability of health care providers to meet the particular needs of Koori patients and their families and to increase the cultural sensitivity of health care services and providers to Koori health issues.

This role requires:

- Well developed interpersonal and communication skills, written and verbal and the ability to develop and maintain communications in a complex organisation
- An understanding of Koori health issues, systems / policies at the local & state level
- Have a sound knowledge and understanding of Koori culture, society and kinship networks and the ability to communicate with Koori people and be accepted by the Koori community
- Capacity to assist in the development of strategies and guidelines for programs which would improve access for Koori communities to mainstream services
- Ability to work as a member of a team with a range of community and professional groups
- Ability to work within a large hospital with persons with serious illness.
- Ability to use a computer and maintain a statistical database.

This is an exciting opportunity to work with Aboriginal people in hospitals and needs someone with good communication, teamwork, competence, and commitment.

ENQUIRIES/APPLICATIONS, including the names of two referees to (Ref no. C06/1210): Glenda Bawden, Chief Social Worker, MMC, Locked Bag 29, Clayton, Vic 3169.

Ph: (03) 9594 2290. Email: Glenda.Bawden@southernhealth.org.au

Position description available from www.southernhealth.org.au

Applications close: 31 May 2007

All successful applicants will be required to undergo a police check.

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HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION & ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES UNIT

Indigenous Employment Officer

The University of Queensland wishes to attract more Indigenous Australians to roles as academics or as clerical staff, administrators and trades and services workers. As one initiative to achieve this goal, UQ is seeking an experienced Indigenous person who can manage and coordinate our efforts to attract and place Indigenous staff members in suitable roles.

The role: While the appointee will be located in the Human Resources Division on St Lucia Campus, the person will work very closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit (ATSIU) and the Indigenous Health Program within the School of Population Health, located at Herston. As well, the person will cooperate with the ATSIU Unit staff at the Gatton and Ipswich campuses.

The person: The successful candidate will be very familiar with the Indigenous communities of south east Queensland in particular and be experienced in working with school-based and community organisations. Prior experience in job-placement and in associated human resources management activities will be required. Some familiarity with the tertiary education sector would be a decided advantage.

Remuneration: The remuneration package will be in the range \$68,884 - \$75,341 p.a., including employer superannuation contributions of 17%. This is a full-time, fixed-term position for three years at a HEW Level 7.

Contact: Obtain the position description and selection criteria online or contact Cathy Hooley, telephone (07) 3365-1225 or email c.hooley@uq.edu.au.

Applications close: 1 June 2007. **Reference No:** 3016584.

How to Apply

- visit www.jobsatUQ.net to obtain a copy of the position description and selection criteria
- include a covering letter, curriculum vitae and statement addressing the selection criteria
- quote the vacancy reference number on your covering letter

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St Lucia Ipswich Gatton



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Department of Transport and Regional Services

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DEST Executive Level 2

Reference no: 07-162**

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Elizabeth Tchacos State Manager on (03) 9920 4548.

For selection documentation see below.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION BRANCH, NSW STATE GROUP

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\$58,668 - \$65,519

DEST Level 3 (APS 6)

Reference no: 07-151**

RIVERINA REGION, WAGGA WAGGA

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For further information about the position please contact Mr Allan Bloomfield on
(02) 6937 3002.

** 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.

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.

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Applications addressing the selection criteria may be emailed to recruitment@dest.gov.au, faxed to (02) 6123 5111 or mailed to:

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Department of Education, Science and Training
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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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):

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/974	Robert John Colling	24.56ha	14km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
15/1038	George Leo Pollock	195.1ha	27km Wly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°57' Long 120°52'	Coolgardie
15/1118	Susan Frances Coleman	98.04ha	28km Wly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°58' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie
15/1192	Peter Robert Michard				
	Anne-Marie Michard	4.86ha	13km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°04'	Coolgardie
15/1255	Angela Marie Anne Hoppmann				
	Armanda Louise Hoppmann	9.89ha	12km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
15/1337	Meridian Mining Ltd	7.29ha	23km Wly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
16/487	Royce William Allen	19.43ha	49km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°37' Long 120°53'	Coolgardie
16/493	Heron Resources Ltd	300.72ha	67km SWly of Menzies	Lat 30°11' Long 120°38'	Coolgardie
25/327 & 25/329-30	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	1288.81ha	38km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
46/228	George Baker	100ha	9km Sly of Nullagine	Lat 21°55' Long 120°07'	East Pilbara
51/842	Cougar Metals NL	394.59ha	41km Sly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°56' Long 118°36'	Meekatharra
53/823-8	Gerard Victor Brewer				
	Delta Gold Exploration Pty Ltd	5500.88ha	127km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°55' Long 121°27'	Wiluna
53/845-52	Gerard Victor Brewer				
	Delta Gold Exploration Pty Ltd	7341.82ha	132km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°49' Long 121°31'	Wiluna
53/906	Gateway Mining NL	305.46ha	98km SEly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°04' Long 119°19'	Wiluna
53/1086	MPI Nickel Pty Ltd	798.02ha	40km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 26°54' Long 120°25'	Wiluna
57/506	Michael Thomas Quinn	4ha	4km NWly of Sandstone	Lat 27°57' Long 119°16'	Sandstone
57/531-2	Ellendale Resources NL				
	Yaralla Minerals Pty Ltd	1260.61ha	106km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°49' Long 118°46'	Sandstone
57/533	Karllea Holdings Pty Ltd	800.92ha	104km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°45' Long 118°42'	Sandstone

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: 23 May 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 **23 August 2007**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **23 September 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.

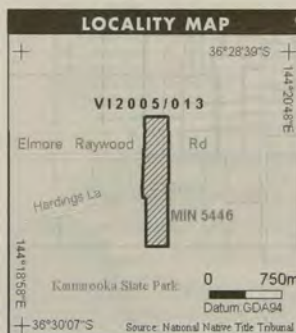
Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Victoria

Notification day: 6 June 2007



National
Native Title
Tribunal



V12005/013 Kralcopic and Dja Dja Wurrung MIN 5446

Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 31 hectares is located about 30km north-east of Bendigo, north of the Kamarooka State Park as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area covers all the land and waters subject to Mining Licence MIN 5446.

The agreement area falls within the Loddon Shire Council and Greater Bendigo City Council local government areas.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Gary John Murray, Robert Herbert Nicholls, Rodney John Carter, Graham John Atkinson, Carmel Priscilla Barry and Connie Harrison-Edwards, on behalf of the Dja Dja Wurrung Native Title Group, C/- PO Box 431, NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051

Kralcopic Pty Ltd, A.C.N 007 222 086, C/- Mr Douglass Cahill, PO Box 1, BENDIGO VIC 3552

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

6. Replacement of Future Act Procedure

6.1 The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA are not intended to apply to the Licence.

6.2 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties:

- agree to the grant by the State [of Victoria] of the Licence to the proponent and to any consent required by or on behalf of the proponent pursuant to the Licence in respect of the Licence area; and
- agree to the use of the Licence and of any consent required pursuant to the Licence, by the proponent in respect of the Licence area; and
- agree that any such Licence done in respect of the Licence area is valid.

35. Definitions and Interpretation

'Licence' means the mining licence that is applied for by

the proponent and is proposed to be granted and registered by the State pursuant to the MRDA in respect of the Licence area, being Mining Licence Application Number 5446. 'Licence' includes any renewal, amalgamation or variation of the Licence by the State pursuant to the MRDA or any other applicable laws. 'MRDA' means the Mineral Resources Development Act 1990 (Vic)

'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 or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by **6 September 2007**.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3000, by **6 September 2007**.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Primary Industries, Victoria. Search and photocopy fees may apply. 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 Erin MacLatchy on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1419	Tyson Resources Pty Ltd	KR6/67	120.09ha	89km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°28' Long 125°21'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1227	Red Hill Iron Ltd	KR5/67	424.74ha	64km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°08' Long 116°12'	Ashburton

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 23 May 2007

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **23 August 2007**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **23 September 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 Dept of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, 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
04/237	Lennard Shelf Pty Ltd	51ha	67km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°39' Long 125°58'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/238	Lennard Shelf Pty Ltd	50ha	67km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°39' Long 125°58'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/239	Blina Diamonds NL	50.34ha	110km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°26' Long 124°53'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/240	Blina Diamonds NL	191.08ha	116km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°25' Long 124°49'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/540	Rocky Crossing Contracting Pty Ltd	198.94ha	112km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°13' Long 116°34'	Ashburton
08/552	Auriongold Exploration Pty Ltd	146.63ha	104km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°51' Long 116°43'	Ashburton
20/2002	William Staverton Hilch	70.7ha	61km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°00' Long 117°29'	Cue
20/2003	Zeodam Enterprises Pty Ltd	46.94ha	60km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 26°59' Long 117°31'	Cue
21/683-7	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	633.47ha	9km SW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°30' Long 117°50'	Cue
24/4060-6	Bardoc Tectonic Zone Pty Ltd	811.43ha	52km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 121°16'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4067	Bardoc Tectonic Zone Pty Ltd	121.09ha	53km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°17' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4068	Bardoc Tectonic Zone Pty Ltd	113.5ha	41km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4069	Bardoc Tectonic Zone Pty Ltd	19.74ha	41km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°16'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4070	Bardoc Tectonic Zone Pty Ltd	22.18ha	38km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4071	Bardoc Tectonic Zone Pty Ltd	22.34ha	44km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 121°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4072	Bardoc Tectonic Zone Pty Ltd	9.32ha	43km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 121°16'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4074-86	Kundana Gold Pty Ltd	1589.68ha	62km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°13' Long 121°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4089	Halcyon Group Ltd	8.77ha	48km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4090	Gloria May Beckett	181.3ha	48km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4091	Jacqueline Pam Carter	19.38ha	50km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4092	Denzie Norbert Schorer	9.23ha	48km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4093	Denzie Norbert Schorer	9.23ha	48km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4094	Robert John Harrington	183.75ha	53km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°02'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4094	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	4.68ha	44km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1910-8	Solomon (Australia) Pty Ltd	1904.12ha	40km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°55' Long 121°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1956	Cazaly Resources Ltd	180.38ha	19km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
45/2648	MR Milwood Pty Ltd	5.62ha	1km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°10' Long 119°45'	East Pilbara
45/2649	MR Milwood Pty Ltd	9.95ha	2km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°10' Long 119°45'	East Pilbara
47/1223 & 47/1227	Uranium Equities Ltd	253.99ha	60km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°09' Long 118°10'	Port Hedland Town
47/1224	Uranium Equities Ltd	23.47ha	68km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°14' Long 118°11'	Port Hedland Town
47/1225	Uranium Equities Ltd	23.49ha	58km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°07' Long 118°11'	Port Hedland Town
47/1226	Uranium Equities Ltd	49.03ha	58km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°05' Long 118°12'	Port Hedland Town
47/1310	Bacone Pty Ltd	123.09ha	44km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°05' Long 117°15'	Ashburton
57/1113-4	Newcrest Operations Ltd	94.77ha	8km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°13'	Sandstone
57/1116	Spa Exploration NL	23.8ha	19km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°09' Long 119°17'	Sandstone
57/1117	Troy Resources NL	81.14ha	15km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°07' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
57/1118	Warramina Gold NL	70.68ha	10km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
57/1119	Warramina Gold NL	3.25ha	14km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°05' Long 119°14'	Sandstone
57/1120	Warramina Gold NL	111.57ha	15km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°07' Long 119°17'	Sandstone
57/1123	Legend Mining Ltd	17.24ha	68km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°33'	Sandstone
57/1124	Legend Mining Ltd	20.1ha	68km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°34'	Sandstone
57/1125	Legend Mining Ltd	79.65ha	67km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°24' Long 119°29'	Sandstone
57/1153	Herald Resources NL	70.76ha	62km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°26' Long 119°26'	Sandstone
57/1154	Gateway Mining NL	23.84ha	57km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°29' Long 119°25'	Sandstone
57/1153-4	Gateway Mining NL	199.92ha	88km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°12' Long 119°28'	Wiluna
57/1157-70	Gateway Mining NL	676.09ha	88km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°12' Long 119°28'	Wiluna
57/1171-4	Gateway Mining NL	609.93ha	82km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°16' Long 119°30'	Sandstone
57/1175-7	Gateway Mining NL	599.43ha	80km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°17' Long 119°31'	Sandstone
57/1178-82	Gateway Mining NL	806.88ha	75km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°20' Long 119°31'	Sandstone
57/1220	Troy Resources NL	47.53ha	10km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°14'	Sandstone
57/1224	Troy Resources NL	31.11ha	13km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°05' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
58/1383-8	Oakover Gold Ltd	991.46ha	10km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°04' Long 117°56'	Mount Magnet
58/1389	Mt Magnet Gold NL	115.61ha	10km W'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°02' Long 117°44'	Mount Magnet
58/1390	Mt Magnet Gold NL	16.16ha	11km W'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°03' Long 117°44'	Mount Magnet
58/1391	Mt Magnet Gold NL	18.37ha	18km W'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°55' Long 117°50'	Mount Magnet
58/1394	Mt Magnet Gold NL	10.1ha	9km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°59' Long 117°50'	Mount Magnet
58/1395	Mt Magnet Gold NL	169.53ha	16km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°55' Long 117°51'	Mount Magnet
58/1396 & 58/1398	Mt Magnet Gold NL	82.02ha	10km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°58' Long 117°50'	Mount Magnet
58/1397	Mt Magnet Gold NL	147.89ha	11km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°57' Long 117°51'	Mount Magnet
59/1770-1	Valian Pty Ltd	342.30ha	50km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°43' Long 116°56'	Yalgoo
80/1612	Cape Lambert Iron Ore Ltd	80.99ha	29km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°00' Long 127°49'	Halls Creek
80/1613	Thundelara Exploration Ltd	128.1ha	94km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°27' Long 128°03'	Halls Creek
80/1614	Thundelara Exploration Ltd	129.61ha	38km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°24' Long 127°23'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 23 May 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 **23 August 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. **23 September 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.

Waringarri Media Aboriginal Corporation RADIO MANAGER

Waringarri Media has a vacancy for a special person who has proven broadcast and management skills and is not afraid of a challenge. Our station 6WR - 693AM, based at Kununurra in the far north of Western Australia, currently operates a Gold 'n' Country music format.

Selection Criteria: Experience and formal qualifications in broadcasting; Previous experience in radio management/sales is essential; Ability to work as part of a management team; Ability to provide training and support for broadcasters; Understanding of Aboriginal Culture and related issues; Must have excellent communication skills; Must be motivated and reliable.

The successful applicant will be required to take 693AM to its next stage of professionalism. We offer a great work environment. An exciting salary package commensurate with the position is on offer.

Radio professionals with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are strongly encouraged to apply.

Become a legend - apply in writing with a full resume to:

Colin Cameron, General Manager, Waringarri Media Aboriginal Corporation, Radio 6WR - 693AM PO Box 815, Kununurra WA 6743. **Applications close:** 5pm Friday, June 8, 2007.



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STATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

JOINT PLANNING UNIT

APS LEVEL 6

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

\$59,912 - \$67,590

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07-0899

MELBOURNE

An opportunity exists in the Joint Planning Unit (JPU) of the Victorian State Office providing strategic support to the whole office. The successful applicant will be required to provide strategic whole of office coordination of media enquiries, FOI requests and a range of administrative responsibilities. Additionally the position provides support to the DoHA Solutions Broker working with Indigenous communities and other Australian Government agencies in a whole of government approach to addressing Indigenous disadvantage.

Contact officer: Annabel Thorpe on 03 9665 8915 (annabel.thorpe@health.gov.au)

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Sheridan Brown on 03 9665 8342 (sheridan.brown@health.gov.au)

Position closes 7 June 2007, 7pm AEST.

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

PROGRAM, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION SECTION

APS LEVEL 5

PROJECT OFFICER

\$54,310 - \$57,322

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07-0870

CANBERRA

The successful applicant will provide support for activities of the Program Information Management Coordination Office project (PIMCO). They will analyse and document program information requirements and business processes and assist in the development of coherent and consistent processes and resources to support good practice in information management.

Contact officer for information and selection documentation: Joe Christensen on 02 6289 1063 (joe.christensen@health.gov.au)

Selection documentation also available at: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

Position closes 31 May 2007, 7pm AEST.

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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INCLUSION SUPPORT FACILITATOR

SDN Children's Services is a not-for-profit organisation committed to providing high quality education and care for children 0-5 years of age and strengthening families, local communities and the children's services sector. We currently have a vacancy for an Inclusion Support Facilitator located at the Inner Sydney Inclusion Support Agency in Newtown.

The successful appointee will have teaching qualifications, experience working with children, an understanding of child care for 0-12 year olds and the philosophy of inclusion and associated practice. A commitment to reflective practices, evaluation and ongoing development is essential, as are high level interpersonal communication skills.

For further information regarding this opportunity, please contact Ms Mandy Meredith, Manager Inner Sydney Inclusion Support Agency on (02) 9557 0183. To view the position description and selection criteria for this role, please visit our website at www.sdn.org.au. Applications must address the selection criteria contained in the position description and can be sent to either jobs@sdn.org.au or Ms Sonja Ankucic, HR Coordinator, PO Box 654, Broadway NSW 2007. Pre-placement medical screening and Working with Children Check applies.

Closing: 28 May 2007



CHILDREN'S SERVICES INC.
educating and caring for our children



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department of disability,
housing & community services

Applicants should note that Selection Documents and Application Packages including referee report proformas are available on the ACT Governments website at: <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au>

Applications for this vacancy can be mailed to: Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra ACT 2601 or via email to jobs@act.gov.au

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support
Quamby

CASE MANAGER

Professional Officer Class 2

Salary Range: \$57,414 - \$65,953

(PN: 43705)

Duties: The successful applicant will be a member of the Quamby Programs and Service Team providing culturally appropriate case management services and delivery rehabilitative, therapeutic and educative programs in accordance with the objectives and statutory responsibilities of the *Children and Young People Act 1999*.

Eligibility/other requirements: Tertiary qualifications or equivalent in education, psychology or social work; where applicable, eligibility for membership or registration with the appropriate body is preferred.

Contact Officer: Frank Smith (02) 6207 0649

Selection Documentation may be downloaded from:
www.jobs.act.gov.au

Applications: Via email to jobs@act.gov.au or by post to Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City 2601.

Applications close: 1 June 2007



Muuji Regional Centre for Social and Emotional Well Being



A Consortium of 3 Aboriginal Community Controlled Medical Services
Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service (Canberra)
Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation (Wagga Wagga)
Katungal Aboriginal Corporation Community & Medical Service (Narooma)
Auspiced by Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service

PROJECT OFFICER

ACT (Full-time)

The Muuji Regional Centre for Social and Emotional Wellbeing is seeking a self motivated team player to work as a member of an innovative and exciting program.

Muuji's core business is to develop strategies that aim to build a solid professional foundation, including a focus on balancing professional, family and community life, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples working in the field of social and emotional wellbeing, and living and working in the Muuji region of the ACT and South East NSW. The Muuji program aims to provide a range of professional support and education based on the needs of the social and emotional wellbeing workforce and the Aboriginal communities in the region.

Muuji Regional Centre for Social and Emotional Wellbeing is based in Canberra with outreach sites in Wagga Wagga and Narooma. Muuji is now seeking to appoint a dedicated person, with a broad understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal peoples social and emotional well-being, to fill the Project Officer position for the ACT. The successful applicant will be based at Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, and will be responsible for coordinating the Muuji program throughout the ACT and local region. Some travel may be required.

Essential requirements for this position include: Aboriginality; excellent ability to work independently and as a member of a small team; excellent communication and interpersonal skills; previous project work experience; knowledge of services and supports available in Canberra and region; current driver's licence.

The position is full-time and the salary is \$45k to \$53k depending on skills, experience and qualifications.

An applicants Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement for this position.

Closing Date for applicants: COB Friday 8 June

Applying for the position: Applications must address the selection criteria and must include 2 current referees.

For further information, and/ or a copy of the selection criteria and duty statement please contact Jodie Fisher (Program Manager) on (02) 6284 6220.



Worawa Aboriginal College is a non government residential school for secondary girls and boys from Communities across Australia.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the following two positions.

Social Worker (SACS Award)

Youth Worker

support to the above (SACS Award)

Location: Healesville, Victoria

It is envisaged that the successful candidates will be members of a Key Well Being team working in the interests of students.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply. Non Indigenous applicants must have a knowledge and understanding of Indigenous Culture.

Applications should be made in writing or by email and include the names, addresses and phone numbers of three (3) confidential referees to:

The Principal
Worawa Aboriginal College
PO Box 1250
Healesville VIC 3777
Email: principal@worawa.vic.edu.au

Applications close: June 15th 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
51/1213	Triumph Mining Pty Ltd	169.72km ²	78km NE'y of Meekatharra	Lat 26°09' Long 119°07'	Meekatharra
51/1214	Triumph Mining Pty Ltd	126.31km ²	91km NW'y of Wiluna	Lat 26°06' Long 119°29'	Meekatharra
51/1215	Triumph Mining Pty Ltd	184.98km ²	103km NE'y of Meekatharra	Lat 25°59' Long 119°17'	Meekatharra

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: 23 May 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 **23 August 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. **23 September 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.



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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/1746	Rocky Crossing Contracting Pty Ltd	81.81km ²	110km W'y of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°12' Long 116°36'	Ashburton
08/1770	Red Hill Iron Ltd	9.49km ²	88km S'y of Pannawonica	Lat 22°24' Long 116°05'	Ashburton
08/1773	Atlas Iron Ltd	70.2km ²	60km NW'y of Pannawonica	Lat 21°13' Long 115°57'	Roebourne
08/1778	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	165.97km ²	97km SW'y of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°51' Long 117°02'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
09/1403	Diversity Resources Pty Ltd	53.24km ²	137km N'y of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°54' Long 115°41'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1406	Diversity Resources Pty Ltd	59.62km ²	158km N'y of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°38' Long 115°29'	Camaron
09/1434	Newera Uranium Ltd	429.13km ²	125km N'y of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°56' Long 115°05'	Camaron
20/644	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	197.80km ²	74km W'y of Oue	Lat 27°19' Long 117°08'	Cue/Yalgoo
28/1509	Tock Corinco Australia Pty Ltd	64.85km ²	78km E'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 122°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1707	Runnell Holdings Pty Ltd	589.86km ²	169km E'y of Kalbarra	Lat 30°40' Long 123°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1735	Epsilon Energy Ltd	477.81km ²	87km W'y of Rawlinna	Lat 31°15' Long 124°20'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1736	Epsilon Energy Ltd	383.11km ²	97km SW'y of Rawlinna	Lat 31°31' Long 124°22'	Dundas
30/328	Mehille Raymond Dala-Costa	208.49km ²	91km W'y of Manzes	Lat 29°50' Long 120°07'	Manzes
45/2957	Dukeston Consolidated Ltd	22.44km ²	37km SW'y of Port Hedland	Lat 27°31' Long 118°20'	Port Hedland Town
45/2983	Elzac Mining Pty Ltd	105.68km ²	49km S'y of Port Hedland	Lat 28°45' Long 118°41'	Port Hedland Town
45/2985	Pibara Manganeses Pty Ltd	79.88km ²	97km SE'y of Shay Gap	Lat 21°12' Long 120°43'	East Pibara
45/2986	Pibara Manganeses Pty Ltd	15.94km ²	113km W'y of Teller	Lat 21°24' Long 121°11'	East Pibara
45/2987	Pibara Manganeses Pty Ltd	3.18km ²	105km W'y of Teller	Lat 21°32' Long 121°13'	East Pibara
45/3083-4	FMG North Pibara Pty Ltd	258.66km ²	77km W'y of Marble Bar	Lat 21°07' Long 119°01'	East Pibara
46/742	Pibara Manganeses Pty Ltd	123.84km ²	99km NE'y of Newman	Lat 22°18' Long 121°04'	East Pibara
47/1612	Ragged Range Mining Pty Ltd	25.32km ²	60km SE'y of Wittenoom	Lat 22°30' Long 118°51'	Ashburton
47/1707	Red River Resources Ltd	51.17km ²	23km SW'y of Dampier	Lat 20°59' Long 116°36'	Roebourne
51/1217	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	64.58km ²	45km NE'y of Meekatharra	Lat 26°12' Long 118°41'	Meekatharra
51/1218	Accort Resources NL	15.39km ²	10km NE'y of Meekatharra	Lat 26°31' Long 118°34'	Meekatharra
52/2047	Scott Walter Wilson	62.94km ²	40km SW'y of Newman	Lat 23°27' Long 120°15'	East Pibara/Meekatharra
52/2048	Pibara Manganeses Pty Ltd	96.25km ²	110km SW'y of Newman	Lat 24°21' Long 119°43'	Meekatharra
53/1306-7	Karab Resources Pty Ltd	428.93km ²	102km E'y of Wiluna	Lat 26°56' Long 121°10'	Wiluna
57/653	Goldcrest Mines Pty Ltd	54.16km ²	89km SW'y of Sandstone	Lat 28°41' Long 118°58'	Sandstone
57/665	Troy Resources NL	15.11km ²	25km SW'y of Sandstone	Lat 28°11' Long 119°10'	Sandstone
57/666	Warrimarra Gold NL	18.17km ²	5km E'y of Sandstone	Lat 27°58' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
57/679	Mason Uranium Pty Ltd	212.88km ²	62km E'y of Sandstone	Lat 27°40' Long 119°49'	Sandstone
57/680	Mason Uranium Pty Ltd	12.16km ²	52km NE'y of Sandstone	Lat 27°35' Long 119°36'	Sandstone
57/690	Robin Christopher Cooper	27.38km ²	57km NE'y of Sandstone	Lat 27°32' Long 119°35'	Sandstone
58/344	Xplore Pty Ltd	157.54km ²	23km N'y of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°52' Long 117°54'	Cue/Mount Magnet
59/1277	Giles Rodney Dale	259.3km ²	51km E'y of Yalgoo	Lat 28°22' Long 117°12'	Cue/Mount Magnet/Yalgoo
70/2545	Australasian Granite Pty Ltd	69.78km ²	17km W'y of Naremben	Lat 32°09' Long 118°13'	Bruce Rock/Naremben
70/2656	Cable Sands (WA) Pty Ltd	31.39km ²	18km SE'y of Busselton	Lat 33°44' Long 115°30'	Busselton
70/2955	Geoffrey William Hewlett	244.98km ²	40km E'y of Bridgetown	Lat 33°52' Long 116°33'	Boyp Brook
70/2976	Olympia Resources NL	71.34km ²	13km S'y of Busselton	Lat 33°46' Long 115°22'	Busselton
70/2977	Olympia Resources NL	19.99km ²	18km E'y of Busselton	Lat 33°40' Long 115°32'	Busselton
70/2978	Olympia Resources NL	28.58km ²	24km E'y of Busselton	Lat 33°35' Long 115°36'	Busselton/Capel
70/2981	Eucia Mineral Sands Pty Ltd	148.48km ²	12km SW'y of Busselton	Lat 33°44' Long 115°16'	Busselton
74/285	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	20.23km ²	85km E'y of Hyden	Lat 32°43' Long 119°45'	Kondinin
74/322	Scott Raymond Bishop	200.44km ²	25km N'y of Munglinup	Lat 33°30' Long 120°46'	Esperance/Ravensthorpe
74/323	Michael Vernon Sewell	200.13km ²	11km NW'y of Munglinup	Lat 33°38' Long 120°47'	Esperance/Ravensthorpe
77/1371 & 77/1374	Mark Robin Blanchard	218.48km ²	43km NW'y of Bullfinch	Lat 30°38' Long 118°56'	Yilgarn
77/1372	Western Areas NL	55.93km ²	10km NW'y of Bullfinch	Lat 30°55' Long 119°02'	Yilgarn
80/3802	Polars Metals NL	6.52km ²	78km NE'y of Halls Creek	Lat 17°35' Long 127°59'	Halls Creek

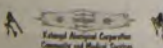
Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 23 May 2007

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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. **23 September 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.



An exciting new position exists in Canberra with the Peak Body for Indigenous Communications - Australian Indigenous Communications Association (AICA)

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES OFFICER

3 MONTHS CONTRACT

(Possibility of further period subject to funding)
Cira \$60k pro rata

AICA functions as the peak body to 23 Indigenous Radio Stations, in excess of 120 Remote Indigenous Broadcasters, 60 Community Broadcasting Groups, National Indigenous Television Service (NITV), National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS), Indigenous Community Television (ICTV), National Newspaper, Independent Film Producers and Information Technology Producers, Indigenous Training Organisations.

Membership Services Officer, will be responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for providing appropriate advice to and support for prospective and current members of the Association on a wide range of activities appropriate to the establishment, management and continual development of Indigenous broadcasting groups and stations (both radio and television).

Advising the CEO and the AICA Board on matters of policy and practice related to the provision of services to AICA members, providing proactive and timely advice to AICA membership about the full range of legal, regulatory, financial, technological and operational factors affecting the welfare, success and future prospects as community broadcasting stations, aspirants or groups.

For further information and Duty Statement contact the CEO Patrick Malone, telephone 02 6242 1919 or email patrick.org@bigpond.com

Forward applications to: CEO AICA, PO Box 4235, AINSLIE ACT 2602 / Fax: 02 6255 7932.

Applications close COB May 25 2007.

Australian Indigenous (Koori) Traineeships

Full Time 12 - 18 Month Traineeships
National Training Wage Rates Apply

Kangan Batman TAFE is seeking applications from suitable Indigenous people interested in undertaking traineeship programs in the following areas within the Institute.

- OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/ MULTI MEDIA
- VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ADMINISTRATION
- EVENTS MANAGEMENT
- CUSTOMER SERVICE
- STOREMAN/FACILITIES

These roles will involve assisting the departments to carry out their duties and responsibilities by providing a range of administrative and support functions. As part of the traineeship program, the successful applicants will also complete Certificate II, or III in the relevant industry Training Package.

There are no formal qualifications or experience required for these traineeships but ideally you will possess: a commitment to completing training in your selected career area, work readiness skills and attitudes, good personal time management and organisation skills, an ability to communicate and work with a variety of people and the ability to work as part of a team.

To apply for one of these positions please send your Resume along with a covering letter to Michael Swinbourn, Kangan Batman TAFE, Private Bag 299, Somerton Vic 3047. In your covering letter please let us know which position you are applying for.

For further information about these positions contact Michael Swinbourn via email on mswinbourn@kangan.edu.au

Closing date for applications is Friday 1st June 2007. Position no MP/843.

Kangan Batman TAFE

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1078 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 129 km N from Jericho Centred at Lat.22°29'30"S Long.146°29'30"E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Belyando and Jericho Part 2: Approx. 129 km N from Jericho Centred at Lat.22°22'30"S Long.146°24'30"E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Jericho and Belyando	Area of Part 1: 427 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 135 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1902 w, x 1974 b, c, g, h, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y 2046 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2118 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2119 q, v 2190 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2191 a, f, l, q, v, w 2262 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2263 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2334 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2335 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x Area of Part 2: 51 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1901 z 1973 e, k, p, u, z 2045 e, k, p, u, z 2117 e, k, p, u, z	Swanbank Resources Pty Ltd 108 568 725
EPC1079 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 33 km NNE from Jericho Centred at Lat.23°21'30"S Long.146°17'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Jericho Part 2: Approx. 83 km N from Jericho Centred at Lat.22°53'30"S Long.146°23'00"E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Jericho and Belyando	Area of Part 1: 584 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 186 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2620 m, n, o, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2621 l, q, v 2692 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2693 a, f, l 2764 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2836 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2908 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2980 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3052 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3124 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u Area of Part 2: 117 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 37 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2405 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y 2477 a, b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y 2549 b, c, g, m, r, w 2621 b, g	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669
EPC1080 This application consists of three separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 145 km N from Jericho Centred at Lat.22°19'S Long.146°20'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Belyando, Jericho and Dalrymple Part 2: Approx. 165 km N from Jericho Centred at Lat.22°08'30"S Long.146°27'00"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Belyando Part 3: Approx. 188 km N from Jericho Centred at Lat.21°54'00"S Long.146°16'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Belyando	Area of Part 1: 601 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 190 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1611 q, v 1683 a, b, f, g, h, m, n, o, s, t, u, y, z 1684 v 1755 e, k 1756 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, r, s, t, w, x, y, z 1828 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 1829 f, l, m, q, r, v, w 1900 e 1901 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1973 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2045 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2117 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2189 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2261 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2333 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 172 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 54 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1684 d, e, j, k, p 1685 l, q, r, s, w, x, y 1757 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1758 q, v, w 1829 e 1830 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, r, s, x 1902 c, h, n, o, s, t, u, y, z 1974 d, e, j, k, p, u, z 2046 e, k Area of Part 3: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1612 q, r, v, w, x	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

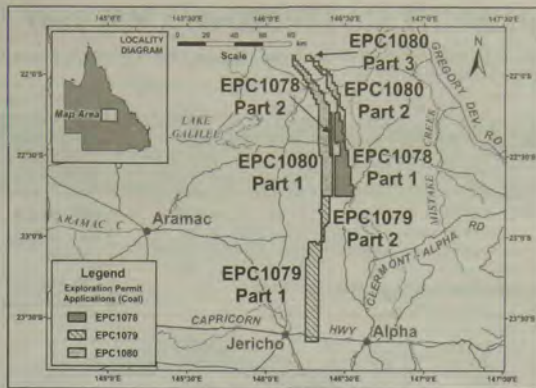
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: gldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 13 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



**Council for Aboriginal Alcohol
Program Services Inc.**

www.caaps.org.au

Would you like to work for a leading drug and alcohol misuse organisation in the Northern Territory?

Due to expansion at CAAPS opportunities have arisen for the following positions based at our premises in Darwin.

Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services Inc. (CAAPS) is dedicated to the provision of alcohol and substance misuse support mechanisms for indigenous clients, with a focus on integrated family programs and training services.

Community Services Training Facilitator "Family Violence"

We seek a motivated and energetic facilitator to facilitate the delivery of culturally secure training courses to industry and community participants. The ideal applicant will be passionate about training and focused on reducing family violence in Darwin, and in remote communities throughout the Northern Territory.

You will be qualified with Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAA40104) and hold a Certificate in Alcohol and Other Drugs, or be willing to complete them within the first 12 months.

Cross Cultural Training Facilitator

We seek a committed facilitator with great communication and people skills to deliver excellent cross cultural training to our course participants. Ideally you will be experienced in the delivery of cross cultural training programs, and be familiar with the promotion of "Fee for Service" arrangements in the community.

You will be qualified with Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAA40104) and hold a Certificate in Alcohol and Other Drugs, or be willing to complete them within the first 12 months.

Accounts Assistant

Reporting to the Finance Manager this role requires an experienced and dedicated Accounts Assistant who is confident and proficient at payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, cash flow, end of month procedures, tax, superannuation and various other accounting duties.

The successful applicants will enjoy working in a culturally diverse environment.

For a detailed employment package please phone Christopher Major at CAAPS on (08) 89224800 or request details by emailing Christopher.Major@caaps.org.au

All applicants must address the selection criteria adequately and provide 2 current referees.

Applications must be received by COB Friday 1st June 2007, and be directed to: The CEO, CAAPS, PMB 22, BERRIMAH NT 0828.

Generous salary packaging will be negotiated with the successful applicants.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

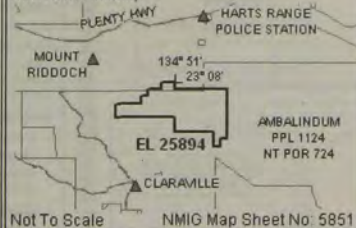
Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

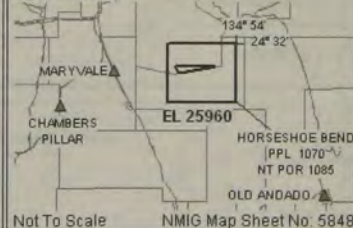
Exploration Licence 25897 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 185 Blocks (573 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MOUNT PEAKE locality.



Exploration Licence 25894 sought by BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 060 990 632 over an area of 80 Blocks (253 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOKH locality.



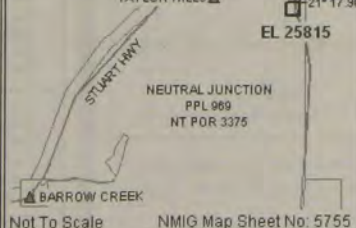
Exploration Licence 25960 sought by HOLOCENE LTD, ACN 102 135 339 over an area of 493 Blocks (1495 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PILLAR RANGE locality.



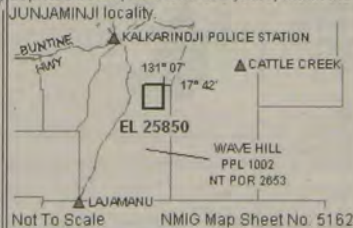
Exploration Licence 25961 sought by HOLOCENE LTD, ACN 102 135 339 over an area of 499 Blocks (1558 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the RODINGA locality.



Exploration Licence 25815 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 4 Blocks (4 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TAYLOR locality.



Exploration Licence 25850 sought by REDSTONE METALS PTY LTD, ACN 106 360 678 and BLUEBEBBLE PTY LTD, ACN 116 988 508 over an area of 56 Blocks (184 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JUNJAMINJI locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewals(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 Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (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: 23 May 2007

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

QUALITY SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

Clerk Grade 9/10

Operations, Asset Performance Directorate

Asset Quality Unit - Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time - Position No. DOH-07-00615

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$92,591 per annum (salary \$76,142 pa - \$83,907 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The role exists to assist in the development and implementation of policies, quality systems and audit processes that strive to ensure the delivery of services within the Department's broader Quality Management System focus.

Selection Criteria:

- Extensive experience in the design and audit of quality management systems including development and implementing quality assurance policies.
- Comprehensive knowledge of head contractor and sub-contractor models in a maintenance and construction environment.
- Knowledge of environmental and OH&S systems.
- Knowledge of accountability and probity issues within Government guidelines and regulations.
- Qualifications in an audit related field and/or strong relevant work experience.
- Experience in Project Management.
- High level communication, analytical and interpersonal skills plus sound networking and negotiation skills.
- Highly developed problem solving skills, proficiency in IT and data analysis with the ability to identify risks at different levels.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains full details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Shan Ruprai (02) 8753 8548.

Information Package: 1800 502 766 or email: Elise.Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications: 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 1 June 2007.

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

THIS IS A REPLACEMENT OF THE NOTICE ADVERTISED ON 9 MAY 2007

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
ML90179	Approx. 36km West South West from Gunpowder Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Current Land Tenures Lot 1 on UN6 - Term Lease 0/221301 (mining and access) Lot 5 on CP865892 - Pastoral Holding 13/4151 (access only) Lot 2 on SP162421 - Pastoral Holding 13/2514 (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 489.5904ha	Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty-one (21) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty-one (21) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

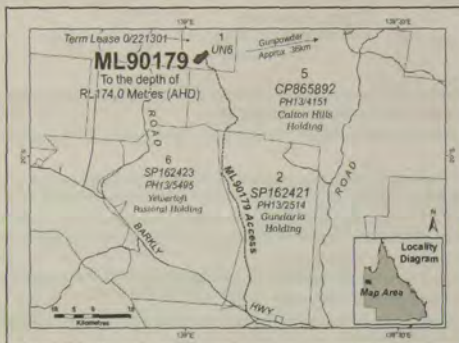
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216; DME, Office of the Mining Registrar, 13 Isa Street, Mount Isa, QLD 4825, Telephone: (07) 4747 2104.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30 May 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



NCOSS is the peak body for non-government social and community services in NSW. We work with our members, on behalf of disadvantaged people and communities, to achieve social justice. NCOSS is seeking to fill the following positions:

Senior Policy Officer - Health

35 hours per week

We are looking for a skilled and experienced person to fill a senior policy officer position, which is part of a small team of policy staff. The position involves a range of policy development, advocacy and liaison activities with community, government and business organisations.

Currently, this position undertakes policy and project work in the area of Health, with a focus on mental health, oral health, rural health, health privacy and Health NGO programs. Representation on a number of NSW Health State level committees specifically in areas of oral health and electronic health records and representing NCOSS on non-Government committees in relation to a broad range of health issues are key to this position.

Annual salary of \$60,697 (plus super) is payable, with generous working conditions. This salary is currently under review. The position is permanent, subject to a 3-month probationary period.

Applicants must obtain an information package containing job description and selection criteria by contacting Craig Howe on (02) 9211 2599 x 101 or via email at craig@ncoss.org.au

Applications close 5pm 1st June, 2007.

Please visit the NCOSS website at www.ncoss.org.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15970	Approx. 42 km W from Jundah Centred at Lat. 24°48'30"S Long. 142°38'30"E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Barcoo	Area: 9 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-Blocks: 3 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 704 s, t, u	Opal Horizon Limited 095 974 762

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1.1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

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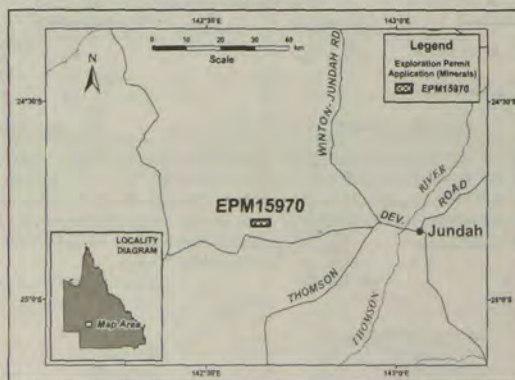
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Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 13 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

ASSET PROGRAMS REVIEW OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8

Operations, Asset Performance
Program Management Unit
Head Office, Ashfield

Temporary Full-Time - Position No: DOH-07-00616

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: Assists with monitoring, analysis and performance reporting on capital & maintenance programs. Assists with the formulation and adherence to budgets/policy through training and development/maintenance of program control mechanisms and systems.

Selection Criteria:

- Extensive experience in the identification of data requirements, data validation, data cleansing, data analysis, data analysis systems development and reporting at a senior level.
- Sound experience in using computerised management systems, analysis tools and models.
- Demonstrated capital budgetary monitoring experience, including experience in the preparation and analysis of management reports of a capital nature.
- A high level of problem solving ability is required to identify risks, manage analysis of processes and develop appropriate responses.
- Demonstrated capacity to devise and implement an effective analysis and advisory system to produce clear, concise, accurate and timely information for use at all levels across the Department with minimal supervision and support.
- Demonstrated personal values that align with organisational values with a strong commitment to the provision of customer service and a commitment to accept personal responsibility for the work of own role.
- Demonstrated ability to work within an environment where processes of government are respected.
- Commitment to the ethos of the public service and accountability for the effective and efficient use of government resources to deliver services to the community.
- **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 full-time position for a period of 6 months with option to extend under the terms of PSEM Act 2002. 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.

Inquiries: Harry Exikanas (02) 8753 8668.

Information Packages: 1800 502 766 or email: Elise.Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications 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 1 June 2007.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. Please phone the principal for more information or to request an information package. Vacancies currently exist at the following schools:

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

- Canobolas Rural Technology High School 63621677
- Dubbo South Public School - 68822529
- Enngonia Public School - 68747550
- Griffith High School - 69621711
- Illawarra Sports High School - 42711099
- Plunkett Street Public School - 93585335
- The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School 67361401
- Uralla Central School - 67784204

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au. Closing date for applications is **Friday 8 June 2007**. Only Australian citizens, permanent residents or people with appropriate permits to work in Australia are eligible to apply.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer - Aboriginal Health Work Clinical

Position No.: 14555

Permanent appointment commencing June 2007 - Darwin

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$65,055 - \$77,253

This position is responsible for the delivery of Higher Education and Vocational, Educational Training programs through flexible remote delivery mode. Travel is an essential requirement.

Lecturer - Aboriginal Health Work Clinical (Apprenticeships)

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment commencing June 2007 to Dec 2010 - Alice Springs

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$65,055 - \$77,253

This position is responsible for the delivery of Higher Education and Vocational, Educational Training programs through flexible remote delivery mode with Apprentices. Travel is an essential requirement.

Are you in childcare or early childhood education? Would you like a change or a new challenge? Are you someone who has a passion for making a difference to Indigenous children's services? We are looking for a person with energy, someone who can work in a dynamic cooperative team, who feels passionate about quality early childhood and children's services.

Field Officer - Early Childhood

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment commencing June 2007 to Nov 2008 - Alice Springs/Tennant Creek

Remuneration Academic Level A - \$46 070 - \$61 800

2 positions are available, with an option of full time or part time - to be negotiated.

Would you enjoy traveling throughout the Northern Territory? Are you interested in working in a variety of remote communities? The applicant must be sensitive and understanding of Aboriginal cultures and demonstrate appropriate intercultural awareness. A degree in early childhood care and education or relevant experience and qualifications in early childhood required.

Applications close Friday 1 June 2007.

Further information, the Selection Criteria and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Batchelor Institute has a vital national position as the only higher educational institution solely for Indigenous students (AQA report 2006). As such, BIITE endeavours to be a strong employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. BIITE strongly encourages applications for the above positions from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Australians.

child Support Worker

Molongo Women's and Children's Services is a crisis accommodation service in Queanbeyan supporting women and children escaping domestic violence.

The service is looking for an indigenous woman to join the team as a child support worker. This is a permanent part-time position of 3 days per week.

Experience working with children is essential.

For more information please ring the refuge on 02 6299 4799 and we will provide selection criteria and duty statement.

Applications close by 1st June 2007.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (SCMSAC) is seeking applications from an enthusiastic productive and highly motivated experienced Chief Executive Officer. SCMSAC is a dedicated and enthusiastic community controlled Aboriginal Medical Service that has been operating and providing health and medical related services for 24 years.

The CEO we are looking for will need to be able to lead SCMSAC into being an accredited quality improvement service provider for SCMSAC's Aboriginal Communities that it serves.

The CEO will be responsible for managing the day to day service provision for all SCMSAC programs and services. The CEO reports to the SCMSAC Governing Committee. An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant dependant on qualifications and or experience. Further the provision of added salary sacrifice arrangements will also be negotiated. The provision of a fully maintained motor vehicle may also be negotiated.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.

For a copy of the Position Description including the Selection Criteria please email: recruitment@southcoastams.org.au. Further information regarding the position can be obtained from Jo Naughton, Practice Manager on (02) 4428 6666.

Applications close at 5PM on Friday, 1 June 2007 and can be addressed to: Private and Confidential Practice Manager South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 548 NOWRA NSW 2540 or sent via facsimile (02) 4428 6602 or via email recruitment@southcoastams.org.au.

Applications will need to include contact details for two (2) recent referees who are familiar with your knowledge skills and experience working at a senior level.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1065	Approx. 24 km N from Glenden Centred at Lat.21°08'S Long.148°07'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Nebo and Bowen	Area: 345 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 108 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 841 s, x, y, z 913 c, d, e, b, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 914 a, f, i, r, v, w, x 985 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 986 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 987 v 1057 c, e 1058 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1130 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p 1131 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Terence John Burt Judy-Anne Galway Robert William Kirkby
EPM15168	Approx. 45 km ESE from Eungella Centred at Lat.21°24'S Long.148°49'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Nebo and Mirani	Area: 76 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 24 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1210 l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1211 l, m, q, r, v, w 1282 c, d, e, j, k	Los Americas Pty Ltd 095 105 730 Fayworth Pty. Ltd. 010 473 855
EPM15775	Approx. 35 km ESE from Eungella Centred at Lat.21°21'S Long.148°44'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mirani and Nebo	Area: 73 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 23 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1137 m, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 1209 d, e, j, k, o, p, r, t, u, y, z 1210 a, b, f, g, h	Macmin Silver Ltd 056 776 160

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Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

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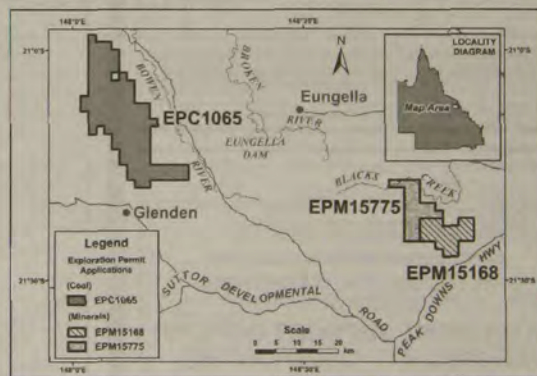
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Notification Day: 13 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

BALLINA HIGH SCHOOL

Casual Aboriginal teachers' aide

(Aboriginality essential)

In Class Tutor
(Aboriginality desirable)

Application forms from school. Date due 01/06/06 by 3.30pm.
Contact Peter Reed (02) 6686 2133.



EDVOS
Eastern Domestic Violence
Outreach Service

INDIGENOUS FAMILY VIOLENCE OUTREACH WORKER

(Two Positions)

Classification: Social Worker Class 2, or equivalent

The positions will be required to provide family violence counselling, individual support, information, advocacy and legal referral to Indigenous women and children experiencing family violence. Objective is to assist Indigenous women to make informed choices about their own and their children's circumstances. Workers will provide options for Indigenous women and children to access both Indigenous and mainstream services that provide specific or related family violence services. A sound knowledge of Indigenous and society and an ability to communicate sensitively with Indigenous people is essential.

Women only need apply; VCAT Exemption A268/2006.

A current driver's license, clear police records check and working with children check are essential.

Positions will be located at Ringwood, Victoria (with outreach to locations within the Eastern Metropolitan region).

Closing Date: 5pm Wed 6 June 2007

Contact: Violet Harrison on (03) 9843 6163 for any queries.

Position Description: Available from Ann by E-mail: ann@edvos.org.au or phone: (03) 9870 5939.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au

SUPPORT SERVICES

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander

Traineeship Program

Centre for Education & Workforce Development Service

Sydney South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS) is

offering 16 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Traineeships in the following health positions:

Ref: 50942. Pharmacy Assistant

Ref: 50941. Dental Assistant

Ref: 50939. Administration Officer

Ref: 50940. Allied Health Assistant

Ref: 50933. Sterilising Technician

Eligibility Criteria for the program are:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent
- Identify and accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Willingness to undertake and complete the related Certificate III

The traineeship offers:

- Paid work placement of 1-2 year duration according to the Public Hospital (Training Wage) (State) Award
- Opportunity to complete a nationally recognised qualification

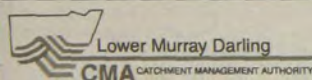
- Full support and mentorship during the traineeship
- Please complete an application package to indicate your preference of traineeship.

For enquiries or to request an application package, please call Helen Orcher, (02) 9828 5986

Closing Date: 8 June 2007

For the above positions, please send applications to:
Manager, Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871 or
email: jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LOWER MURRAY DARLING CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

CATCHMENT SUPPORT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES)

Clerk Grade 4/5, Buronga (South West NSW near Mildura),
Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No CMA2007/053.
Total remuneration package valued to: \$66,906 p.a.
(\$52,894-\$60,631).

Support the facilitation of LMD CMA programs, activities and plans with the aim of improving the environmental, social, economic and cultural values of the Aboriginal communities in line with the Catchment Action Plan. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues. Demonstrated ability in working with Aboriginal community groups. Good written, oral, facilitation and communication skills, including basic computer skills. Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping. Ability to liaise with government agencies, other organisations and individuals. Understanding of funding processes and ability to identify funding sources. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and current driver's licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Temporary position under Section 86 or 27 & 28 of the PSE & M Act 2002 for a period of up to 3 years.

Inquiries: Michael Gilby (03) 5021 9460.

Information Packages: cma.infolpack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 053 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 25 May 2007

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15415	Approx. 5 km WNW from Dajarra Centred at Lat.21°40'S Long.139°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 41 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1386 y, z 1387 v 1458 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1459 a, f	Gloria Grace George Julie Annette Hardy
EPM15765	13 km W from Malbon Centred at Lat.21°04'S Long.140°11'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 310 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 819 f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 890 e, k, o, p, r, s, t, u, z 891 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 962 e, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 963 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1034 e, k 1035 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM15776	Approx. 42 km SSW from Malbon Centred at Lat.21°24'S Long.140°06'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 312 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1106 m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1107 l, q 1176 p, u, z 1177 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 1178 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1179 a, f, l, q, v, w, x 1248 d, e, j, k, o, p, u, z 1249 a, b, f, g, l, q, v 1250 d, e, j 1251 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s 1320 d, e, j, k 1321 a	Krucible Metals Pty Ltd 118 788 846
EPM15855	Approx. 38 km W from Duchess Centred at Lat.21°20'S Long.139°30'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1098 z 1170 e 1171 a	Clayton Brett Walton
EPM15911	Approx. 30 km NNW from Dajarra Centred at Lat.21°27'S Long.139°22'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Boulia	Part 1: 57 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1169 x 1241 b, c, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, w, x, y 1313 c	Mount Isa Mines Limited 009 661 447
EPM15972	Part 1: Approx. 9 km NE from Duchess Centred at Lat.21°18'S Long.139°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 9 km N from Duchess Centred at Lat.21°16'S Long.139°52'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 13 km ESE from Duchess Centred at Lat.21°26'S Long.139°58'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 25 km N from Duchess Centred at Lat.21°08'S Long.139°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 5: Approx. 18 km SE from Duchess Centred at Lat.21°28'S Long.139°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 6: Approx. 18 km SE from Duchess Centred at Lat.21°29'S Long.139°49'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 7: Approx. 20 km SSE from Duchess Centred at Lat.21°31'S Long.139°57'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 54 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 17 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1032 v, w 1104 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 1176 a, b, f, g, m Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1103 g, h Area of Part 3: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1248 c, h Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 960 q Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1248 t Area of Part 6: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1246 z Area of Part 7: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1320 g	Mt. Dockerell Mining Pty Ltd 009 242 997

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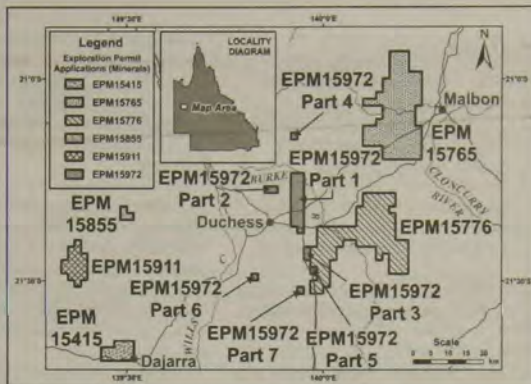
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Notification Day: 13 June 2007



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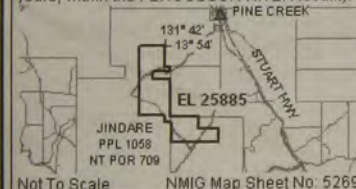
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

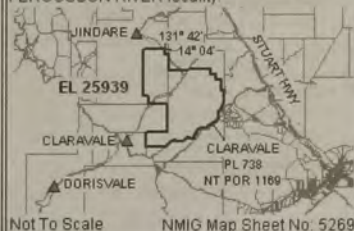
Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

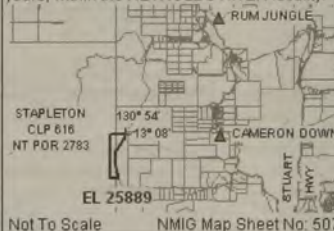
Exploration Licence 25885 sought by BLUEKEBBLE PTY LTD, ACN 116 988 508, REDSTONE METALS PTY LTD, ACN 106 360 678 and ZIRCON INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD, ACN 119 302 313 over an area of 70 Blocks (212 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FERGUSSON RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 25939 sought by BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 060 990 632 over an area of 204 Blocks (607 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FERGUSSON RIVER locality.



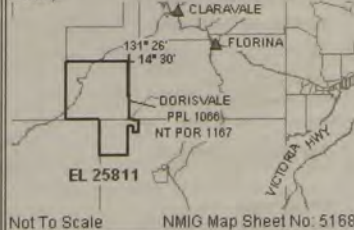
Exploration Licence 25889 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 3 Blocks (6 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RIVER locality.



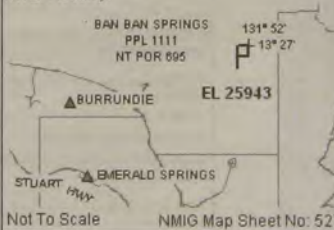
Exploration Licence 25893 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 7 Blocks (19 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 25811 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 165 Blocks (110 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FLORA locality.



Exploration Licence 25943 sought by WHITVISTA PTY LTD, ACN 074 751 992 over an area of 2 Blocks (4 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought 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 Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

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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: 23 May 2007

North Coast Institute

JOIN OUR TEAM

Have you got the skills we need?

Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?

The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:

www.nci.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

IT MANAGER

- Attractive Remuneration Package
- Excellent Working conditions
- Western Sydney Based

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated staff interested in undertaking the challenging role of IT Manager.

Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer, the IT Manager is responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of appropriate IT technology, and systems and databases to enable the organisation to achieve its strategic and commercial business objectives in an effective and efficient manner.

The successful applicant will have relevant qualifications and industry experience and the capacity to identify, understand and respond to critical business needs while providing high level customer service.

The ability to lead a small team and display excellent written and oral communication skills is essential. A record of achievement and a knowledge and awareness of Aboriginal issues is also required.

All applicants must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resources Officer by email: richard.perin@alc.org.au or (02) 9689 4497.

Applications should be forwarded to richard.perin@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Office
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close 4 June 2007.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

BREWARRINA BUSINESS COOPERATIVE LTD

FINANCIAL MANAGER

BUSINESS SERVICES CENTRE

This position is at the cutting-edge of Government Indigenous policy. Your success will establish models for organisational capacity building throughout Australia and overseas.

If you love a real challenge, are looking for the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of a whole community, and are a Certified Practising Accountant or Chartered Accountant, this job is for you. But, you will need to be much more than a CPA/CA. You will be able to market services, facilitate development of the Business Centre, and liaise effectively with a wide range of stakeholders. You will have strong cross-cultural, inter-personal and communication skills.

The position is strongly client-focused and requires a person who can both get things done, and can train and mentor others. You will head a small team that provides governance, financial and business management advice and support to regional community-based organisations.

We need a self-motivated person who understands people, and has the ability to progress community needs and aspirations, to sustain a resilient and responsive team, and to work comfortably and effectively in a highly ambiguous environment. You will demonstrate high ethical values, and excellent problem solving, coordination, and staff development skills.

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Applications close on Friday 22 June 2007.

For a Recruitment Package, we invite you to contact: Bill Palmer, Brewarrina Community Facilitator, Tel: (02) 6839 1800 or Mobile: 0427 392 059, email: bbpalmer@bigpond.com

BBC is an equal opportunity employer with a smoke-free working environment.

National Calendar of Events

To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600. The closing day for Calendar is the Wednesday before publication. Send Sorry Day events to sorryday@koorimail.com and NAIDOC events to naidoc@koorimail.com

Until 11 May: Indigenous Arts Management. The course will involve four one-week intensives throughout 2007/8. Study areas include Indigenous arts and cultural identity, industry and marketing, protocol, policy and law, arts and project management. Details call (03) 9685 9327 or visit www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilnaplly

Until 27 May: Never Turning Back. It tells stories of Australia's Indigenous peoples and their experience prior to and beyond the 1967 referendum. We have a support cast of over 25 Indigenous and non-Indigenous friends who act and sing in the new 90 minute show. Held at the SPACE Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre from 7.30pm. Tickets Full Price \$30, Concessions \$20, School Show \$8. Details call Fanny Jacobson on (08) 8299 9749 mobile (0412) 643 908 or email Fanny_jacobson@yahoo.com.au or for tickets call 131 246.

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 31 May: Expo Bags for Education Expo. There will be 5,000 to give away. For just \$880 you can insert a flyer or light-weight item into each bag or as many as you wish. Details call Denise Crooks on (02) 6944 1129 email admin@edexpo.info or visit <http://www.edexpo.info>

Until 1 June: Feet First. Legs on the Wall seek applications for Feet First, a new initiative designed to assist emerging physical theatre artists to develop new work. Four individual artists or groups will be selected to participate in a six-week creative development at the Red Box in Lilyfield, Sydney. Details call Melissa on (02) 9560 9479 or email admin@legsonthewall.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 8 June: Drawn Together Art Competition. Entries must reflect a creative interpretation of the themes and concepts of reconciliation. All welcome. Details: (02) 6280 8122 or email drawingtogether@communicationlink.com.au

Until 29 June: Sport Education and Training Grants 2007/08. The Sport Leadership grants program is to provide Indigenous women with an opportunity to undertake further education and training in areas of sport leadership. Grants from \$5,000-\$10,000. Details call Carl Currey on (02) 6214 1149 or (0409) 956 225 or visit www.ausport.gov.au/women/grants

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 31 July: The Memento Australia Awards 2007. These awards encourage artists, craftspeople and designers to create innovative, quality and authentic mementos for the tourism and retail gift markets that reflect the unique character and spirit of Australia. Details call 1300 787 991 or visit www.mementoaustralia.com

Until 17 August: Victorian Indigenous Art Awards 2007. Entries for Winning and short-listed works will be exhibited at Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne from 26 October to 29 November. Details call Elizabeth Liddle on (03) 9954 5000 or email lowanna.norris@dpc.vic.gov.au or visit www.arts.vic.gov.au

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 web www.aronline.net.au or visit www.australianmuseum.net.au

Until 31 October: The Young Achievement Australia Business Skill's 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/birrung/

23 May: Elastoplast Strapsmart. This course is a Sports Medicine Australia accredited course and participants will receive a certificate on completion. Held at Kempsey PCYC. Details: Toni Gordon (02) 6618 0406 or email toni.gordon@dsr.nsw.gov.au

24 May: Aboriginal Support Group. Launch of the Guringai Festival at St Ives

Shopping Village, hosted by Ku-ring-gai Council. Details: Vivien Mouradian (02) 9424 0868. From 6-7pm.

24 May: Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Inc. Come and have lunch, meet others, enjoy a day out and get some available information about caring and support. From 10am-2.30pm. Details call Laurie Taylor on (02) 9211 1462 or Ruth Paillas on (02) 9516 4755 or visit www.newtowncentre.org

25 May: Information Sessions. Come and hear how the Australia Council supports and promotes Indigenous art, and receive detailed information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board and its

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15816 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 29 km ENE from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°39'S Long.139°45'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mount Isa and Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 31 km ENE from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°42'S Long.139°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 109 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 34 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 453 t, u, y, z 454 h, n, q, r, s, v, w 525 e, k, p, u, z 597 e, k, p, u, z 598 t, u, v, w, x, y, z 669 e, k, p 670 a, f, l Area of Part 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 598 h, m, n	Syndicated Metals Pty Ltd 115 768 986
EPM15859	Approx. 38 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°56'S Long.139°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 38 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 814 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o	Matrix Metals Limited 082 593 235
EPM15871	Approx. 18 km NNE from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°35'S Long.139°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area: 77 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 24 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 451 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 523 e, j, k, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 524 a, f, l, m	Summit Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd 009 188 078
EPM15908 This application consists of five separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 17 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°48'S Long.139°38'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 2: Approx. 12 km ENE from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°41'S Long.139°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 3: Approx. 16 km E from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°43'S Long.139°39'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 4: Approx. 13 km E from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°45'S Long.139°37'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 5: Approx. 16 km SSE from Mount Isa Centred at Lat.20°51'S Long.139°33'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 67 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 21 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 597 v 667 z 668 e, k, l, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 669 a, f, l 739 d, e Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 596 f Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 596 t Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 668 b Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 739 h	Echelon Resources Limited 100 287 385

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. The maps are made at a scale of 1:1 000 000. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

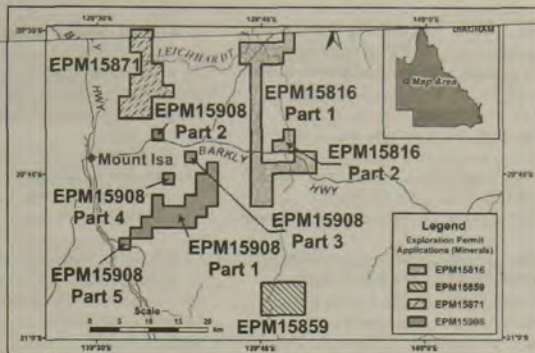
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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grants. All is welcome. Held at 2250 Coolibah Ave, Kununurra, WA from 9.30am-12pm. Details call (02) 9215 9167 or (02) 9215 9065.

25 May: Health Check Launch. Healthy for Life is holding a Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Health Check. Details call Jade Hansen on (02) 4474 5100 or email jahansen@senswdgp.com.au

25 May: Youth Participation Grants Project. If you are aged between 12 and 25 years, and living in South-Western Sydney, Mid North Coast, Far North Coast, New England in NSW, you can apply for a youth participation grant. There are four levels of grants on offer from \$200 up to \$2500. You can apply for any, or all levels of funding. Details: Lam Huynh on (02) 9319 1100 or toll-free 1800 627 323.

25 - 27 May: Woonjeegaribay Aboriginal Film Festival. The three-day festival is screening a wide range of films including an inspiring new release *Kanyini*, *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith* and several moving documentaries. Season ticket \$35 or single ticket \$10. Held at the Empire Cinema in Bowral. Details: Helen McCue (0429) 724949 or (02) 4861 4676.

26 May: Elders Debutante Ball. Held at the WIN Entertainment Centre, corner of Crown and Harbour streets, Wollongong. Tickets available from the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation for \$45 a head and starts at 7pm. Three-course meal and guest speakers, entertainment and more. Details: Sheree Rankmore (02) 4228 1585 or email culturaldevelopment@exemail.com.au

26 May: Aboriginal Support Group Sorry Day March. March from the Sydney Town Hall to First Fleet Park, Circular Quay. This is the 10th anniversary of the tabling in Parliament of the Bringing Them Home report. Details: (0437) 100 121. Start at 10am

26 May: NSW Sorry Day Committee is organising a state march followed by a community gathering to commemorate Sorry Day 2007 and the 10th Anniversary of the Bringing Them Home report. Everyone welcome to join in 1.5 km march. Start 10am at the Town Hall, Sydney, and finishes at Circular Quay. Own transport required. We require a number of didgeridoo performers to join us in the march. Call (0437) 100 121.

26 May: Sorry Day. NSW Sorry Day Committee invites all members of the Stolen Generations, their families, communities, friends and supporters to come together to join us in the commemorations. The March distance is 1.5 km. The March commences at Town Hall and proceeds down George St to First Fleet Park, Circular Quay. From 9am onwards. Details call (0437) 100 121.

26 May: Training for rural company directors 2007. Held in Toowoomba. Details call (07) 3222 5500 or visit www.companydirectors.com.au

26 May: Sorry Day program. The invitation is "Please Join us - all welcome". There will be a welcome to country, dancers, guest speakers, music, raffle draw, dinner and is a free event with a donation of food and drinks. Held at the Community Centre, Mullumbimby from 2 - 8.30pm. Details call Bronwyn Sindel on (02) 6684 3342.

27 May: The Spirit Still Shines Commemoration Dinner. A celebration to acknowledge and honor our Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non Aboriginal people who campaigned for the 1967 Referendum. Held at the Workers Club in Revesby from 6pm onwards. Entertainment, guest speakers and cost \$30 per person. Details call Kerry Welsh on (02) 9780 2750 or (0438) 675 708 or Lisa Murphy on (02) 8567 0016 or (0401) 147 571.

27 May: National Reconciliation Week Celebratory Dinner. 1967 Referendum 40th Anniversary. Overturning discriminatory laws, finally recognising Indigenous Australians as Australian Citizens in Constitutional Law for the first time. \$35 per person including buffet dinner and a glass of wine. Held at the Sutherland District Trades Union Club, Gympie from 7pm onwards. Details call (02) 9523 9514.

27 May: 40th Anniversary of Referendum. Free sausage sizzle, children's activities, banner painting, to remember 40th Anniversary of Referendum and start of Reconciliation Week. Held at Princess Wallingford Park, Balga, Western Australia from 12.30pm. Details call Aidie or Joanne on (08) 9345 5004 or email rujak@inet.net.au

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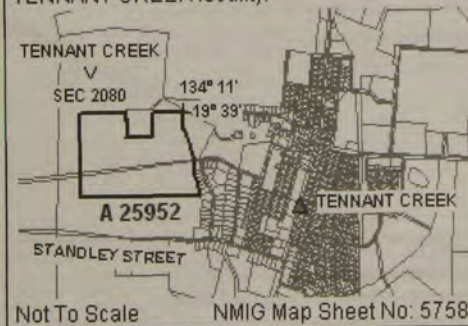
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AUTHORISATIONS

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 authorisation in accordance with the application made therefor.

The application to which this notice applies:

Authorisation 25952 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 1 Block (1 Sq Km) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an authority to explore 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 determined by the Minister and to seek renewals. 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 act is an act attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The authorisation 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.

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27 May: Parramatta Filmmakers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email ilys@performancespace.com.au

27 May: Aboriginal Support Group Sorry Day commemoration. This will be a warm, intimate yet welcoming and friendly event to commemorate Sorry Day and pay respect to the Stolen Generations. This is also the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Details are yet to be finalised, they will be posted on our website www.asgmw.net Venue: Narrabeen Lake.

27 May-3 June: The Reconciliation Week theme is 'One People One Place One Future'.

27-30 May: Sydney Arts Law Week. We are running free seminars. The indigenous arts sessions will be at Redfern Community centre, the Rex centre, in Kings Cross, and Blacktown Arts Centre. They will focus on copyright, moral rights, Indigenous culture intellectual property rights (ICIP) as well as music law session. Details: Patricia Adjei (02) 9356 2566 or email padjei@artslaw.com.au

30 May: National Library of Australia is holding a Digital Cultural Talk on media and technology and how it will look like in 2020. Held at the Library Theatre in ACT from 12.30am - 1.30pm with free entry. Details call Bobby Graham on (02) 6262 1542 or visit www.nla.gov.au

31 May: Multilink Community Service in conjunction with Disability Services QLD. This forum is of interest to disability service providers, people with disability from non-English speaking backgrounds, their careers and families. Held at Albert Waterways Community Centre, Gold Coast between 11.30am-1.30pm. Details call (07) 3808 4463 or Email victor@multilink.org.au

31 May: Indigenous Women's Gathering Conference. We are looking for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to attend conference below Age group 18 plus that would be interested and available to attend. Theme for this year is women and economic status. Details call Rochelle Jones on (07) 3836 0543 or email Rochelle.Jones@women.qld.gov.au or web www.women.qld.gov.au

31 May: Australian Museum members' special night viewing. Go on a behind the scenes tour of the museum's vast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ethnographic collections between 6-7pm. Members \$40, non-members \$50. Didgeridoo performance, exhibition viewing, behind-the-scenes tour, canapés and refreshments. Details: Michelle on (02) 9320 6181 or mobile (0421) 617 019 or web www.amonline.net.au or visit www.australianmuseum.net.au

1 June: Maker to Manufacturer to Market (MMM) 2007. Amounts under \$100,000 request for tender RFT No 1/2007. Tenders must be lodged by 2pm local Sydney time. Late or faxed tenders will not be accepted. Details call Joe Pascoe (02) 9215 9125 or email j.pascoe@ozco.gov.au

1 June: Hornsby Children's Voices for Reconciliation. This will showcase performances from over 500 local schoolchildren and visiting schools with Aboriginal performance groups. Held at Florence St Mall, Hornsby from 10.15am onwards with the opening of Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and tribute to the Stolen Generations. Details call Helen White on (02) 9484 1043.

1 June: William Cooper Memorial Walk 40 years of Referendum. Starting 11am from the Living Museum to the Pavilion where there will be a free barbecue and activities. Registration required for event. Details: Colleen Gunn (03) 9318 7855.

1 June: NSW Trade Promotion Program. The NSW Department of State and Regional Development invites NSW companies in the professional services, healthcare, building and construction, ICT and creative media sectors to apply to participate in a Trade Mission to the Republic of Korea. Details call Crista Bracamonte on (02) 9338 6653 or email crista.bracamonte@business.nsw.gov.au or visit www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au

2 June: Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place invites you to celebrate Reconciliation of 40 Years of the Referendum dinner.

Held at the Town Hall, Ferguson St, Williamstown. Tickets \$65 per person including a three-course meal, beer, wine, entertainment and guest speakers. Details: Virginia or Sharon (02) 9318 7855.

Anniversary. Tjiti Tjuta and the Blackwood Reconciliation Group will be hosting a reunion of people who were residents of the Colebrook Home as children. Held at Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills, South Australia from 10am - 4pm. Cultural activities, entertainment, barbecue and refreshments available. Details call Diane Dent on (08) 8370 3026 or Yvonne Caddy (08) 8278 3352 or email caddy@chariot.net

4 June: Hurstville Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting. We would love any Kooris from Hurstville Shire to attend. Meeting is held every six weeks at Civic Centre, Level 1, Meeting Room 2. Details: Louise Durmush (02) 9599 0233.

5, 12, 19, 26 June: National Aboriginal Spirituality: Steps to Connecting to Country. This four-week study program will be presented by Oomera Edwards. A great insight into Aboriginal Spirituality. Cost, \$50 for four weeks.

Phone 9428 1197 or email kerriemckenzie@bigpond.com. Venue: Senior Citizens Centre, Longueville Road, Lane Cove, 7.30-9.30pm.

5-6 June: National Hepatitis C Health Promotion Conference: Engaging Communities. This conference will feature plenary addresses from health promotion experts, health promotion skill workshops and presentations on hepatitis C prevention,

education, health maintenance and support 4257 email troy@hepatitisaustralia.org.au www.hepatitisaustralia.com

5 June 2007 - World Environment Day

7 June: Batchelor Institute Campus. Friends, family and supporters of Batchelor Institute are invited to attend the 2007 Graduation ceremony held in the Batchelor township 100km south of Darwin from 3-5pm. Details call Christine Bond on (0418) 833 561 or (08) 8939 7457.

7 June: Elastoplast Strapsmart. This course is a Sports Medicine Australia

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15944	Approx. 35 km W from Middleton Centred at Lat.22°17'S Long.141°13'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Winton, Boulia and Cloncurry	Area: 506 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 160 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1909 y, z 1910 j, k, o, p, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1911 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1912 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1913 l, q, r, v, w, x 1981 d, e, j, k, o, p, u 1982 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1983 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1984 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1985 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n 2055 d, e, k, p 2056 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t	Cloncurry Precious Metals Pty Ltd 122 162 396
EPM15945	Approx. 50 km W from Middleton Centred at Lat.22°05'S Long.141°10'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Winton	Area: 318 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1765 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 1766 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1767 v, w, x 1837 c, d, e, k 1838 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1839 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1840 a, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 1910 d, e 1911 a, b, c, d, e 1912 a, b	Cloncurry Precious Metals Pty Ltd 122 162 396
EPM15946	Approx. 63 km W from Middleton Centred at Lat.22°13'S Long.140°57'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Boulia	Area: 318 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1835 o, p, t, u, x, y, z 1836 l, m, q, r, v, w, z 1837 v, w, x, y, z 1907 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1908 a, b, c, e, f, g, h, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, v, w 1909 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x 1979 a, b, c, d, e 1980 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1981 a, b, c, f, g, h, m, n, r, s, t	Cloncurry Precious Metals Pty Ltd 122 162 396
EPM15948	Approx. 50 km SSW from Middleton Centred at Lat.22°42'S Long.141°14'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Winton and Boulia	Area: 383 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 121 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2198 w, x, y 2270 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2271 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x 2272 x 2342 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 2343 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2344 c, d, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2345 v 2414 c, d, e, h, j, k, p, u 2415 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, v, w 2416 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 2417 a, f	Cloncurry Precious Metals Pty Ltd 122 162 396
EPM15953	Approx. 82 km NW from Middleton Centred at Lat.21°49'S Long.140°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1548 y, z	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd 008 694 782

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receive a certificate on completion. Held at Lismore Workers Club. Details: Toni Gordon (02) 6618 0406 or email toni.gordon@dsr.nsw.gov.au

7 June: Massage Course. Learn basic massage techniques including pre and post-massage; injury prevention and techniques to help damaged tissues. Held at Lismore Workers Club between 6-9pm cost \$75. Details: (02) 6618 0400 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

8-10 June: Island of Origin 2007. Torres Strait.

8 June: Logo and Letterhead Design Competition. Hurstville City Council is calling on all Aboriginal artists to create a visual identity for our Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Entry deadline is 4pm. Giveaways include a \$500 cash prize and more. An official Entry Form must accompany all entries. Details call Anne-Marie Wiles on (02) 9330 6097 or Jamal Bassam on (02) 9330 6069 or visit www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/museum

8-11 June: Information sessions. Come and hear how the Australia Council supports and promotes Indigenous art, and receive detailed information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board and its grants. All is welcome. Held at Festival of the Dreaming, Beerwah-Kilcoy Rd, Woodford, QLD. Details call Details call (02) 9215 9167 or (02) 9215 9065.

11 June: Queens Birthday Holiday

12-13 June: Aboriginal Cross Cultural Awareness Workshop. The two days will involve a mix of workshops, discussion, group activities, presentations and story telling to expand your understanding of Aboriginal culture. Catering provided for both days. Held at the Mundaring Weir Hotel, Mundaring, WA from 8.30am-4.30pm with free entry. Details call Elita Lewis on (08) 9374 3333 or elita.lewis@water.wa.gov.au

14-17 June: Ngapartji Ngapartji All invited to learn Pitjantjatjara, a Central Desert language spoken by 2500 people

across the north-western parts of South Australia. **Locality story** from Ngapartjara and in English. The themes for each session are: The Body, Family, Law and Culture and a session covering all topics and a conclusion for the week. Details call Alex Kelly on (0422) 777 590 or visit www.ngapartji.org or visit www.adelaidecabaretfestival.com

14 June: Elastoplast Strapsmart. This course is a Sports Medicine Australia accredited course and participants will receive a certificate on completion. Held at Lismore Workers Club. Details: Toni Gordon (02) 6618 0406 or email toni.gordon@dsr.nsw.gov.au

14 June: Massage Course. Learn basic massage techniques including pre and post-massage; injury prevention and techniques to help damaged tissues. Held at Lismore Workers Club between 6-9pm cost \$75. Details: (02) 6618 0400 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

16 June: The Annual Mil-Pra Awards. Entries are now open for all Indigenous artists of NSW and ACT to come and participate in this important event. Entries close 3pm. Details call (02) 9824 1121 or email reception@casulapowerhouse.com.

19-20 June: Information sessions. Come and hear how the Australia Council supports and promotes Indigenous art, and receive detailed information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board and its grants. All is welcome. Held at Kings Street Arts Centre, 367 Murray Street, Perth WA, from 9.30am-4.30pm. Details call (02) 9215 9167 or (02) 9215 9065.

21 June: Information sessions. Come and hear how the Australia Council supports and promotes Indigenous art, and receive detailed information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board and its grants. All is welcome. Held at The Prey (old convent) George Street, Kellerberrin, WA. Details call (02) 9215 9167 or (02) 9215 9065.

22 June: Satellite Youth Engagement Workshop. Indigenous young people between the ages of 18 to 30 years are invited to this workshop to network and

explore relevant issues impacting on them. call Grant Paulson on (02) 6273 9200 mobile (0418) 872 717 or web www.reconciliation.org.au

23-24 June: 2007 Education Expo. One of our exhibitors who has booked a booth is unable to attend the expo on Saturday, therefore we can offer this booth at a reduced rate for one day only. It is a single booth (2m x 3m) and costs \$1,400 (Normally \$3080). Details call Lynette Eggins on (02) 6643 4643 or email info@edexpo.info

23 June: Villawood NAIDOC Day Stall Registration. If you would like a stall at this event you will need to complete a registration form. Held at Hilwa Park in Villawood, from 9am - 3:00pm, and the cost of the stall is \$50. Details call Robby Bell on (02) 9724 3807 or email robbybell@woodville.org.au.

24 June: Paramatta Filmmakers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email lily@performancespace.com.au

23-25 June: Australia's largest Education Expo, 'Everything Educational', will be on for teachers, parents and students at the Rosehill Exhibition Centre in Sydney. Details: Denise (02) 6944 2750, email admin@edexpo.info or see the website www.edexpo.info

25-27 June: Recovering Rainforest, Queensland Rainforest Forum. Held at Griffith University, Brisbane. Details visit www.landcare.org.au/RRforum07.htm

25-26 June: Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership Conference. Theme: 'Strong Foundations: Rebuilding Social Norms in Indigenous Communities'. This conference will provide a unique opportunity to hear experts from government, non-government and community sectors engage the audience and each other on some of the toughest issues in Indigenous affairs in Australia. Details: (07) 4046 0600 or email info@cyi.org.au web www.cyi.org.au/conference

26 June: Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Workshops. This course will explain basic rights and obligations under NSW employment laws and the interaction with federal employment laws to help you understand how they apply in your workplace. Held at Sutherland District Trade Union Club 57 Manchester Road, Gymea. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

26-28 June: NSW Aboriginal Early Childhood Education Conference. This conference is preferred by a large number of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander early childhood professionals in NSW as their choice of professional development each year and is attended by over 200 people. Held at Country Comfort, Parklands Resort, Mudgee. Details call Rob Roberts on (02) 9516 4473 mobile (0427) 818 566 or email conference@aecssu.org.au

29 June: Aboriginal Support Group. 9.30am Film: KANYINI. Kanyini is a story told by Uncle Bob Randall, Aboriginal Elder from Uluru. Doors open 9.10am as film will commence at 9.30am. Tickets \$5. All tickets sales will be donated to the Kanyini Foundation for the Mutjulu community. Bookings: Pat Frater (02) 9971 0735. Venue: Collaroy Cinema, Pittwater Rd, Collaroy.

29 June - 14 July: Yirra Yaakin Noongar Theatre. Windmill Baby is a play of a one-woman redemption piece featuring Maymay Starr, an old Aboriginal woman who returns to the deserted Kimberley cattle station that was her home fifty years ago. Held at the Subiaco Arts Centre, Perth. Details call Michelle White on (08) 9202 1966 or email michelle@yirrayaakin.asn.au

31 June: The Memento Australia Awards are offering some \$30,000 worth of prizes and the opportunity to share in a tourism gift market worth over \$700 million per annum for the best mementos of 2007. Details call Anthony Merrilees on (0412) 190 941 or email info@mementoaustralia.com or visit www.mementoaustralia.com

1 July: Coming of the Light Festival. A day when many Torres Strait Islanders in the Strait and on mainland Australia commemorate with religious and cultural ceremonies the day in 1871 when the London Missionary Society arrived in the Torres Strait.

1-7 July: NAIDOC Week. See the website www.naidoc.org.au

1-21 July: About FACE 8, faith and cultural exchange, which provides an opportunity for young adults to spend time in Indigenous communities in Australia and overseas. Details: (08) 8236 4240.

4 July - 12 August: Aboriginal Art Awards 2007. Aboriginal artists are invited to submit works exploring the theme Past, Present and Future. Entries will be exhibited at Grafton Regional Gallery 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton. Details call National Parks and Wildlife Service on (02) 6627 0200 or Grafton Gallery on (02) 6642 3177.

7-29 July: The Annual Mil-Pra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Exhibition. This exhibition is a sharing experience from Aboriginal artists to the youth and to all who come to celebrate our "Country" together. Held at the Liverpool Regional Museum from 10am - 4pm all welcome. Details call Christine Spatz on (02) 9824 1121 or email media@casulapowerhouse.com

8-15 July: The National NAIDOC Committee will mark the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC with the theme '50 years: Looking Forward, Looking Back'. The National NAIDOC poster competition and nominations for the National NAIDOC Awards have opened. Details: Visit www.naidoc.org.au

10 July: NAIDOC on the Peninsula 2007. A free public family event featuring Indigenous singers and musicians bush tucker barbecue and talk, face painting and more. Held at AIATSIS, Canberra from 11.30am - 3.30pm. All welcome. Details call Danika Nayna on (02) 6246 1108 or Chris Ryan on (02) 6261 4225 or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au

11 July: Defence ATSI Memorial Service. This service will be held to honour Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and servicewomen commencing 12pm at the ATSI Memorial, located in bushland 350 metres behind the Australian War Memorial towards Mount Ainslie in Canberra.

A light lunch will be served. Details call Rose Hays (02) 6266 8690 or email Rose.Hays@defence.gov.au.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

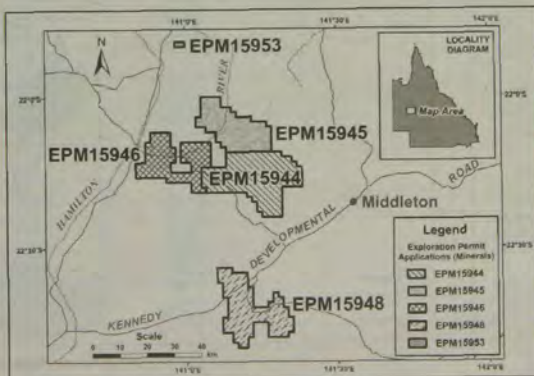
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 13 June 2007



Australia 'weak on rights'



Australians need to build a culture of respect for human rights, according to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

Speaking at the May Charles Darwin University Symposium on Statehood for the Northern Territory, Mr Calma said human rights violations could too easily happen in Australia and citizens don't have any remedy available to them.

"Human rights are often misused as a political tool, devoid of content," he said.

"In other instances people believe the myth that human rights and a Bill of Rights is a tool to give preferential treatment to certain groups of people, such as Indigenous Australians.

"Some pragmatic Australians see no need for such a formal protection of human rights, believing in and relying on the democratic process to remedy any inequity in human rights.

"This method of democratic remedy doesn't work, though, if you are a member of a minority group, who has little



'Human rights are often misused as a political tool, devoid of content'

— Commissioner Tom Calma

democratic power, such as Indigenous Australians, children and the mentally ill."

Mr Calma told symposium delegates that Australia has one of the weakest systems for the protection of human rights in the Western world, with Australia implementing less than half the legal obligations of international human rights treaties.

As well as debating if Australia or the Northern Territory should adopt a Bill of Rights, Mr Calma raised the issue of how Indigenous and other minority groups

should be represented in a Bill of Rights.

One argument is that a Bill of Rights should provide for the protection of human rights of all Australians in a generalist sense. On the other side of the argument some believe there should be some specific references made to the rights of Indigenous people and that of other minority groups.

Mr Calma told symposium delegates that it was important to recognise Indigenous people as the first people with ongoing traditional ties to the land, territory

and recourses and to address the fact that Indigenous people experience as a result of historical treatment.

He said it was important that any Bill of Rights adopted by Australians, at a Federal, State or Territory level, should provide gender equality, protect the rights of children, recognise equality of all people and provide tools for the accountability of government to all citizens.

Mr Calma believed a Bill of Rights that achieved this was particularly important to all Australians, in particular to that of Indigenous Australians and other minority groups.

A web poll conducted by CDU found the community was split over support for the NT becoming a State or adopting a Bill of Rights.

The poll indicated that 54 per cent of respondents supported the NT becoming a State and 59 per cent supported it adopting a Bill of Rights.

Visit the Symposium website for further information about the event – <http://www.cdu.edu.au/cdss0705/presentations.html>

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPM13667	Approx. 73 km SSE from Charters Towers Centred at Lat.20°41'S Long.146°33'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area: 465 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 145 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 533 k, p, t, u, y, z 534 f, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 535 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 536 q, r, u, v, w, x, y, z 537 q, r, s, v, w, x 605 d, e, j, k 606 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, u 607 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 608 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 609 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 679 b, c, d, e, k 680 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 681 a, c, f	LDR Operations Pty Ltd 093 863 560

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 1, 1st October 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3803.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

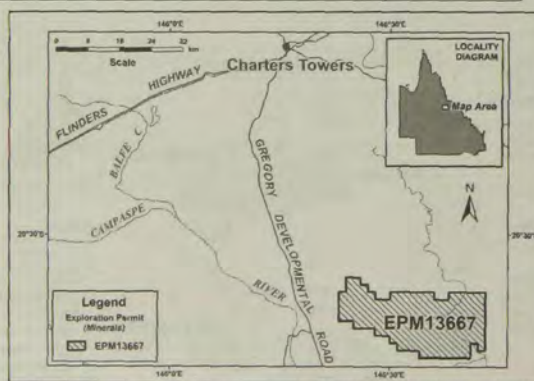
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 13 June 2007



Moruya set for big day



'Huge' is how organisers are describing a major Aboriginal health event planned for Moruya on the New South Wales far south coast this Friday (25 May).

"The community is really excited," said Aboriginal Health Worker Dennis Scott.

"Everyone's talking about it and we could have up to 1500 people on the day.

"Unfortunately, (South Sydney rugby league) Rabbitohs Dave Peachey and Dean Widders can't come because of a change in their draw, but everyone's really excited about union and league star Nathan Blacklock coming instead."

Other stars looking forward to the day are former Olympian Nova Peris, touch footballer Bo de la Cruz, hip-hoppers Street Warriors and comedian Roy Ah-See, and there could be a surprise visit of two NRL players.

But Mr Scott said there would be a serious message behind the high-profile sportspeople, the fun, and the great feeling of everyone coming together.

"We want to prevent our kids having problems like so many of their aunts, uncles, parents and grandparents by encouraging them to have regular checks with their GP even if they're not sick," he said.

At the event, to be held at Moruya Showground from 10am until 3pm, children can have a medical 'pit stop', supported by Katungul, Healthy for Life, local GPs and students from ANU Medical School.

There will be information stalls, music, films, a free barbecue lunch and various sporting and children's activities.

Free buses will be provided from Eden and Batemans Bay. To book one of the limited seats, call Jade on (02) 4474 5100.

Child Health Checks is a Commonwealth initiative under the Healthy for Life Program which is a partnership between the South East NSW Division of General Practice and Katungul Aboriginal Corporation.

'We want to prevent our kids having problems like so many of their aunts, uncles and parents...'



Queensland Government
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Mornington Island partnership in place



Mornington Island, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, has become the first Indigenous community to sign a local partnership agreement with the Queensland Government. State Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Warren Pitt congratulated the 1400-strong community on the agreement, which he said built on the existing negotiation process between communities, government departments and agencies working closer together. The agreement, which was also

signed by a Commonwealth Government representative, nominates priority areas for action during the next year, including:

- Education – lifting school attendance rates from the current level of 63 per cent to 75 per cent
- Health – arranging screenings of 70 per cent of the

local community for diabetes, heart disease and respiratory illness

- Housing – forming a housing committee with the Queensland Government to develop and implement a housing improvement plan
- Traditional family lands – providing support services for the

management of traditional family lands including improved communications, first aid and maintenance of motors

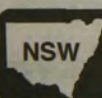
- Leadership – organising a capacity building workshop in July and then developing and implementing a capacity building strategy.



Josh Laurie, left, and Carl Roberts in the Indigenous room at Nimbin Museum.

Museum a hit in Nimbin

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



An Indigenous display room at the museum in the main street of Nimbin, northern New South Wales, is a tourist attraction with people from around Australia and

many overseas countries checking it out. Every day tourists walk into the museum and the first room is packed with Indigenous art, newspaper cuttings, memorabilia and artefacts.

Prominent are messages from local Bundjalung Elders, a news clipping on Eddie Mabo and many more interesting Indigenous items alongside a sign encouraging visitors to take photographs.

One of the volunteers at the museum is 22-year-old Bundjalung man Josh Laurie, who said he was happy to show the room to hundreds of tourists daily.

Sacred

"The Indigenous room is very popular and I am proud of our culture and I tell them of the sacred twin rocks over from the back of the Museum," he said.

Carl Roberts is a 20-year-old Indigenous man who said he was glad that a message from an Elder in the room was an inspiration to people in the area.

"I like living in Nimbin, which is a very different place," he said.

Another volunteer said that tourists from Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart, Brisbane, Townsville, Japan, the USA, Britain, Sweden and Germany had been at the museum that day.

"They all have to pass through the Indigenous room and many are intrigued with it. It is spreading the word on Indigenous culture," the volunteer said.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1061 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 52 km NNW from Moranbah Centred at Lat.21°33'S Long.147°57'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Nebo and Belyando Part 2: Approx. 44 km NNW from Moranbah Centred at Lat.21°37'S Long.147°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Nebo and Belyando	Area of Part 1: 22 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1344 b, c, h, n, s, x 1416 c Area of Part 2: 9 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1416 j, o, p	BHP Coal Pty Ltd 010 595 721
EPC1069	Approx. 34 km NW from Moranbah Centred at Lat.21°47'S Long.147°49'E Local Authorities (Shire within the area: Nebo and Belyando	Area: 924 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 291 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1270 s, t, u, x, y, z 1341 s, t, u, x, y, z 1342 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1343 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 1414 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1415 a, b, c, d, f, g, i, m, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1485 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1486 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1487 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1557 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1558 k, p, u, z 1559 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1560 f, l, q, v 1630 e, k 1631 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p 1632 a, f, l, q, v, w, x 1702 x, y, z 1703 m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1704 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, q, v 1774 c, d, e, j, k 1775 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, p, u, z 1776 a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w 1847 e 1848 a, b	Ansett Resources & Industries Pty Ltd 116 913 663

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Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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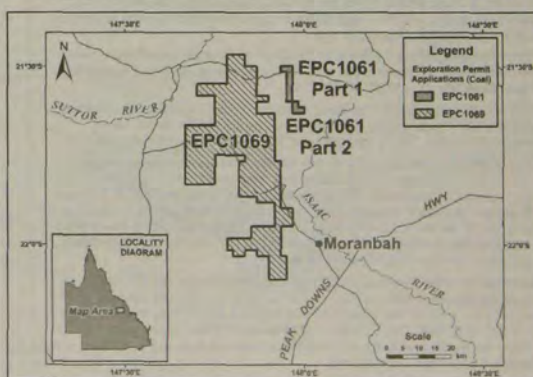
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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Notification Day: 13 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

DENILQUIN LAWN TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED 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
Location: Lot 368 DP756325, Parish South Deniliquin, County Townsend
Purpose: Recreation (tennis courts)

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 20/06/2007. Please quote the Application No. 865 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484728).

TASMAN GROUP SERVICES PTY LTD has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE.

Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot 76 or Lot 77 DP756543, Parish Gynong, County Wakool
Purpose: Irrigation & Feedlot

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 20/06/2007. Please quote the Application No. 866 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484728).

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Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot A or Lot B DP397521, Parish Gynong, County Wakool
Purpose: Irrigation & Feedlot

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 20/06/2007. Please quote the Application No. 869 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484728).

DENILQUIN RSL CLUB 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
Location: Lot 402 DP756325, Parish South Deniliquin, County Townsend
Purpose: Recreation (bowling greens) and Industrial

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 20/06/2007. Please quote the Application No. 872 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484728).

DENILQUIN COUNCIL 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
Location: Lot 11 DP703070, Parish South Deniliquin, County Townsend
Purpose: Town Water Supply in emergency circumstances

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 20/06/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50WA505882 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484728).

Barry Ronald GOREY & Margo Elizabeth GOREY 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, (Niemur River).

Works: 1 x 300mm Centrifugal Pump
Location: Lot 5 DP756516, Parish Boyd, County Wakool
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 20/06/2007. Please quote the Application No. 873 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484728).

Lindsay Holden
Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

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Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot 368 DP756325, Parish South Deniliquin, County Townsend

Purpose: Recreation (tennis courts)

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Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot 76 or Lot 77 DP756543, Parish Gynong, County Wakool

Purpose: Irrigation & Feedlot

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Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot A or Lot B DP397521, Parish Gynong, County Wakool

Purpose: Irrigation & Feedlot

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

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Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot 11 DP703070, Parish South Deniliquin, County Townsend

Purpose: Town Water Supply in emergency circumstances

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Lindsay Holden
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PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15311 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 40 km W from Clermont Centred at Lat.22°47'S Long.147°15'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Belyando Part 2: Approx. 42 km WSW from Clermont Centred at Lat.22°57'S Long.147°15'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Belyando	Area of Part 1: 107 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 34 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2343 c, d, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2415 d, e, j, k, p, u, z 2487 e, k, p 2488 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q Area of Part 2: 88 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 28 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2559 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 2560 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u	Zamia Resources Pty Limited 110 759 503

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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THE DONGART

Doctors call for health 'action'



In the latest Medical Journal of Australia (MJA), the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) and its co-authors challenge the Australian medical and health community to unite in their actions to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health to coincide with celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum this Sunday 27 May.

"As distinguished and respected people in prominent positions in society, Australia's doctors and health professionals have a real opportunity, and indeed a professional responsibility, to show leadership and unity on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and human rights issues," says AIDA President Dr Mark Wenitong in the May 21 MJA Indigenous health editorial.

"Australia's shameful record on incremental (and hence ineffectual) actions to redress health disparities between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians reflects particularly poorly on Australian medical and health professionals, despite the best efforts of many individuals and organisations.

"With the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum only days away, we must ask ourselves if we are prepared to remain complicit in the real lack of will and action shown by Australian governments at all levels.

"Our Indigenous children are still dying at nearly three times the rate of non-Indigenous children. We in the medical and health community cannot stand by and let this situation continue."

The MJA editorial, co-authored by AIDA, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC), acknowledges the good work and commitment shown by many Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian medical and health organisations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, in particular those who signed an Open Letter calling for Indigenous Health Equality, published in The Australian on 11 December last year.

However, it goes further by challenging the broader Australian medical and health community to also unite for further action.

As Dr Wenitong says, "nothing will send a more powerful message than every medical and health organisation in this country joining together in a campaign for health equality for our nations first people".

Patrols target illegal fishing



Efforts to combat illegal foreign fishing off Australia's north-west coast have been strengthened through a patrol program involving an Indigenous community, and State and

Federal agencies. In the past six months, joint coastal patrols involving sea rangers from the Bardi Jawi people, supported by Customs and WA Fisheries, have been operating in an area 200km north of Broome.

Federal Fisheries and Conservation Minister Eric Abetz, Justice and Customs Minister David Johnston, and the WA Fisheries Minister Jon Ford visited One Arm Point to formally launch the pilot Indigenous Marine Ranger Program.

"This patrol program is co-operatively funded and supported to provide an extra layer of defence in the fight against illegal foreign fishing in Australia's northern waters," they said.



NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

BAROOGA NURSERIES 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
Location: Lot 142 DP752274,
Parish Barooga,
County Denison

Purpose: Industrial (Nursery)

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 20/06/2007. Please quote the Application No. 890 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484729)

Lindsay J Holden,
Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

CRAIG JAMES NICHOLS has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the HUNTER

REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE,

One (1) 38MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP at Lot 151/792066 in the Parish of BELFORD, County of NORTHUMBERLAND

for IRRIGATION at Lot B/928842 in the Parish of BELFORD, County of NORTHUMBERLAND (transfer of existing allocation)

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 15/06/2007. Please quote the application number 735 on all correspondence.

Bruce Westbrook,
Licensing Officer
Department of Water and Energy
PO BOX 2213, DANGAR, NSW 2309

Commencement Date: 18/05/2007.

Closing Date: 15/06/2007.

MICHAEL GEORGE LEATHEM has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE,

100MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP - 1

on Lot 2/612197 in the
Parish of BUNGOWANNAH,
County of HUME

for DOMESTIC purposes

on Lot 1/612167 in the
Parish of BUNGOWANNAH,
County of HUME

Any inquiries regarding the above should be

directed to the undersigned on (02) 6024 8859.

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 20th June, 2007. Please quote the application number 853 (50WA505974) on all correspondence.

Department of Water and Energy
PO BOX 829, ALBURY NSW 2640

Commencement Date: 23/05/2007.

Closing Date: 20/06/2007. (GA2:524728)

ERIC JAMES SPRATFORD and PAMELA ANN SPRATFORD have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, for a 300MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP on Lot 4948/41050 in the Parish of JUNDRIE, County of BLAXLAND for IRRIGATION of Lot 4947/41050 in the Parish of JUNDRIE, County of BLAXLAND. (New Approval- additional work) (GA2:524326)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6850 2800.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 20/06/2007. Please quote the application number 70WA603347 on all correspondence.

Viv Russell,
Licensing South Manager
Compliance & Licensing
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 136, FORBES, NSW 2871

Commencement Date: 23/05/2007.

Closing Date: 20/06/2007.

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Exploration Permit Number	Location (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area * (Refer to Diagram)	Current Holders
EPM11189	Location of Excluded Land Approx. 84 km WNW from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.15°54'S Long.143°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land Area: 26 km ² Block Identification Map: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3379 q, t, w, x, y, z 3451 d, e	Donald Robin Walker
		Land tenure description of Excluded Land That part of the land tenure described below that is within the boundaries of the Exploration Permit: Lot: 233 Plan: PH1796 Lot: 434 Plan: SP136214 Lot: 2367 Plan: PH2069	

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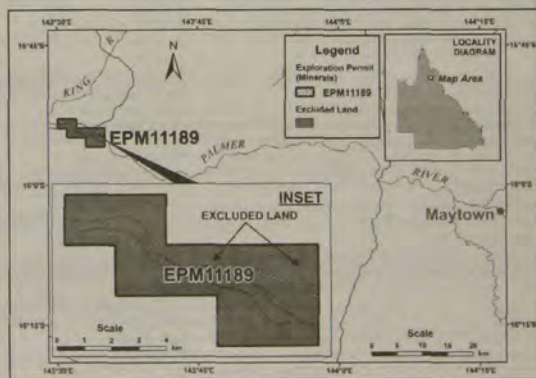
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Magic's Moments



With Sydney Swans star Michael O'Loughlin

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'RECONCILIATION' for many Indigenous Australians is a word that creates images of dreams and hopes that have been raised by generations of politicians, only to be smashed by the realisation that it was simply more talk.

I have put similar personal thoughts to one side to actively support Reconciliation Week which marks this month's 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, the most successful in our nation's history.

It is important that we honour those who fought for our current rights in a period that was perhaps darker than some of the continued ignorance we confront today.

It is also my personal belief that we can only truly move forward by honouring the past and using it to inspire a brighter future.

That's why I am happy to join the likes of

Missy Higgins, Leah Purcell, Michael Caton, Ian Thorpe, Dean Widders and others in Reconciliation Australia's Too Big A Story campaign.

For me, the issue of reconciliation is like dealing with any problem – we have to get it into the open so we can talk it through.

Through the campaign we hope to spark a frank, nationwide conversation about the importance of reconciliation and how we go about achieving it.

The campaign involves Australians from business, sport, the arts, science and communities talking about reconciliation, what it means to them, and what they think we need to do about the real issues like closing the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children.

For Missy Higgins, it's about walking on the same soil without feeling divided.

"A reconciled Australia would be an Australia that identifies we have different cultures living on our land but we are able to get along and respect each other," she said as part of her contribution to the campaign.

She speaks for a new generation and her words are echoed by Leah Purcell who says it's important for people to appreciate that Indigenous Australians come in 'different shades', and have different lives and viewpoints. "We come in different shades, we have different professions, we have different viewpoints, we are a very diverse culture within ourselves," Leah said.

"If you call Australia home, this culture is also yours to respect."

As always it is respect for the individual which is at the centre of the issue.

That's why it's important that the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum not only commemorates the past but inspires Australians of today to realise the vision of equality of all the Australians who voted yes in 1967.

The Referendum saw 90.77 per cent of voters say that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians should be counted in the national census of the population.

It meant that each individual was respected in the same way as his neighbour.

It may surprise us today that this seemingly simple act of recognition came after a decade-long campaign by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who worked side by side to convince Australians to vote yes in an attempt to move our nation forward.

Their efforts should inspire us to action today.

Great things

If Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians could achieve what they did in the 1967 Referendum, we can achieve truly great things today if we work in partnership like they did.

My mate and fellow columnist, Dean Widders, has joined me in the campaign and as always has a practical view of how we need to move forward.

"Although you can't go back and fix it, just to make the statement that things were done wrong and that we hope to move forward would make a great difference in Australia," Deano said.

This counters the view of some of our more prominent politicians who seem to think that reconciliation means never to have to say your sorry!

When I look at our political world, it makes me appreciate that I kick a footy for a living!

Anyhow, I refuse to let politics dominate this column.

I prefer to leave the last words and thoughts to two of our great women – Cathy Freeman and Faith Bandler.

Cathy became a symbol of hope for all Australians and we should never forget the personal burden she had to carry as a result.

Her words are directed to non-Indigenous Australians, but they should speak to us all.

"If I have any advice for non-Indigenous Australians in terms of moving forward with Indigenous Australians, it's like any relationship," Cathy said.

"It's always a two-way communication, a two-way dialogue.

"It's always about trusting each other, being honest and respecting one another."

Without that respect there is no dignity, which brings me to the direct words of one of the great heroes of our current history in Faith Bandler, one of the key 1967 Referendum campaigners.

"When you succeed in taking a person's dignity, you've won the battle," she said.

"That Aboriginal people are still in existence today is nothing short of a miracle."

It is people like Faith Bandler who inspire me to be part of this campaign.

It is because of people like Faith Bandler that I can mean what I say when I write until next time ... Keep Dreaming!

Visit the Too Big A Story campaign at www.reconcile.org.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15701	Approx. 65 km S from Boulia Centred at Lat.23°29'S Long.139°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 314 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2901 v, w, x 2973 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2974 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2975 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3045 c, d, e, j, k, p 3046 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 3047 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q	Mojo Mining Pty Ltd 120 213 005
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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

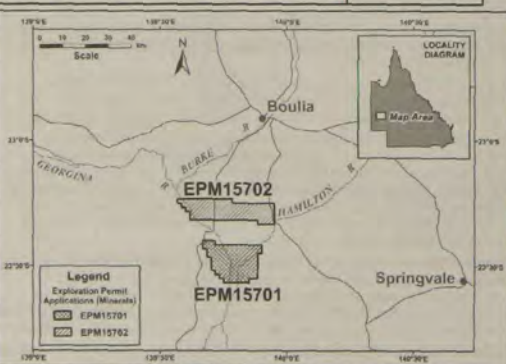
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 13 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Funds hope for Tassie cricket



Tasmania's historic win in the Pura Cup national cricket final is expected to result in

more funding for Indigenous cricketers in the Apple Isle.

Star Tasmanian cricketer Colin Lamont, who has represented the State at the Imparja Cup competition many times, said he hoped the win would result in more funding for Indigenous cricketers.

"We hope that an increase in State-wide funding would benefit the Indigenous community. We are yet to sit down as a statewide Cultcha Cricket Committee at Bellerive Oval in Hobart to discuss possible options," he said.

The Palm Island-born all-rounder was happy with his 2006/07 Tasmanian season for the Latrobe club, which competes in the North-West Tasmanian Association competition.

"I got the club champion award for the year and topped the batting averages and aggregate for our club. I ended up with 622 runs at 41. I am

also the president of the club," he said.

Lamont opened the batting for the Latrobe first-grade team and was delighted when he was named in the North-West Tasmanian All Stars side.

"That is an honorary side which was selected on the best results for the

'We hope that an increase in funding would benefit the Indigenous community'

association," he said.

His brother Bernie and fellow cricketers Arthur Smith and Guy Grey made the Australian Aboriginal cricket team. That resulted in the Tasmanian Cricket Association inviting them to the Tassie Tigers night of nights at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Hobart, with all expenses paid.

"Bernie said it was a great night due to the Tigers winning the Pura Cup for the very first time and he had a ball," Lamont said.

The Lamont brothers played their junior cricket in Townsville and were also north Queensland representatives before moving south to Sydney.

Colin is a left-handed batsman and right-handed off-spin bowler, while Bernie is a right-handed middle-order batsman and medium-pace bowler.

The Lamont brothers played grade cricket in Sydney before moving to Tasmania, and are role models for Indigenous cricketers.

Colin was a Tasmanian police officer, but now is a painter in the Latrobe region of the State's north.

A committed Christian, Mr Lamont said he enjoyed living in Tasmania and being involved with Indigenous cricketers.

Both the Lamont brothers have represented the Australian Aboriginal cricket side. — Alf Wilson



Colin Lamont in the town of Latrobe, Tasmania. "We are yet to sit down as a statewide Cultcha Cricket Committee at Bellerive Oval in Hobart to discuss possible options."

Palm league fears

By ALF WILSON



Player interest is high, but the resurrection of a domestic rugby league competition on the North Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island in 2007 has three major obstacles.

They are funding for compulsory insurance, gear such as jumpers, and a lack of experienced administrators.

Interest in a domestic competition skyrocketed after the Palm Island Barracudas representative side won the recent Cairns Allblacks carnival, one of the toughest contests for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Queensland.

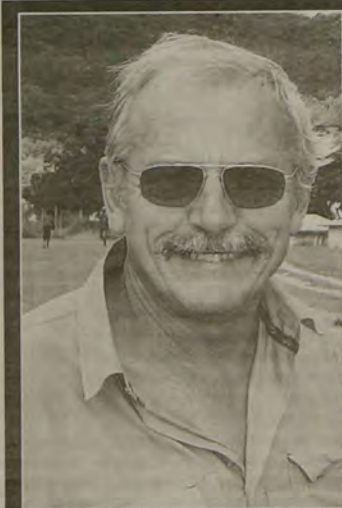
Six clubs — Skipjacks, Brothers, Bulls, Raiders, Jets and Federals — were expected to line up in the competition which was scheduled to start about now.

When the Koori Mail visited Palm Island on May 3 and spoke to players and residents about the proposed competition, all inquiries were directed to Palm Island Rugby League Acting President Bill Blackley.

Blackley, a local school teacher who has lived there for 26 years, is well known around North Queensland in football circles.

"We need \$17,000 for player risk insurance, another \$18,000 for gear such as guernseys to start up and also more officials to administer the competition," he said.

Previous promises of the supply of jumpers by NRL clubs had fallen through,



'(The Government) will support us but conditions include that all players sign a code of conduct including alcohol and drug education and the dangers of smoking'.

— Palm Island Rugby League Acting President Bill Blackley

and Blackley said his league was negotiating with the Federal Government on the issues.

"They will support us but conditions include that all players sign a code of conduct including alcohol and drug education and the dangers of smoking," he said.

Blackley said that 55 per cent of the adult population on Palm Island smoked.

The Cathy Freeman Foundation has offered to help restore the former Palm

Island Rugby League clubhouse.

It is estimated there are about 140 first-grade players on the island who could take their places in the six sides.

Many local football followers predict that another champion player of the calibre of North Queensland Cowboys star Matt Bowen or Jonathan Thurston could be unearthed.

The Palm Island Barracudas side competed in the Townsville and District Rugby League competition from 2000 until

2002, when lack of funding forced them to withdraw.

The last domestic competition on Palm Island was eight years ago. It attracted fanatical support.

Blackley said that Palm Island had a proud tradition of producing rugby league stars from as far back as 1931.

"In 1931, a Palm Island representative team was narrowly beaten by Brisbane at the Exhibition Ground in front of 30,000 people," he said.

Games were also played on the island during World War II against sides from the various armed services.

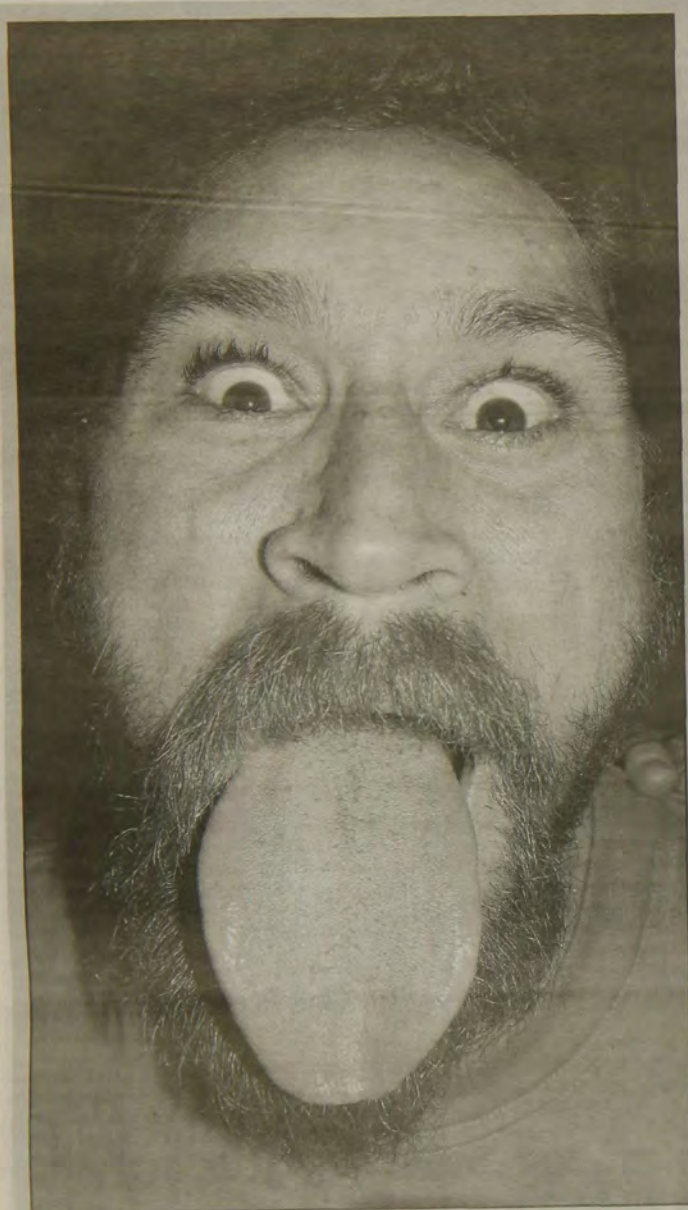
Former State of Origin referee the late Barry Gomersall, known as the Grasshopper, worked at the Government store on the island in 1973 and with Blackley helped form a team which competed in the Ingham-based Herbert River competition.

They were assisted by people like Bobby Wilson and Robert Johnson, and an island club competition was successful from 1974 to '79.

The Palm Island Barracudas joined the Townsville competition from 1979 to '89 and enjoyed great support.

Some of the better-known champions in that era were Vern Daisy, Hector Poynter, Josh Geia, David Baira and the late John Baira.

For many years the Barracudas were unbeatable against Townsville competition sides on their home island oval, even when they were struggling to win games on the mainland.



Wayne 'The Lizard' Hogan and the tongue that's made him famous.

Locals too strong in top Palm fight bouts



Palm Island boxers dominated a Sunstate Amateur Boxing League 12-bout tournament held recently on the North Queensland Aboriginal community.

Six locals won bouts against opponents who came from as far afield as Moranbah, Mackay district, Ingham, Babinda, Townsville and Mount Isa.

Giant Mackay district boxer 19-year-old Sefo Pau beat Palm Islander Thomas Bonner in a brutal super heavyweight bout.

"They really punched hard and it was a great bout for spectators," said Greven Breadsell, who hails from Mirani, near Mackay, and is chief referee for the State Amateur Boxing League.

In the main 71kg division bout, Mark Flanagan, of Townsville Hawks Club, beat Palm Islander Assan Sam on points over four rounds.

Packed

Boxers and their supporters travelled to Palm Island by Sunferries catamaran. It was a packed ferry, with rugby league players from Bindal Sharks going over to the island for a trial game against the Palm Island Barracudas.

Netball games were also played, making it a big day of sport on the island.

Veteran Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis said the standard of the boxing bouts on the day was generally very high.

"The last three were really good and lots of people came down from the football to have a look. The Sefo v Thomas fight was a crowd-thriller," he said.

Local Palm Island boxers dominated, with Dennis



Sefo Pau shapes up before the fight night on Palm Island in north Queensland.

Haines beating Zorran Cassidy, from Ingham Alliance, in bout one, a 38kg event.

In bout two, local Hosea Murphy best fellow islander Allan Baira in the 42kg.

Moranbah boxer Todd Jackson downed Reece Coppo, of Ingham, in the 70kg, then Selwyn Seaton, of Palm, defeated Isack Lawry, from the Townsville Flatenem

club, in the 59kg fight. Harry Reuben of Palm beat Ricky Grassi, of Ingham, then islander Nathan Coolwell beat Babinda's Broughton Worth in the 38kg.

Cameron Coppo, of Ingham, beat Patrick Clarke in the 46kg bout. Then followed a 46kg bout which went to Zorran Cassidy, of Alliance, over Palm's Thomas Morgan.

They call him The Lizard...

By ALF WILSON



Aboriginal Tasmanian Australian Rules footballer Wayne Hogan has arguably the longest tongue of any sportsman in

Australia, and is known by the nickname of The Lizard.

Hobart-born Hogan is a star forward who booted five goals for the Swansea Club which beat Campania by a massive 244 points on May 6 in the Tasmanian Oaklands competition.

Speaking to the Koori Mail in Lismore, northern NSW, Hogan told how the name Lizard has stuck like glue since his appearance of the AFL Footy Show in 1997.

"I showed my tongue on the Footy Show and they reckoned I had the longest one of any footballer in the country," he said.

His tongue measures about 25cm and has been the subject of much interest since it made the

appearance of the Footy Show.

"Even when I go to Melbourne people pull me up in the street and ask for a look at my tongue," he said.

Now playing at centre-half-forward or spearhead, Hogan represented the Aboriginal All-Stars side in 1994 against Collingwood.

The all-round sportsman also represented Tasmania at the Imparja Cup cricket competition in Alice Springs during 2002 and is a more than handy golfer, basketballer and netball player.

His Hobart home is packed with sporting trophies.

The 200cm tall Hogan has another claim to fame - his boot size.

"I have size-15 feet," he said.

Hogan is a proud Indigenous sportsman who wants his people to gain as much recognition as possible for their performances.

And if anybody has a longer tongue, we would like to hear from them!

'They really punched hard and it was a great bout for spectators' - Referee Greven Breadsell



Dean Widders, left, and David Peachey with MP Pat Farmer at the launch.



Dean Widders, Beau Champion and Nathan Merritt doing some skills with the kids.

Giving kids a chance

ONE of the criticisms of athletes visiting schools or communities is that they are fleeting one-off visits that have no lasting impact on the kids involved. While I understand where people are coming from in making these statements, I take the simple view that whenever you can bring the light of hope into a kid's day you are inviting the opportunity of change.

There is nothing wrong with just enjoying that moment in time.

Nevertheless, wherever I go I try to ensure that my visit at the very least reinforces key community messages or helps an established program achieve its aims.

That's why I am pleased to be involved with Souths and NASCA in supporting a Federal Government program that aims to assist kids to stay at school by tapping into their love of sport.

The aptly-named Sporting Chance Program has established 13 'academies' around Australia and is based on the well-known Clontarf Academy in Western Australia that uses AFL to inspire talented Indigenous players to stay at school.

The difference with the NASCA Academy run at Alexandria Park Community School – to be re-named by the kids – is that the focus is not just on one sport and it does not target talented athletes.

The program aims to more involve the use of role models like Sydney Flames basketballer Michelle Musselwhite, former State of Origin player John Doyle and other visiting athletes to be more directly involved in classroom activities as well as sport.

The Rabbitohs, through their Souths Cares program, are proud to be a sponsor and active partner of the Academy, and the club hosted the launch of the program after a recent training session which was followed by a skills clinic for some of the students from 'Alex Park'.

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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Former distance runner and now the Federal Assistant Minister for Sport, Pat Farmer, officially launched the Academy, and it was interested to hear of him speak of the role of sport in his personal journey.

When he spoke of visiting a remote Indigenous community where the kids had been following his progress in a long-distance run across Australia via the internet I was reminded that all relationships do not just rely on a physical presence.

It was refreshing to hear a politician who was able to relate to the struggles of kids in achieving their goals and he provided a perfect introduction to some of the players and shared some of their personal experiences in 'reaching for the stars'.

Joe Williams spoke of his recent visit to Central Australian communities on the ARMtour and was able to relate it back to the choices he had to make as a teenager.

Kids relate to these personal stories and it also allows other athletes to join in and open up and soon the kids were hearing some of the personal insights of Nathan Merritt, Germaine Paulson and Beau Champion.

Like all good sessions, it became more like a personal conversation with the players and you could see that the kids could relate to some of the experiences being shared.

David Peachey then helped us finish the session off, and there is no better example of a person living his dream than 'Peach'.

One aspect of the program that I find inspiring is the involvement of students from Sydney University through the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) established by Jack Manning-Bancroft.

It is a program that sees uni students and the kids from 'Alex Park' involved in a number of planned activities and the establishment of an after-school study centre as part of the Sporting Chance Academy.

It is a program I will return to in a future article.

Another program I am keen to visit personally is the 'sister' Townsville Indigenous Sporting Academy which has North Queensland Cowboys player Brenton Bowen managing parts of the program through the Townsville Catholic Education Office.

Bowen is emerging from the shadows of his more famous cousin Matty and has secured a starting spot in the NRL side and holds all of North Queensland's Wizard Cup records, namely the most tries, games and points for the club.

Club Chief Executive Officer Peter Parr said that like Souths with Alexandria Park, the Cowboys were pleased to have the

opportunity to partner with the Catholic Education Office.

"We are delighted to have involvement in this wonderful initiative," he said.

"To Have Brenton Bowen act as an ambassador is an added bonus. The Cowboys have always had strong relationships with Catholic Education and NASCA and this partnership only strengthens those ties."

Deputy Chairman of the NQ Toyota Cowboys and JCU School of Education Lecturer Paul Travis described the program as one of the most innovative of its type in Australia.

"Students will be exposed to a number of educational pathways across high school, TAFE and University," he said.

Through the Academy program, 100 students (male and female) will be selected for scholarships, providing them with access to a wide range of courses through a variety of sports including football, netball and basketball.

Similar to the Sydney model, studies will focus on healthy lifestyles, leadership and career planning.

The program covers a large area and will involve students from Townsville, Charters Towers, Ingham, Abergowrie, Burdekin and Mount Isa.

Brenton Bowen and Townsville Fire basketball player Rohanne Cox will act as the local Ambassadors for the Academy, visiting schools to motivate and encourage students to become involved.

That's one of the great features of the program.

It will provide opportunities for athletes to develop their skills by working alongside the kids.

Brenton Bowen is a perfect example of a person who has used sport to successfully achieve his ambitions off the field.

Now he aims to give the next generation that same sporting chance.

Teams ready for Dreamtime at the G

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Farmer to Cable to Jackson to Long and Matera and the modern-day players, I've enjoyed it all."

Last year the Yiooken Award was made for the outstanding performer in the 'Dreaming at the G' match between the Tigers and the Bombers. The word Yiooken is from the Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri people, which means 'dreaming'.

This year, the AFL adds a new award to recognise role of retired Indigenous players

The clubs involved in the 'Dreamtime at the G' game and the AFL revealed that each year a retired Indigenous player would be named the 'Dreamtime Player of the Year'.

"Indigenous players have made an incredible on-field contribution to the game of Australian Football and have made a similar impact in their

work in the community," AFL Chief Executive Officer Andrew Demetriou said.

"The award will recognise an Indigenous player who has contributed significantly to AFL football, their club and community."

The award is open to all, and nominations are being sought from all clubs, State leagues and community groups.

The initial winner will be selected by a six-person panel

made up of a representative from the AFL, Essendon, Richmond, past Indigenous AFL players, an Indigenous community person and AFL Sportsready.

Players like Essendon 1993 Norm Smith Medallist Michael Long, Geelong great Polly Farmer and Gavin Wanganeen, the first Aboriginal player to complete 300 games, are among a list of people who would be worthy recipients of the first 'Dreamtime Player of the Year'.

Adding to this weekend's clash is a pre-match showdown between Essendon's affiliate club in the Top End, the Tiwi Bombers, and Victorian-based Rumbalara Football and Netball Club.

The Tiwi Bombers will play their first full season in the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) this year and this will be their first time at the MCG. The Tiwi Islands is home to Essendon and Richmond greats Michael Long and Maurice Rioli.

London 2012 is their goal



A program has been launched that is aimed at propelling Australia's most promising

Indigenous athletes towards the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Athletics Australia (AA), the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) are launching a talent identification and development (NTID) program for Indigenous athletes.

The program will be conducted (subject to satisfactory results) over four years with the goal of having an increased number of Indigenous male and female athletes participating at the London 2012 Olympics.

It is a perfect opportunity for not only Indigenous athletes to develop their talent and skills, but also an opportunity for athletics in Australia to take a step forward in terms of coach education and support services.

Structures

The initial program will run for 18 months and will involve athletes who are participating in the sport at a state or national level, and will provide these athletes with an environment of improved training and competition structures that aims to fast-track them to high-performance levels and programs.

The athletes have been identified through the EITAAP (Elite Indigenous Travel And Accommodation Program) or



Australia's fastest man, Patrick Johnson, poses with Jump Start to London Program elite Indigenous athletes. The athletes were brought together in Canberra for training and assessment before taking part in the Arafura Games in Darwin last week. It's a long way to go, but the athletes are being earmarked for the 2012 London Olympics.

have been identified through the Athletics for the Outback program.

The daily training environment will be enhanced through specific training camps, skills sessions,

competition opportunities and exposure to elite coaching expertise. The camps will be held regionally and at the AIS.

Initially the program will concentrate on sprints, relays and

jumps*, where Australia has already had a measure of success. Athletes involved will be in the age bracket of 17-23, enabling Australia to have a depth of athletes with the aim of

attaining team placements in 2012.

*Other events will not be ruled out should an athlete show characteristics for that discipline.

Arafura success



Young Rodney (Baby) Blair started his athletic career with a huge leap of 7.26 metres to take silver in the open

men's long jump at the Arafura Games in Darwin last week.

The Games brought together top athletes from Australia's near neighbours. An Indigenous team from the Australian Institute of Sport also competed, and came away with a big medal haul.

Blair is one of the youngest members of the AIS's Jump Start to London 2012 talented Indigenous squad, who spent three days at the AIS in Canberra before heading off to the Arafura Games.

The first day of the Games saw Casey Narrier, a high-jumper from Western Australia, take out gold in the open women's event with a meet record leap of 1.75m. This was achieved despite having to wait for more than an hour to start competition jumping.

The evening got better when Blair, from Newcastle, New South Wales, jumped 7.26m in the open men's long jump.

He is 17 and lost the gold medal to an athlete from Fiji by just 1cm. This was a 60cm personal best and an amazing jump in perfect

conditions. Robbie Crowther is another young gun nipping at Blair's heels.

The sprinters in the group acquitted themselves well, with Liam Gander having a personal best in the heat of the 100m in 10.84 seconds.

Peter Tuccandidee, usually known as a 200/400m runner, ran 10.87 seconds in a very competitive heat to finish second behind Gander.

Duan Daley ensured that all made the final by coming third in a sub-11-second time.

Competitive

The final was going to be very competitive, with the three wanting to take the title. In an exciting final, Gander finished second in another 10.84 seconds, with Tuccandidee third and Daley fourth.

Under the watchful eye of Olympic medallist mum Nova, Jess Peris ran a strong race to win the Under-20 women's 100m in 12.32 seconds and then took the double in winning the 200m.

The future looks bright for her. Joshua Ahwong ran a strong 400m to take the gold medal in 48 seconds.

The Jump Start to London 2012 team decided to put in a 4x100m

relay at the last moment and they stunned officials with a close second to the Indonesian team.

Other performances of note were Tenika Demamiel (Western Australia) taking the long and triple jump gold medals, and Justin Evans (Victoria) winning convincingly in the 800m.

The open men's 4x400m relay (Harrison, Evan, Ahwong and Tuccandidee) showed their strength by taking the gold medal.

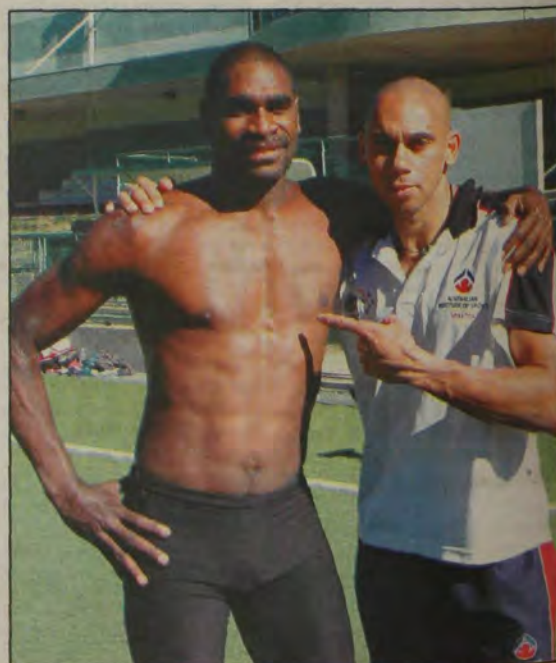
In a unique program, these athletes were brought together in Canberra in the lead-up to the Arafura Games.

They came from six States and Territories and were assessed and guided by AIS staff. The athletes were taken through a variety of biomechanical assessments aimed at enhancing their training and potential.

One of the most popular topics was the nutrition lecture. Athletes learned to balance their food intake to optimise their recovery from training or competition.

Another popular session was on recovery, where the athletes went into the various recovery pools.

Olympic sprinter Patrick Johnson spent time with the group telling them about his experiences at the Australian Institute of Sport.



Top Australian Indigenous Olympic sprinter Patrick Johnson, right, with Peter Tuccandidee, who won gold in the men's 200m sprint and men's 4x400m relay and bronze in the men's 100m final at the Arafura Games.

Why not our Matty?



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AFTER the Nathan Merritt headlines controversy over the non-selection of another Indigenous player, the rugby league world is now set for the annual explosion that is State of Origin football.

Matt Bowen is at the centre of a selection storm, but in this instance the matter of race is not an issue.

Most experts agree that Bowen is the form fullback in the competition but it appears that the selectors have not only shown their loyalty to Karmichael Hunt, but have also excluded Bowen from the bench due to some perceived weakness.

When you consider that Melbourne Storm's Billy Slater also could not secure a position, then you begin to feel that size, rather than pure ability, has been the major factor in team selections.

Lack of size in the eyes of some equates to weakness under the high ball and an equal lack of strength in defence.

When one considers the size of the NSW wingers in Matt King and Jarryd Hayne, perhaps Nathan Merritt should forget sprint training and get straight back in the gym!

It is hard to argue with a formula that has brought selectors success in the past, but from my point of view the non-selection of

Bowen on the bench is a disgrace.

Along with Slater, Greg Inglis, Brett Stewart and the like, Bowen is the type of player fans are happy to pay for the privilege of seeing the raw excitement their skills can generate.

It is typical of team-mate Jonathan Thurston that he shared his mate's pain when the side was announced.

Thurston could be excused for being preoccupied with his own role as the retirement of Andrew Johns has given him the opportunity to claim the Origin stage as his own in the critical position of play-maker in the number seven jersey.

This is not to demean the status of the great Darren Lockyer, but even he would admit how critical the form of Thurston is to his own performance.

But it was to the situation of Bowen that Thurston's first comments were directed.

"He's pretty disappointed but he's got a chance to prove himself (this weekend)," Thurston said.

"Yeah, I spoke to him. Apart from his disappointment, he's keen to just get out there and prove it for the Cowboys."

Asked if he was concerned Bowen's form might suffer in the way it did at the same time last year when he was not selected, Thurston expressed a vote of confidence in his mate.

"No, I don't think so. We've all addressed that. He's got a lot of support up there and I'm expecting he'll bounce straight back."

Thurston then saved his next comments for untried NSW Origin halves Jarrod Mullen and Braith Anasta as he fired the first psychological shot in the off-field war.

"I think Darren (Lockyer) and I can get a lot better," declared the 24 year-old Cowboy, showing the confidence that comes with experience.

Opposing him, Origin debutant Mullen will not only face the daunting task of playing Origin but also find himself charged with controlling the plays.

Doing it in front of a hostile mob at Suncorp Stadium is as big a challenge as it gets.

Add to this the fact that many believe Thurston and Lockyer can forge a dynamic scrum base partnership similar to the mighty



Matt Bowen in action earlier this year for the North Queensland Cowboys.

Langer-Wally Lewis, and you understand the pressure on the young NSW half.

This type of comment also builds up the expectations placed on Thurston and he is quickly learning how to play these down in the media.

Thurston is gun-shy over making comments about himself since being quoted as saying he was 'the next Andrew Johns' last month. He now prefers understatement, saying that 'there's always room for

improvement'.

He continued in that vein when asked if he and Lockyer could form a lasting halves partnership for Queensland and Australia.

"That's the plan," he said.

"Things don't always go to plan though. We've got a good combination now and it's a matter of improving each time we play together."

"There's a lot of good players in the Queensland team now and providing everyone's form is good, including mine, it would be nice to

try and dominate."

He did show some compassion for Mullen when asked his assessment of the youngster's selection.

"Congratulations to him. He's got some talent," Thurston said. "He's got a big forward pack in front of him."

"I played in the Prime Minister's XIII (with him) last year. He's fairly quick on his feet and he's got a good kicking game."

"It is tough but, like I said, he's a good player and that's why they picked him."

"I'm sure he won't have any troubles doing his job."

Unfortunately for Mullen, it will be Thurston himself trying to ensure that the NSW half has a night of troubles.

Mullen could do worse than to take a leaf out of Greg Inglis' book. Inglis more than handled the pressures of representative football last year.

This year Inglis has made a conscious effort to keep himself out of the headlines.

"I've put a media ban on myself. I wanted to get away from the media for quite a while and find my feet in the new position," Inglis said of his move to five-eighths at the Storm.

"You see it in the papers. They can predict stuff, they can talk about you in terms of someone else or compare you to someone else."

"But now I've got a job to do and I want to do what got me here in the first place."

After 18 tries at fullback and in the centres for the Storm last year, Inglis' positional change has been questioned by some.

Playing in a new role is throwing up challenges that prove Inglis is human after all, with his failure to score a single try providing ammunition to the critics.

Unfortunately for NSW, this has built up Inglis' hunger for Origin, as he said while he loved the feeling of setting up a team-mate, the desire to get across the line himself has been rumbling inside him.

"I haven't crossed the line this season and hopefully it won't be too long before I do. I'm starting to get a bit hungry - I wouldn't say I'm desperate - just starting to get a bit hungry," he said.

SA football foundation wins support



A foundation named in honour of one of Australian Rules football's greatest players is set to help young Aboriginal people living in South Australia's north-west kick life goals and reach their full

potential. Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill said the SA Government would provide more than \$200,000 over the next three years to support the Graham 'Polly' Farmer Foundation in Port Augusta.

The project builds and manages partnerships between the Aboriginal community, State and Federal governments and private enterprise to offer young Aboriginal students opportunities to further enhance their skills and talent in the

sporting or academic arena.

"The Polly Farmer Foundation has, for the past decade, been supporting young Aboriginal people in Western Australia to follow their dreams in sport, education and employment," Mr Weatherill said.

"Starting this term, 30 Aboriginal students from Port Augusta High School and the Carlton School will be helped through initiatives including extra tuition, individualised coaching and mentoring."

"Aboriginal people are among the most vulnerable in our community. We need to do what we can to help ensure they get the same opportunities as other Australian children to develop their skills, achieve their ambitions and in turn, make a valuable contribution to the community."

State Government funding for the Port

Augusta arm of the foundation has enabled the appointment of a full-time project leader and the establishment of a dedicated off-campus facility to co-ordinate family, home and industry support and be a base for tutorial, vocational and educational activities.

Committee

A local committee comprising Aboriginal leaders, regional business people, local government and education institutions representatives, will manage the project.

"Sometimes, issues at home can impact adversely on a young person's school attendance or performance," Mr Weatherill said.

"The program can also help the family access services to alleviate the pressure on

the student. This can support them to stay at school or pursue education, training which is integral to them reaching their potential.

"It can also have a flow-on effect, with other Aboriginal students realising the opportunities that can be available to them."

Set up in 1995, the foundation is a not-for-profit organisation based on the principles of patron, Graham 'Polly' Farmer. Raised in an orphanage for Aboriginal children, Mr Farmer became one of Australian Rules' greatest stars, playing 392 league games for Geelong between 1952 and 1971. He was the first footballer to be named as a Member of the British Empire (MBE).

More than 250 students are supported by the foundation each year.

Mundine wants more titles

TWO-TIME WBA super middleweight champion Anthony 'The Man' Mundine says he will win more world boxing titles in heavier weight divisions later in his career.

Mundine will defend the WBA title he won in March in a Gold Coast bout against 26-year-old Argentinian Pablo Zamora Nievas, an opponent he admits he knows nothing about.

In a press conference on the Gold Coast, Mundine devoted more time to talking about winning more world titles than to his as-yet unranked opponent.

"I'm at a stage in my career, a stage in my process, where it's not if I'm going to win, it's how I'm going to win," Mundine said.

"I'm looking to go to middleweight and light heavyweight over the duration of my career and win titles."

The controversial star and part-time rapper also had time for his usual hyperbole.

With his WBA belt sitting nearby, Mundine raised a laugh when he mused: "What I'm going to try and do is get a pile of these, so I'll have enough to hold my pants up for every day of the week, that's my goal."

Mundine also revealed a fight with super middleweight WBA super champion Mikkel Kessler was not getting any closer.

Mundine went down to Kessler in a points decision in Sydney in August 2005, and has long talked about a rematch and a chance to win the WBC title, which the Dane currently holds.

"Negotiations have stalled a little bit," Mundine said.

"They basically want to come here and rob us. It's an economic and money thing."

While picking up more title belts is a major objective,

Mundine said the price had to be right for a bout against Kessler.

"I've built myself to become a champion, I'm not going to fight for peanuts," he said.

"I'm the man they've got to come and see, I'm the one with the character, I'm the one with the charisma, I'm the one with the boxing style that people like to watch."

The June 27 clash between Mundine and Nievas will be the Argentine's first fight outside his homeland, having turned professional just over two years ago.

In 18 fights Nievas has had 16 wins, 11 by knockout, one draw and one loss. - AAP

Anthony 'The Man' Mundine with his WBA belt ... "What I'm going to try and do is get a pile of these, so I'll have enough to hold my pants up for every day of the week, that's my goal."



Sooty ready to bowl 'em over



Denzil 'Sooty' Owen ready to play for St Johns Park Club.



Aboriginal 21-year-old Denzil 'Sooty' Owen is making his mark in the sport of lawn bowls.

Owen has been playing the game for 12 years, as a boy joining his parents Denzil, who has passed away, and Marie and four older brothers David, Rhys, Gareth and Sam in weekly games at the Park Beach Bowling Club in the northern NSW city of Coffs Harbour.

"Playing bowls was a family affair when we were kids," he told Koori Mail.

"In my teenage years, because we lived just up the road from the club I would go down and bowl from after school until dark nearly every day.

"There were some crazy times when you couldn't even see the jack at the other end of the green."

Owen has represented his State at under-25 level and secured the 'Zone 14' singles title in his local district when he was just 15 -

the youngest ever player to achieve this feat.

"I've always liked a contest and I have an inner self-belief that I'm capable of competing against anyone," Owen said.

"Sportsmen at the very top like Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods inspire me."

In the past six months he has moved to the St Johns Park Bowls Club in suburban Sydney and is performing well on the greens.

Young talent

The St Johns Park club, considered one of the leading forces in NSW bowls, is recognised for fostering young talent.

"Coming down from Coffs Harbour, Denzil has quickly proved himself in our 'grade one' team as the number-three bowler," Premier League player and club coach Steve Anderson said.

"This team have just won their section and will now be challenging for the Zone flag.

"Denzil has filled in as skipper for this team on a couple of occasions, handling the step up well and showing an aptitude for leadership.

"He is pretty cool in a crisis and has impressed many of our members with his ability to work within a team.

"He has adapted quickly to bowls at a higher level and has the potential to promptly move into Premier League bowls."

Owen confirmed his ambition is to play at this highest possible level, and being involved in a top NSW club will help his aspirations.

"Because we have national and state players within our club, you have the opportunity to learn, competing against elite players," he said.

"It betters your game every time you go out on to the green."

The young talent also appreciated the help of joint junior co-ordinator from his home district Ken Watts during his progression in the sport.

He's making a mark in SA

By PETER ARGENT

SA

Melville Island talent Austin Womaemirri has exploded on to the scene during the opening rounds of the 2007 SANFL season. Playing with the famous Norwood Football Club based on the Parade in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide, the 18-year-old has made a big impact in a short time.

"It took some convincing for me to come down, but I wanted to follow my dream of playing football at the highest level possible," Womaemirri told the Koori Mail.

"My team-mate at Norwood, Heath Culpitt, was one of the people among the instigators in my decision.

"It is hard being away from your family – but the prime reason I'm here is to play footy."

A cousin of famous Aussie Rules family the Rioli clan, this young Tiwi Islander played for the Magpies on Melville and also had a handful of games for the Tiwi Bombers, who were having their first year in the Darwin-based

Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) competition.

"This footy (the SANFL) is pretty challenging and in a way I'm still getting used to it," Womaemirri said.

"It's heaps different to football in Darwin, where I adjusted to the tempo quicker."

Having played mainly out of defence up north, Womaemirri has tried to model his game on West Coast Eagles star David Wirrpunda.

But now that he is being used more in attacking since arriving in

an exciting footballer to watch," Redlegs Football Operations Manager Jamie Mason said.

"He is a well liked and respected young man on and off the field."

"On the field, Austin has that 'X' factor. From a football purist's point of view, he has clean hands, good skills and a strong defensive aspect to his game."

Womaemirri is also undertaking an AFL traineeship with the club, which involves him going out schools and educating young students about the game.

Mason also confirmed that the Northern Territory Under-18 team for the national titles in June and July had requested the services of Womaemirri as one of their over-age participants.

He has played in the past two Under-18 national titles in Melbourne, along with the Under-16s in Adelaide in 2004. With the 2007 AFL Draft already being talked about as a modest affair, expect players from outside the normal criteria – like Womaemirri – to be thrusting themselves in front of recruitment people's eyes.

'Austin is a genuine kid and an exciting footballer ... he is a well liked and respected young man for both his on- and off-field character'

the SANFL, he likes the way the Davey brothers Aaron and Alwyn, along with fellow footballers Eddie Betts and Chris Johnson, go about their business.

This young man with a flashing smile has also made a welcome impact around the Norwood Football Club.

"He is a really genuine kid and

A long way from home ... Melville Island footballer Austin Womaemirri who is making a big impact in the SANFL competition.

Offices fly flag for Aboriginal cricket

The Aboriginal flag flew above cricket offices throughout Australia on May 11 in honour of

the Aboriginal cricket team which toured England in 1868.

The 14 Aboriginal cricketers, who in effect were Australia's first national sporting team, arrived in England on May 13, 1868 after a voyage of more than three months.

They played 47 matches between May and October, winning 14 games, losing 14 and drawing 19.

Their tour pre-dated the first Test match by nine years.

"The 1868 Aboriginal tour of England was a critical event in Australia's sporting and cricket history," said Cricket Australia Chief Executive Officer James Sutherland.

"In recent years, the remarkable and courageous achievements of the 1868 team have become more widely acknowledged and celebrated,



The famous Aboriginal cricket team which toured England during 1868. They won as many games as they lost.

and we would like that history and recognition to be ongoing."

The team was inaugurated into the Australian Sporting Hall of Fame in 2002 and its

members have since been assigned player numbers to bring them into line with the 397 players who have represented Australia in Test cricket. – AAP

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Denzil is bowling them over

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Dreamtime at the G is ready to go

By PETER ARGENT



AFL stalwart Kevin Sheedy's vision to celebrate Indigenous AFL footballers continues with the third annual

'Dreamtime at the G' AFL match between Essendon and Richmond this Saturday, May 26.

And to mark the event a new award – the 'Dreamtime Player of the Year' – will be presented to recognise the role of a retired Indigenous footballer.

It's a move welcomed by Sheedy, Essendon's long-serving coach and a great supporter of Indigenous footballers.

"I always believed in grand prix games for the right reasons – for the betterment of our community," he told Koori Mail.

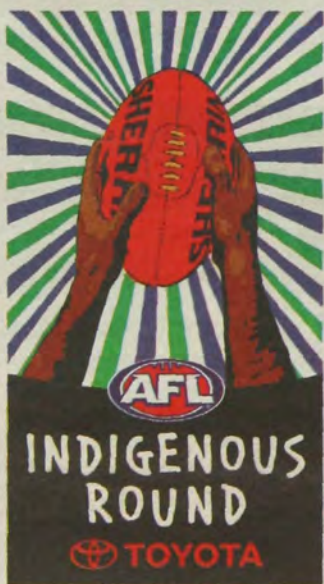
"Next to Anzac Day, this is one of the biggest rounds of the year.

"This is about bridge-building between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, to appreciate the positives of our fellow Australians.

"AFL football is also one of the best areas to inspire young Indigenous boys and girls."

The fixture is now a part of a larger commemoration, as the AFL celebrates Aboriginal input into the national football code, with round nine (May 25-27) of the season becoming the inaugural Indigenous round of football at the top level.

"The Olympic Games generally is a great sporting stage to get people of different backgrounds together,"



Sheedy said. "This game is another wonderful example of enjoying each other better.

"The colours of the Aboriginal flag

are the colours of my two clubs – that's my dreaming.

"It is about changing the pattern of thinking and changing the dynamics."

For more than a century from the time of the Joe Johnson heroics in 1904-05, the class, pace and composure of Doug Nichols during the 1930s, Geelong great Graham 'Polly' Farmer in the 1960s, Carlton's premiership half-forward Syd Jackson later that decade and during the 70s, the Krakouer brothers in the 80s through to modern champions like Michael Long, Andrew McLeod and Gavin Wanganeen, Aboriginal footballers have added a unique and exciting energy to the code.

"Just a couple of years ago we had two captains of their clubs in the international rules games," Sheedy said.

"Andrew McLeod from down-town Darwin captained on the west coast and Chris Johnson from down-town Fitzroy did the same on the east coast.

"A half a century after Pastor Doug Nichols played for Fitzroy, another boy from this same district is leading his country – it seems fitting."

Aboriginal footballers' intuitiveness, feel for the game, ability to make the correct decision under pressure and create the spectacular and freaky passage of play suggests Aboriginal people were born to play Aussie rules.

"Watching (soccer great) Pele, I dreamed of seeing this style in our game," Sheedy said.

"We had people on our island with this style – the Aborigines. From

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He's a bit hungry, so look out Blues



Melbourne Storm champion Greg Inglis says he's 'starting to get a bit hungry' for tries – and that's got to be bad news for the Blues in tonight's opening 2007 NSW-Queensland State of Origin rugby league clash in Brisbane. Inglis is one of four Indigenous players – the others are Johnathan Thurston, Justin Hodges and Carl Webb – in the Maroons line-up. NSW's squad does not have a single blackfella.

● See David Liddiard's column on Page 93 for more.

'This is about bridge-building between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, to appreciate the positives of our fellow Australians. AFL football is also one of the best areas to inspire young Indigenous boys and girls'.

– Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy (pictured at this year's Aboriginal All-Stars v Bombers football clash in Darwin

