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Surviving campaigners for the historic 1967 Referendum. Front Row, from left, Pauline Pickford, Jack Horner, Joyce Clague, Alan Duncan, William Graydan, Stan Davey, Rodney Hall. Second Row, from left, Evelyn Scott, Josie Briggs, Barrie Pittcock, May O'Brien, Tom Roper, Lowitja O'Donoghue, Shirley Pelsley, Isabelle Kent, Geoff Penny, Kathleen Mills. Third Row, from left, Les Johnson, Ruth Hennings (nee Wallace), John Moriarty, Manfred Cross, Alf Neal, Bob Anderson, Colin Tatz, Eileen Perkins, Dulcie Flower, Margaret Mcleod, Janelle Marshall, Emil Witton. Missing: Neville Perkins, Gordon Briscoe, Mike Shegog and George Mye.

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These are the black and white Australians who succeeded in uniting our nation in a way that had never been done before and – with the possible exception of the 2000 Bridge Walks for Reconciliation – has not been achieved since.

They are original grassroots campaigners for the 1967 Referendum who came together in Canberra on Sunday, 27 May, to commemorate 40 years since the most affirmative popular vote in our nation's history.

The 1967 Referendum saw an unprecedented 90.77 per cent of eligible Australians vote 'Yes' to give the Commonwealth power to legislate for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for the Census to count them as members of the Australian population.

The outcome was secured only after more than a decade of lobbying by members of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) and their supporters.

This was around the time of the Gurindji walk-off from Wave Hill Station in the Northern Territory, and the 1965 Freedom Rides through outback New South Wales. Of 'tarpaulin musters' where blankets were used to gather coins chipped in by friends and even strangers to help pay for petrol to attend meetings. Of support from some unexpected quarters, from hardened

wharfies on Sydney's docks to wealthy white society matrons who could easily have chosen instead to soak up their privilege and ignore the plight of black Australians.

In many ways, these were the first days of a process that would later be given a formal name in 'reconciliation'.

An incredible achievement but, given ongoing Indigenous disadvantage, it was no surprise that the anniversary evoked mixed emotions and questions about the extent to which the campaigners' hopes had been realised.

There were both smiles and tears as the campaigners were feted by the country's most senior politicians, journalists, and admiring younger people who wondered how to replicate the

passion, courage and determination.

Some wept for the memory of comrades who passed away in the years since the Referendum, the likes of Joe McGinness, Charlie Perkins, Oodgeroo Noonuccal and Sir Doug Nichols, and others such as Faith Bandler and Chicka Dixon who could not travel to Canberra. Others wept for their country.

But they're tough, this mob. And with typical candour, good humour, camaraderie and spirit, they reminded us what was possible and might be possible again with enough goodwill.

To all of the campaigners still with us, and those who have passed on, we say thank you. Your spirit still shines.

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MY family is very special and we have links with Badu Island in the Torres Strait and the Kuku Jalanyi Aboriginal people of the Daintree Rainforest in far north Queensland.

In addition my mother, Maria Baira, 54, was born in Holland and her mother, my grandmother Maria den Dulk (Oma, aged 82) lives with us in the Townsville suburb of Garbutt. I have three sisters and two brothers and I am 17 years old and attend Townsville State High School in Year 12.

One sister Rothana (31) is a legal secretary and her partner Derrick Mara is a youth worker at the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre. They have three daughters – Lyrech (5), Jahntee (18 months) and Kiarah (3 months).

My other sister Seneva (29) is a Field Officer with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, and her partner Carl Cannon (25) works for the Townsville City Council.

Seneva can handle herself well and was an Australian champion boxer in the amateur welterweight division. She has also worked under CDEP greening an area near Townsville's Reclaimed Land.

My other sister Sonja (23) and her partner Richard Watson (22) have recently moved over from Palm Island where she worked in education as an Administration Officer. She represented Queensland in vigoro and went on to win a national title.

One brother Roy (27) is a qualified bricklayer and has a son Tyreice (4) who he takes care of as a single dad and he plays great football for Brothers in the local A-grade Townsville competition.

Roy also plays for Kulpiyam Tigers from Badu in All Blacks carnivals and has been a regular Townsville representative in the Foley Shield league competition.

My other brother Jimmy – who is not in the photo here – plays league in Sydney for Windsor Wolves and is a delivery driver. We like seeing Jimmy when he gets back to Townsville.

My mother met our dad Roy on Palm Island where she was nursing in 1971 and

they married four years later. Now Mum takes care of us by herself.

We all love traditional dance and enjoy visiting our rainforest home.

Mum has worked hard for the Aboriginal and Islander youth in education for five years and helped several people in the judicial system during her six years with the legal service.

Our family is mad about rugby league and often goes to North Queensland Cowboys games at Dairy Farmers Stadium.

We hang around as a family and love spending quality time together.

Often we go to Castletown Shopping Centre and get together for a bite to eat. I couldn't do without my family.



Pictured, back from left, Seneva Baira (aged 29), Carl Cannon (25), Richard Watson (22), Tyreice Gela-Baira (4), Sonja Baira (23), Romeenah Baira (17) and Roy Baira (27) and front, from left, Lyrech Mara (5), Rothana Baira (31), Maria den Dulk (82), Kiarah Mara (3 months), Maira Baira (54), Jahntae Mara (18 months) and Derrick Mara.

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If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the Koori Mail, email a high-resolution digital photo to myfamily@koomail.com – along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

OUR CHILDREN



These kids from Lismore Heights Public School in northern New South Wales proudly danced to the song 'Growing up strong' at the local reconciliation walk.

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Youth culture reigns at Stylin' Up



Indigenous culture was celebrated in style at the annual Stylin' Up

Festival held in the Brisbane suburb of Inala on 26 May.

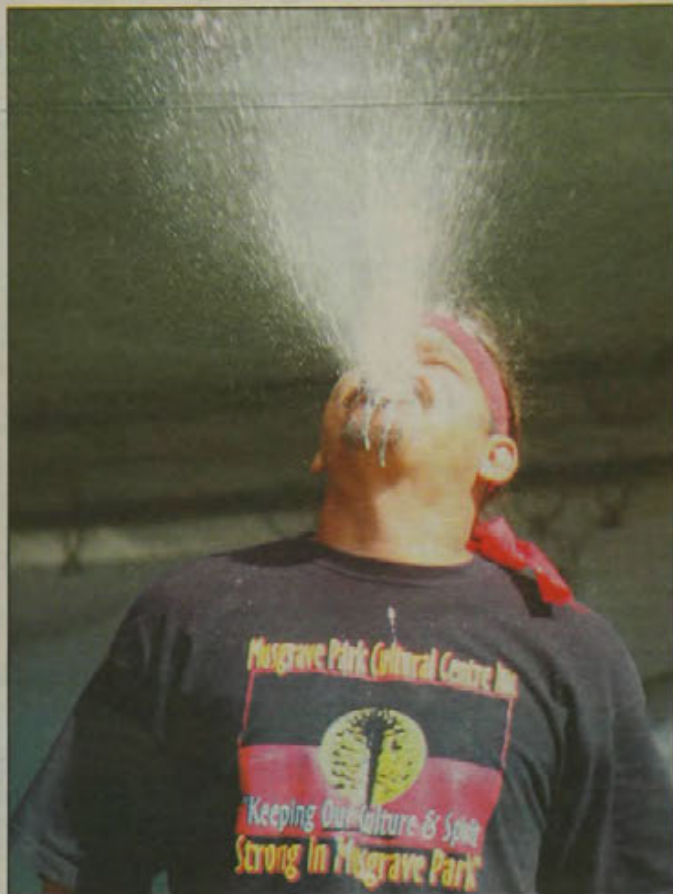
Entertainment came thick and fast on the music and dance stages, and there were heaps of activities for the kids, including a dance workshop, face painting, story telling, DJ workshops, T-shirt designing and basketball competitions.

● **LEFT:** These youngsters got excited to hear Koori hip-hop artist Konekt-a-Dot perform for the first time at this year's Stylin' Up Festival in Inala.

● **RIGHT:** Leader of the Numballee Mullarah Aboriginal Dance Group performs a ceremony to bring rain to the dry land.

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● Pictures: NAOMI MORAN



Task force to target WA wages



A new task force will investigate evidence that wages were stolen from Indigenous people in Western

Australia in the past.

Some entitlements and other monies that should have been paid to Aboriginal workers in the past were not handed over, Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts said.

Former WA governments were allowed to hold in trust up to 75 per cent of an Indigenous person's wages, the Minister said.

And there was evidence some workers did not receive their full entitlements.

The task force will try to determine the time period when this might have occurred and what sums of money were involved.

"In the absence of a detailed examination of West Australian records, it is not possible to calculate how many Indigenous people may have been affected or how much money was retained," Ms Roberts said.

The task force will report by June next year.

The WA move comes as campaigns continue in other States for the return of stolen wages.

Welcome

WA's Goldfields Land and Sea Council has welcomed the task force.

The council called last December for a WA Government program to compensate Aboriginal people who were subjected to abusive or unfair practices last century, including underpayment or non-payment of wages and welfare benefits.

Last year the GLSC made a submission to the 'Unfinished Business: Indigenous Stolen Wages' report of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, documenting abuses that occurred throughout the Goldfields in the pastoral industry and at some missions through to the late 1960s, sometimes with government knowledge.

"Crucial to the effectiveness of the task force inquiry will be its terms of reference, which must include welfare benefits and pensions, as well as 'stolen wages', and must include the activities of pastoral properties and missions, as well as government," said council Executive Director Brian Wyatt.

"The State Government must also throw open to the task force all relevant records in its possession, including records of reported injustices."

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Ngarla people win native title



The Federal Court has officially recognised the Ngarla people as native title holders of about 4655 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

On the banks of the De Grey River, Federal Court judge Justice Annabelle Bennett officially recognised the Ngarla claim to their land.

The WA and Commonwealth governments, De Grey and Pardoo pastoralists, mining companies, fishermen and other groups all agreed to the determination confirming the non-exclusive native title rights over pastoral leases, 29 reserves and five other leases in the area.

This means the Ngarla people can access the land for camping, collection of traditional resources, performance of rituals and management of their cultural heritage.

The determination covers most of the area claimed by the Ngarla. A remaining area that overlaps the Warram and Njama people's native title applications will be dealt with separately.

The determination is the first for the Pilbara Native Title Service, who represented the Ngarla people in negotiations.

National Native Title Tribunal Member Dan O'Dea, who



Ngarla traditional owners, from left, Sandy Brown, Stephen Stewart and Charlie Coppin with Federal Court judge Justice Annabelle Bennett at the official recognition site.

facilitated the mediation, praised the parties on reaching agreement.

"I congratulate all the parties for coming to a mutually acceptable agreement without resorting to litigation. I hope that these negotiations will set a

precedent for several others that are scheduled to be concluded in the Pilbara region in the next financial year," he said.

"I particularly commend the courtesy and good faith that was demonstrated in the discussions which took place between the

Ngarla people and the pastoralists. This is the second consent determination in the Pilbara in recent months and it is my expectation that with the lessons learned to date, the key players can now maintain a momentum which will ensure a

steady progress towards the ultimate resolution of all matters in the Pilbara in the foreseeable future."

WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper also praised the parties for setting aside differences to reach an agreement.

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Cape wild over rivers



Aboriginal leaders have accused the Queensland Government and green groups of sidelining the needs of Cape

York residents with laws designed to conserve wild rivers.

The wild rivers legislation was passed in February after the Beattie Labor Government struck a deal with green groups before the 2004 election. The legislation aims to keep rivers on Cape York, and others on Fraser Island and Hinchinbrook Island, in pristine condition.

But Indigenous groups, led by the Cape York Land Council, argue the laws deny Aborigines employment because it prevents mining, farming and tourism development in those regions.

Gerhardt Pearson, chief executive officer of the Baikanu Cape York Development Corporation and younger brother of Aboriginal activist Noel Pearson, said 14 Cape York rivers were affected by the legislation.

"The current proposal basically permits Aboriginal people to use water like we did



GERHARDT PEARSON

40,000 years ago," he said.

"They say we could use water for cultural purposes, take our clothes off, go and live the traditional life, but that's about it. It is insulting and it is a warped position.

"We're not back 40,000 years ago. This is 2007 - we have communities that have evolved, just like the mainstream community have evolved in this country. It has already

predetermined that Aboriginal people will have limited or no economic use."

Mr Pearson accused The Wilderness Society, which pushed for the laws, and the Government of riding roughshod over Indigenous interests, putting at risk the economic, social and health needs of Aborigines.

"The reality is there aren't enough jobs in ecotourism, in land management, being a ranger," he said. "The Wilderness Society raises a lot of money to fight for the salvation of a river. They can campaign heavily to protect a tree, a parrot.

"Why aren't they campaigning as vigorously to protect a species that is getting extinct - that's Aboriginal people."

Noel Pearson said Aborigines could no longer rely on welfare.

"If we don't have a real economic base underpinning our community, if we don't have a way out of welfare, then the wretched lives that we increasingly lead in these remote communities, will never abate ... and the problems will get even more severe," he said.

It's a new era - NSWALC leader

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Newly-elected New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Chairwoman Beverly Manton says she's confident the body is unified enough to move into a new era.

On 22 May, Cr Manton and eight other Aboriginal people from around NSW formed the first elected council since the appointment of an administrator by the NSW Government in November 2003.

Cr Manton said on Friday that it was now time for all concerned to move forward.

"When the previous council was dismissed for alleged mismanagement of its affairs, there was no suggestion of fraud or misappropriation," she told the Koori Mail.

"That's been clarified now so people should be moving forward with a clear mind about the prospects of the NSWALC."

"I'm feeling positive, I feel we have a united group. We've all got common goals established, we know that it is a new era."

Cr Manton said the NSWALC was the only independent Aboriginal body elected 'by the people and for the people' on the eastern seaboard.

"So it is great just to have that back in place," she said.

"It is a very exciting time, it is a new era, a new beginning. It is the first time there has been a female chairperson, so I guess a lot of people will be watching."

"We're going to hit to road running and from here on in, we are going to be winners."

Cr Manton said the council had only just held its first meeting but already there was a feeling of unity among its members.

"We're about making sure that we support the local Aboriginal councils and keep them all operative, as well as provide leadership and advice to Aboriginal people."

Cr Manton said further amendments to the NSW Land Rights Act would soon be rolled out.

As the Chairwoman of the NSWALC, Cr Manton said her role would be to 'keep the ship sailing as smoothly as possible, to



The new NSWALC councillors, back from left, Stephen Ryan (with beard - representing Central region), William Murray (Western), Roy Ah-See (Sydney-Newcastle), Steve Gordon (North-West) and Tom Briggs (Northern, and Deputy Chairman) and, front from left, Neville Hampton (South Coast), Patricia Laurie (North Coast), Craig Cromelin (Wiradjuri) and Chairperson Bev Manton (Central Coast).

meet all the challenges that come with the position with confidence."

"I want to build up the relationship with the NSWALC system and the local Aboriginal land council system," she said.

"We know that we have to work closely with government, whatever government is there

Cr Manton said the council was in a healthy position, the legacy of the NSWALC's former Administrator, Murray Chapman, who passed away suddenly earlier this year.

She said the main function of the NSWALC was to progress land claims, and she was

"We got some youth in our council as well, so I think we have a really good mix."

Tom Briggs has been elected Deputy Chair.

Cr Manton thanked the thousands of Aboriginal people who voted in last month's NSWALC election.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch congratulated the new council last week and assured its members that the State Government was committed to working in partnership with the council and its constituents in Aboriginal communities.

"I am confident the new members of the NSWALC will provide leadership and advice to Aboriginal people," he said.

He said recent amendments to the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act would help lay the foundation for the NSWALC and local land councils to deliver quality services for communities.



'I'm feeling positive, I feel we have a united group. We've all got common goals established, we know that it is a new era'. - NSWALC chair Bev Manton

on the day. I think that in some shape or form the NSWALC have been blamed for what (former) Aboriginal Affairs Minister Andrew Refshauge did in 2003 when he sacked the past councillors.

"I think the blame for that landed in the lap of the NSWALC where as it shouldn't have and that damaged the relationship. We're going to be fence-building in a sense."

impressed with the operation of the council.

"There are over 7000 new land claims that are waiting in the land claims to be processed so we'll be pursuing that rigorously," she said. "It is a very professional unit and there are lots of young people working down there. I think young people are our future and that capacity building begins with them."



Dr ROSANNA CAPOLINGUA

Aboriginal health is new chief's top priority



New Australian Medical Association president Dr Rosanna Capolingua has promised to put

Aboriginal health at the top of her agenda. The Perth general practitioner, who has been elected to succeed Dr Mukesh Haikarwal as the AMA's national leader, listed this her top priority on the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum which gave Indigenous Australians the right to be counted in the Census.

"Statistics have proven that (Aborigines') life spans are 17 years shorter than other Australians," Dr Capolingua said.

"That's an incredible statistic that is mortifying."

Dr Capolingua said she had a number of Indigenous Australian patients who got scared when they lost friends aged in their 60s.

"They get frightened as time goes by because they lose their friends in their 60s and they look around them and wonder how long it will be for them," she said.

Dr Capolingua, 48, said doctors at the recent three-day AMA national conference signed a petition calling on the Council of Australian Governments to close the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

The petition called on the Federal and State governments to work together to implement plans to narrow the life-expectancy gap to 10 years or less by 2015.

Dr Capolingua, who has been a GP for more than 20 years, said another clear message emerging from the conference was the need to improve the quality of health care. "We're concerned that in some arenas care is not at the level it should be as far as service in the public sector," she said.

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Idol D-Day nears for Tassie's Dewayne

Pictures and Story by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



On 18 June many Tasmanians, especially Aboriginal ones, will have their television sets tuned into Channel 10's Australian Idol. That's when 19-year-old Dewayne Everettsmith, from Tasmania, will be appearing before the reality TV show's four judges, aiming to be selected from the top 100 hopefuls to compete for the Australian Idol title.

The softly spoken and talented Palawa man, who also has Kurnai Gurnai heritage (from the Victorian lakes area), missed the 2005 auditions in Hobart – because he was playing in a darts tournament. And he almost chose to opt out of this

year's Idol too, due to his Aunt Belinda's passing only days before an initial audition.

"But my family said 'Belinda would want you to do it,'" Everettsmith told Koori Mail.

"I wore a lucky charm that was handed down to Pop from an Aboriginal Elder on the mainland and then to Belinda and then when she passed away to me."

At the second audition in mid-May, which landed him in the top 100, Everettsmith sang one of his original songs, titled 'Shelter'.

"I wrote the song for my Aunt Belinda who passed away only two days before the auditions in Tassie," he said.

"I had Marcia and Mark (Australian Idol judges) in tears. They said it was a magical moment."

Although other judges were

impressed with his singing, Everettsmith said they were worried about his image.

"I might grow my hair long and spike it up," he added with more than a hint of sarcasm.

If all goes well at the next round of the televised competition Everettsmith will be in the top 40 or 50 group of remaining contestants. After that he will be at the mercy of public voting to reach the top 12, who will of course be whittled away to the top one – the new Australian Idol! And if he's successful there he will be following in the footsteps of Casey Donovan – the only Indigenous Australians to gain the coveted title.

Although he did not think he would get as far in the competition as he has, Everettsmith is quietly confident about the next round. That's not surprising, considering he has

performed at, among other places, the Dreaming Festival, Woodford Festival, National NAIDOC Ball, he's organised the musical side of the Putalina (Oyster Cove) Aboriginal music festival and taken the stage at the '10 days on an Island' arts festival with Tom Coulson, backed up by a full band and a 120-piece Gospel choir.

And should he keep travelling through the ranks of the competition, Everettsmith will have an opportunity to record in a state-of-the-art studio – a far cry from the precious recordings that his Nan has tucked away.

Although he says he has not thought much about what it might be like to be Australia's next idol, Everettsmith does admit it would be a dream come true, and vows that he wouldn't let it change him.



DEWAYNE EVERETTSMITH

Marika Gordon driving cattle during the filming of 'Australia'.



Marika riding high on 'Australia' set

By ALF WILSON



West Australian horsewoman Marika Gordon was one of the Aboriginal

people who were the centre of attention during filming in Bowen, north Queensland, of the movie 'Australia'. The blockbuster stars Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman, and the 24-year-old Marika was riding a horse during a number of cattle-driving scenes being shot in Bowen streets on May 29 when the Koori Mail visited.

"This is great being in the movie," Marika yelled out as she rose past with her stockwhip in hand.

An 11-year-old Aboriginal boy from Broome in Western Australia was also popular with hundreds of tourists and locals who stood behind barriers in the streets snapping pictures.

Another Indigenous stockman who had many photos taken of him was the one who led the 300 steers.

There was no sign of Kidman or Jackman during this filming, but Koori Mail managed to catch up with Jackman earlier in the

"They have so much natural ability on horses and everybody is taking their photos," he said.

The film, directed by Baz Luhrmann, is being partly filmed in Bowen, which has a large Indigenous population.

The movie is to be an epic adventure along the same lines as 'Gone With The Wind' and 'Casablanca'.

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

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

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



One of the Aboriginal boys who will appear in the movie.

morning as he left a Bowen gym. We found him a down-to-earth star.

Tourist Gene Mitchell, from Victoria, said that Marika and the other Aboriginal stockmen and boys were skilled.

NT camps \$60m 'off the table'



Alice Springs' town camp Aborigines have rejected, for the final time, an offer to hand control of their housing to the Northern Territory Government in return for \$60 million in Commonwealth funds.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, who spearheaded the plan, said he was deeply 'hurt' by the rejection. "I am deeply disturbed and hurt," he said on 23 May.

"You have no idea how difficult this is when you have witnessed the things that I have and the stories that I know about and the fact that only a matter of a couple of weeks ago another woman was brutally murdered in these places."

Later, he told ABC radio he was in despair. "I'm in despair, I would have thought people would have been championing at the bit," he said.

The rejection was the second in less than a week and followed 14 months of protracted negotiations. Under the original proposal, the 18 housing associations that oversee the camps could retain control of the land if it was unconditionally sub-leased to the NT Government for 99 years.

The camps are notorious for high levels of serious crime and are home to rampant substance abuse.

The town camps come together under the banner of Tangentyere Council and lawyers for the council, in a letter to Mr Brough, said there were many concerns with the deal.

Tangentyere had been asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal and Territory Governments under which all legal entitlements held by the relevant housing associations would effectively be surrendered for 99 years.

Tangentyere said the deal would leave the 18 camp associations with 'no legally enforceable rights or entitlements in relation to any aspect of the future land use, management and development of the camps'.

The letter concluded by saying that Tangentyere remained ready, willing

Rejection 'disturbs' Minister

and able to enter into negotiations with the Federal and Territory Governments in an effort to resolve outstanding issues.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokeswoman Jenny Macklin said she was disappointed by the outcome.

"I am really disappointed that the parties couldn't reach an agreement on funding for the Alice Springs town camp upgrades," she said.

"That money is desperately needed to make sure people living in the town camps have safe housing and basic services."

"Tangentyere Council, Mal Brough and the NT Government should take responsibility to make sure that such a disadvantaged group of people don't miss out on basic services that other Australians expect."

Mr Brough said the \$60 million would now go to another needy community.

"The \$60 million is off the table."

He suggested the money may go to the West Australian community Halls Creek, which has already received more than \$100 million in assistance.

"I said to (WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts) in the event that I have seriously additional money, will you have the potential to go back to your cabinet and get more resources for better reforms and better outcomes."

"She indicated both publicly and privately there that she could, so there is numerous communities in Western Australia that can benefit and I hope that they will." – AAP

Remains returned



The remains of eight Kuringai people have come home in a ceremony at North Head, in the Sydney Harbour National Park.

● **RIGHT:** Desmond Madden during the reburial ceremony of the remains of eight Kuringai people.



The eight Kuringai people were originally taken in 1914 from Little Manly and surrounding areas and held by the University of Sydney's Macleay and Shellshear Museums.

Efforts by the Sydney Metro Land Council culminated on 30 May with a moving return and reburial ceremony.

Land council Chairman Rob Welsh said the remains had been uncovered after a storm at Little Manly and had ended up in the museums.

He praised the efforts of the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) as well as the University of Sydney in arranging for their return.

"Our people will never forget what happened to our ancestors all those years ago, but we have appreciated the way DECC and Sydney University have worked to right the wrongs of the past," he said.

"Their understanding and co-operation has meant that today we have not only buried the remains of our ancestors, but also some of the bitterness and misunderstandings of the past.

"We celebrate our ancestors' spirits finally being released, and we celebrate that this has happened as a result of black and white Australians working together in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding."

NSW Environment Minister Verity Firth said close to 100 remains of Aboriginal people from Sydney had been returned to rightful resting places through the NSW Repatriation Program.

"It is important to the NSW Government that Aboriginal remains are returned to country where they belong," she said.



DECC Executive of Culture and Heritage Jason Ardler, foreground, and Bob Conroy, from DECC Central Branch Director, Parks and Wildlife.



● **ABOVE:** Rob Welsh, front, and Allan Madden, from the Metropolitan LALC, at the North Head ceremony.

● **BELOW:** Allan Madden, left, and Rob Welsh, right, carry ancestral remains from the boat. Brad Welsh at the rear.



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Government must take responsibility says Dodson



A Federal Government claim that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) had stopped it from improving Indigenous people's lives has evoked a blistering response from Aboriginal leader Mick Dodson.

Professor Dodson says Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough wants praise for minor advances but won't take responsibility for any bad news.

And he says the Government's approach to Indigenous affairs is based on 'whimsy' and disrespect for Aboriginal people and their culture, with the Prime Minister and Minister Brough using language that belongs in the 1930s – some of it reminiscent of Hitler's Germany.

The new Council of Australian Governments-commissioned *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2007* report blamed poverty, unemployment and poor access to education and social services for a dramatic rise in the number of Indigenous people in Australian jails.

Between 2000 and 2006, there was a 32 per cent jump in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people imprisoned, while the life-expectancy gap between black and white Australians remained at 17 years, the report said.

The situation for Indigenous people facing chronic illness was also grim, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people twice as likely to report a profound disability. Indigenous household income had risen by ten per cent but was still well below that of households.

The Chairman of the inter-governmental Steering Committee responsible for the Report, Gary Banks, said in Canberra last Friday that there had been welcome improvements in some education and health outcomes for Indigenous children.

"Yet, even where improvements have occurred, Indigenous people continue to do worse than other Australians," he said.

"And many indicators show little or no

movement. Indeed, in some key areas, outcomes for Indigenous people have been deteriorating.

"Such results should challenge all Australians to do whatever is necessary to remedy the causes of Indigenous disadvantage."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough welcomed a reduction in Indigenous unemployment and infant mortality rates, and an increase in the number of Indigenous people living in homes owned or being purchased by a member of the household.

"While the findings show good progress has been made in some areas, much more needs to be done," he said.

But he added that while the Coalition had been in government for 11 years, for nine of those years ATSIC had direct responsibility for Indigenous affairs.

"ATSIC was an abject failure ... It was almost a fraud perpetrated on the Indigenous people and the Australian population," Mr Brough told ABC Radio, of the former representative body, which was scrapped in 2005.

"It did not work – it abdicated the responsibility of the government of the day."

Mr Brough's criticism of ATSIC has become increasingly strident, most recently over the Labor Party's announcement that it would consult about a new Indigenous representative body.



'The Government is very big on responsibility for everyone but themselves'
– Professor Mick Dodson

But Professor Dodson said the Minister was asking for praise for small achievements and using offensive and provocative language about ATSIC to get himself and the Government 'off-the-hook'.

"ATSIC was not responsible for household income. ATSIC was not responsible for the 17-year life expectancy gap. ATSIC didn't build or run hospitals, they didn't run the schools," Professor Dodson told the Koori Mail.

"It wasn't responsible for community infrastructure like roads, water supply, or electricity. It did not have any control over the quantum of housing. Only the Federal Government had that."

"And ATSIC had very little control over

any of the agencies that have primary responsibility for overcoming disadvantage.

"To have the Government blaming ATSIC for things it had no control over is astounding, and saying ATSIC was a fraud is just over the top."

Professor Dodson said he was suspicious of Government figures, especially that the 2007 Budget had allocated \$3.5 billion on Indigenous-specific programs.

"Are they counting maintaining airstrips in remote communities, or money given to respondents in native title claims – the pastoralists, miners and even spotted seagull watchers. Are they including the cost of running jails?" he asked.

"And are the jobs that people have gone

to full-time, part-time, or traineeships? I would suggest it might not be full-time employment because there has not been a reciprocal shot in the arm for household income."

Mr Brough said many issues brought up in the report could be blamed on a lack of personal responsibility.

"Let's be honest with ourselves and say a lot of this comes down to personal responsibility and people being responsible for their drug and alcohol behaviour, the abuse they inflict on others," the Minister said.

He said there were four fundamental issues which would help improve Indigenous disadvantage: Land tenure, good

governance, law and order and education.

"You get those four things right, then the houses last longer, people have a purpose in life and they change the direction in which they're taking," Mr Brough said.

Professor Dodson said he had no problem with the view that individuals should take responsibility for their actions, but this could not be the only approach.

"How does someone living 17 people to a house take responsibility and get into a house with fewer people living in it?" he asked.

"We are going to have social problems, violence of all sorts and substance abuse and all sorts of dysfunction if you are living 17 to a house, haven't got any job prospects, and your Minister has

absolutely no respect for you or your culture. I defy any other bunch of Australians to live 17 people to a three-bedroom house and not have problems."

"The Government is very big on responsibility for everyone but themselves."

Professor Dodson described the Government's approach to Indigenous Affairs, especially its insistence that Indigenous people relinquish land title in exchange for basic services, as 'wrong-headed' and 'disgraceful public policy'.

"Mal Brough is the whimsical minister," he said. "He must get up in the morning and some light bulb goes on in his head and he says 'oh, that's a good idea. Why don't we try that?'" he said.

"Why are we going to succeed when these hare-brained schemes have not succeeded elsewhere? In fact, the evidence from overseas demonstrates that these sorts of approaches are a disaster for Indigenous people; they don't actually improve the situation of Indigenous people."

Professor Dodson said he was 'puzzled as to why the Minister disrespects us so much'.

"He doesn't really respect Aboriginal people and who we are and his whole normalisation thing in the Northern Territory is assimilationist," he said.

"And we have the Prime Minister (John Howard) talking about 'absorption' which was a policy of the 1930s and is built on eugenics, about breeding characteristics out of people."

"It is from Hitler's Germany, the language of the 1930s, and yet the Prime Minister gets away with it now."

Federal Opposition Indigenous Affairs Spokeswoman Jenny Macklin described the OI report figures as 'terrible' and said a Labor Federal Government would address overcrowded housing and create more jobs, especially for young people.

Sex abuse inquiry to cover APY Lands



A high-profile inquiry into the sexual abuse of children in South Australian State care will be expanded to

investigate similar allegations in remote Aboriginal communities.

SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill said the Children in State Care Commission would be given extra powers to investigate sexual abuse reports from children in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

(APY) Lands in the State's far north.

Nearly 2000 children have already come forward to the commission since it began in December 2004 to allege sexual abuse.

The inquiry, headed by former Supreme Court judge Ted Mullighan, was established to investigate sexual abuse reports of children in foster care, Aboriginal children, children with disabilities, street children and prisoners.

Mr Weatherill said the Government was concerned at

recent reports of widespread sexual abuse in remote Aboriginal communities, but could not be certain of the extent.

"If the indications in the reports of the level of child sexual abuse are true, we need to find ways of getting victims and witnesses to come forward," he said.

"We are concerned that Aboriginal people and children, especially in remote communities, won't report abuse. We need to find a way to break that silence."

Mr Weatherill said expanding the scope of the inquiry would not delay the final report, expected in late December, with the Commonwealth Government contributing \$1.6 million to the project.

He said extra State resources would also be allocated, with four police officers, two social workers and two counsellors to be stationed in the APY Lands.

"It is important that we deal with this in a timely fashion so the scope of the inquiry will bear on how quickly we can bring it to the end," Mr Weatherill said.

Mr Mullighan's inquiry will report to the State Government on the nature, extent and impact of abuse and how it can be prevented.

At the release of his preliminary report in March, the former judge said he feared he was merely scratching the surface of child sexual abuse in South Australia.

He said the abuse of children in State care was widespread and drug dependence of those not in State care was a big factor in the majority of reports. – AAP

Australia's shame



The new OI report is the third in the series of reports commissioned by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). The first report was released in November 2003.

Its strategic framework is supposed to track over time the extent to which government policies and other actions are making a difference to overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

In April last year, COAG committed to close the outcomes gap between Indigenous people and other Australians over a generation. The OI report is a 'report card' against this objective.

The first part of the report focuses on the 12 headline indicators. These are measures of the major social and economic outcomes that need to improve, if the vision of an Australia in which Indigenous people enjoy the same opportunities and standard of living as other Australians is to be achieved.

Life expectancy at birth

- The life expectancy of Indigenous people is estimated to be around 17 years lower than that for the total Australian population.

- Life expectancy at birth is estimated at 59 years for Indigenous males compared with 77 years for males in the total population, and 65 years for Indigenous females compared with 82 years for females in the total population.

Disability and chronic disease

- In non-remote areas in 2002, Indigenous adults were twice as likely to report a disability resulting in a profound or severe core activity limitation as non-Indigenous adults.

- In 2004-05, the greatest difference between Indigenous and non-Indigenous rates was for kidney disease, where the Indigenous rate was 10 times as high as the non-Indigenous rate.

- In 2004-05, Indigenous people were three times as likely as non-Indigenous people to have diabetes.

Years 10 and 12 retention and attainment

- In 2006, 21 per cent of 15-year-old Indigenous people were not participating in school education. Only 5 per cent of non-Indigenous 15-year-olds were not participating in school education.

- In 2006, Indigenous students were half as likely as non-Indigenous students to continue to Year 12.

- In 2004-05, a smaller proportion (22 per cent) of Indigenous people than non-Indigenous people (47 per cent) had completed Year 12.

Post-secondary education – participation and attainment

- Between 1994 and 2004-05, the proportion of Indigenous people participating in post-secondary education increased from 5 per cent to 11 per cent.

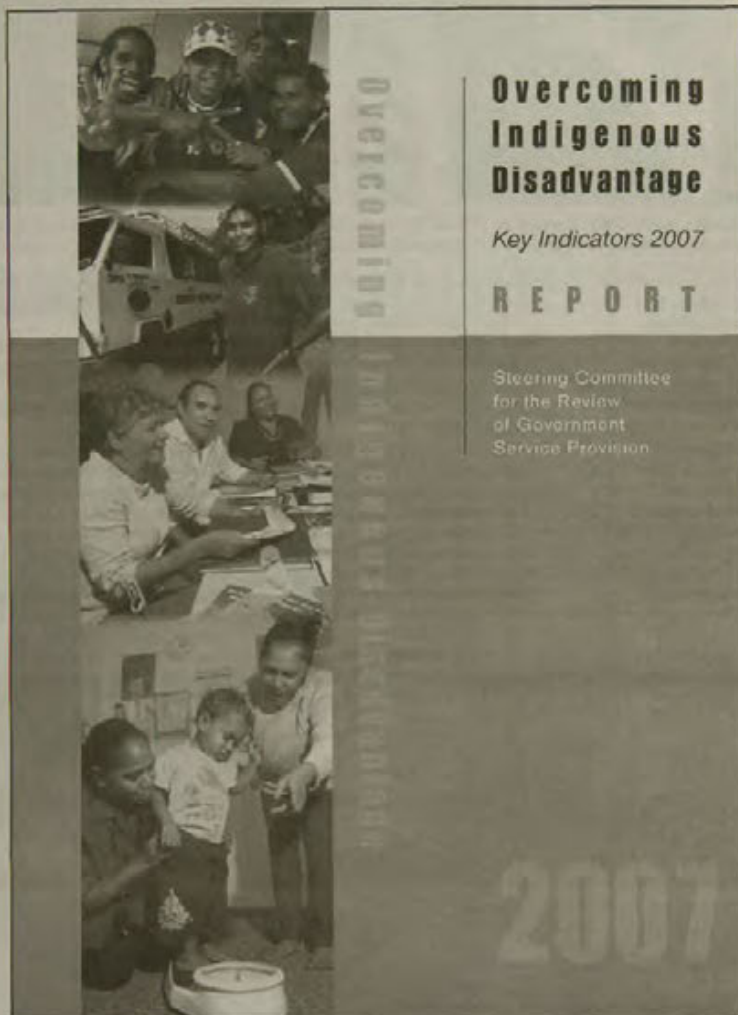
- The proportion of Indigenous people with a qualification of certificate level 3 or above increased from 8 per cent in 1994 to 21 per cent in 2004-05.

- In 2004-05, non-Indigenous people were more than twice as likely as Indigenous people to have completed a post secondary qualification of certificate level 3 or above.

Labour force participation and unemployment

- In 2004-05, after adjusting for age differences: The labour force participation rate for Indigenous people (58.5 per cent) was about three quarters of that for

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non-Indigenous people (78.1 per cent); the unemployment rate for Indigenous people (13 per cent) was about three times the rate for non-Indigenous people (4 per cent).

- From 1994 to 2004-05: The participation rate for Indigenous women increased from 42 per cent to 53 per cent. The rate for Indigenous men was constant; the Indigenous unemployment rate fell from 30 per cent to 13 per cent. The unemployment rate fell for both women and men; CDEP participation rates remained stable. CDEP participation significantly reduces recorded Indigenous unemployment rates and increases recorded labour force participation rates, particularly in remote areas.

Household and individual income

- For the period 2002 to 2004-05, after adjusting for inflation, median (mid-point) gross weekly equivalised household income for Indigenous people rose by 10 per cent (from \$308 to \$340). This compares to \$618 for non-Indigenous households in 2004-05.

- In 2004-05, over half of Indigenous people (52 per cent) received most of their individual income from government pensions and allowances, followed by salaries and wages (34 per cent) and CDEP (10 per cent).

Home ownership

- The proportion of Indigenous adults living in homes owned or being purchased by a member of the household increased from 22 per cent in 1994 to 25 per cent in 2004-05.

- In 2004-05, the proportion of Indigenous adults living in homes owned or being purchased by a member of the household in remote (18 per cent) and very remote (3 per cent) areas was much lower than in major cities (29 per cent) and inner and outer regional areas (39 and 32 per cent, respectively).

- In 2002, the most recent year for which both Indigenous and non-Indigenous data are available, a much lower proportion of Indigenous adults (27 per cent) than non-Indigenous adults (74 per cent) lived in homes owned or being purchased by a member of the household.

Suicide and self-harm

- Suicide death rates were higher for Indigenous people (between 19 and 45 per 100 000 population) than non-Indigenous people (between 11 and 16 per 100 000 population) in Queensland, WA, SA and the NT for 2001 to 2005.

- In 2004-05, after adjusting for age differences, three in every 1000 Indigenous

people were hospitalised for non-fatal intentional self-harm, compared with two per 1000 non-Indigenous people. There were no significant trends between 2001-02 and 2004-05.

Substantiated child abuse and neglect

- From 1999-2000 to 2005-06, for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, the rate of substantiated notifications for child abuse or neglect increased.

- In 2005-06, Indigenous children were nearly four times as likely as other children to be the subject of a substantiation of abuse or neglect.

Deaths from homicide and hospitalisations for assault

- Of 245 homicides in Australia in 2004-05, Indigenous people accounted for 15 per cent of (or 37 actual) homicide victims and 16 per cent of homicide offenders.

- After adjusting for age differences, the homicide rate in the Indigenous population was five to 15 times the rate in the non-Indigenous population in Queensland, Western Australia, SA and the NT, between 2001 and 2005.

- From 1999-2000 to 2004-05, the rate of Indigenous homicides in remote, outer regional and very remote areas (13 to 17 per 100 000 population) was around three times the rate in major cities and inner regional areas (5 per 100 000). Indigenous homicide rates were higher than non-Indigenous rates in all remoteness areas.

- In 2004-05, in the four jurisdictions for which data is available, Indigenous people were hospitalised for assault at 17 times the rate of non-Indigenous people. Indigenous females were 44 times as likely to be hospitalised for assault as non-Indigenous females.

Homicide death rate, age standardised, 2001-2005

- From the available data, Indigenous people are more likely than non-Indigenous people to be victims of domestic violence related assault.

- The main reason both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people sought Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) assistance in 2005-06 was to escape domestic or family violence (31 per cent of Indigenous people and 21 per cent of non-Indigenous people).

- In 2005-06, more than 4000 Indigenous people and 15,000 non-Indigenous people who sought SAAP assistance to escape domestic or family violence had accompanying children.

Imprisonment and juvenile detention rates

- Indigenous imprisonment rates increased by 32 per cent between 2000 and 2006.

- Between 2002 and 2006, the imprisonment rate increased by 34 per cent for Indigenous women and by 22 per cent for Indigenous men.

- In 2006, after adjusting for age differences, Indigenous people were 13 times more likely than non-Indigenous people to be imprisoned.

- At 30 June 2005, Indigenous juveniles were 23 times more likely to be detained than non-Indigenous juveniles. The difference between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous juvenile detention rates has increased since 2001.

Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2007 can be found at: <http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/indigenous/keyindicators2007/index.html>

AMA blasts inequity



Access barriers to health care are a major contributor to continuing poor health for Aboriginal people

and Torres Strait Islanders, according to the Australian Medical Association (AMA).

The inequity of access to health care suffered by Indigenous Australians is highlighted in 'Institutionalised Inequity: Not Just A Matter of Money', the sixth AMA Indigenous Health Report Card, launched in Adelaide at the Nunkuwarrin Yunti Community Controlled Health Service.

Outgoing AMA President Dr Mukesh Haikerwal said it was shameful that in a prosperous, modern society, an Indigenous child born in Australia today could expect to die 17 years before a non-Indigenous child.

"Such is the drastic gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations in this country," he said. "And such is the magnitude of our failure as a nation to properly provide for the health needs of the first Australians."

"What makes the situation worse and more frustrating is that when we do get to provide health programs and services, there are still too many barriers preventing Indigenous patients getting access to the care they so desperately need."



Nunkuwarrin Yunti Centre Chief Executive Officer Polly Sumner-Dodd, outgoing AMA President Dr Mukesh Haikerwal and Australian Indigenous Doctors Association President Dr Mark Wenitong in Adelaide.

"These barriers are financial, some are geographic, and others are personal and cultural."

"Some are due to institutionalised racism – a systematic, and often unconscious, discrimination by services that results in Indigenous patients receiving lesser treatment. There is a great divide between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians in actually getting into the health system to take advantage of the care and treatment that is

supposed to be there equally for all of us."

"Sure, the funding side of the equation is vital, with a minimum of \$460 million a year in new money needed just to start to make a difference in Indigenous primary health care."

"But this funding must be accompanied by a social conscience and a genuine commitment to fix the problem."

Dr Haikerwal said hospital and clinic administrators, GPs, and other health professionals should assess their current level of

service to Indigenous patients and remove any barriers that may exist.

"Government must examine ways to link the provision of health services with other social, educational, and infrastructure programs," he said.

"We need a visionary whole-of-government approach to mend many decades of neglect of Indigenous health."

"There has never been a better time to bring Indigenous health systems and services up to a level that is equal to the health systems

and services enjoyed by other Australians."

"We are told that we live in a time of unprecedented prosperity. It is time to share that prosperity with the most disadvantaged in our community."

Dr Haikerwal said that while the state of Indigenous health remained poor, the report card provided examples of how things could be dramatically improved.

It includes good news stories of Indigenous health programs around the country, including:

- A family home-visiting program in South Australia for parents and carers of newborn children.

- 'Sharing the True Stories' – a Northern Territory project aimed at improving communication between patients and health staff.

- The Katherine West Health Board in the Northern Territory, a community controlled program that 'pools' Federal and NT government funding to provide more efficient and culturally appropriate service delivery.

- Healthy Heart Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, Wuchopperen Health Service, Cairns, which has lifted Indigenous patient participation in cardiac rehabilitation and treatment programs.

Dr Haikerwal said these successful programs should be replicated around the country.

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At last there's some good news about cancer.

Cervical cancer vaccinations begin nationally April 2007.

Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting women across the world, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. It is almost always caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV).

You might have heard about a new vaccine, developed here in Australia, that can protect against HPV, which increases your protection from cervical cancer. This is really good news for young women.

The other good news is that the Australian Government is making the cervical cancer vaccine available free to all girls and young women aged 12 to 26 under the National HPV Vaccination Program.

For girls at school, the program starts in April 2007. Because of their young age an approval form will be sent home shortly for parents or carers to fill in and return. If you have any questions about this approval form have a talk with your health service or school.

For young women who have left school, and are less than 27, this free vaccine will be available from your doctor, health service or community immunisation clinic from July this year.

The vaccine doesn't prevent all cervical cancers, so women should keep having regular Pap smears and looking after their health. But a free cervical cancer vaccine is still very good news for all women.

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Visiting north Queensland students with officials at Parliament House, Brisbane.

Cape York kids hit the big league in Brisbane



Queensland Parliament Speaker Mike Reynolds introduced Indigenous children from far north Queensland to State

Parliamentary leaders and rugby league State of Origin greats as part of the Cape York to Parliament program on May 24.

Mr Reynolds said the program involved providing the students with opportunities to broaden their life experiences that would be educational, cultural and recreational.

In an historic visit from 20 Years 6 and 7 Indigenous children from Coen and Hopevale, Mr Reynolds introduced the students to Cabinet and shadow ministers, State of Origin rugby league greats, as well as community representatives and corporate sponsors.

Apart from meeting their Origin heroes, another highlight for the children was when they were presented with State of Origin caps

by Paul Travis, Deputy Chairman of the North Queensland Cowboys and developer of the program.

The Cape York to Parliament program was held at the Queensland Parliament on 22-26 May to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1967

art projects," Mr Reynolds said.

During their visit, the children visited the Murri School at Acacia Ridge, participated in educational activities at Parliament House and undertook reconciliation art activities with students from Ferny Hills State School. The artwork was facilitated by officers from the State Library's Kuril Dhagun Indigenous Knowledge Centre.

A highlight of the children's visit was watching game one of the State of Origin rugby league series, as well as forming a guard of honour for the North Queensland Cowboys and the Canterbury Bulldogs as they ran on to the field for the reconciliation at Suncorp Stadium two nights after the State of Origin.

The events came ahead of the Parliament's new community engagement strategy aimed at young people and regional and Indigenous Queenslanders which is scheduled to be launched later this year.



State of Origin greats Mitch Brennan, Gene Miles and Steve Renouf handing out footballs to the students.

Referendum and Reconciliation Week 2007.

"The Cape York to Parliament program includes parliamentary education activities, mentoring from Elders, reconciliation activities with non-Indigenous students and

Nuclear dump backed



It is 'very likely' that Australia's nuclear waste will be stored on Aboriginal lands in the Northern

Territory, Northern Land Council (NLC) Chairman John Daly says. The NLC announced that a group of traditional owners at Muckaty Station, 120km north of Tennant Creek, had nominated their land for the planned repository, which will store low to medium-level

In return, they will hand over 1.5 square kilometres to store waste, which will likely be transferred by road on the Stuart Highway over the next 50 years. The Commonwealth will return the site to the traditional owners when it is declared safe - expected to be in 200 years.

Mr Daly called the money, which will be provided only if the site is chosen by the Commonwealth, a 'cash cow' for the traditional owners. He

also said it was 'very likely' the site would be picked.

"I'm really confident that it will be chosen. But that is up to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation," he said. "Hopefully everything will stack up and the geology will be right for it... we aren't losing our land, it is a long-



JOHN DALY

term lease and when the Commonwealth is finished with it it will be returned to Aboriginal lands again."

Ngapa traditional owner Amy Lauder, from the Muckaty region, said she was happy with the deal, which was opposed by the NT Government.

"We feel it will be all right for the environment in our country," she said.

"We will get it back later on and (the money) will make a big difference to us."

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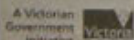
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Cessation of Inspector and Warden Appointments under the Archeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation Act 1972

The Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 came into operation on 28 May 2007. Pursuant of that Act, the Archeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation Act 1972 has been repealed. As a result of the repeal, all persons who were appointed as inspectors or wardens under the Archeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation Act 1972 no longer hold the appointment as an inspector or warden.

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Ian Hamm
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Mixed reaction to English plan



Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough's plan to make English compulsory for Aboriginal children has drawn a mixed reaction from the Indigenous community.

Mr Brough outlined his plan, supported by Prime Minister John Howard, late last month, arguing that Aboriginal children had no hope of getting on in life if they could speak a language that very few people could understand.

Prominent Aboriginal activist Sam Watson said the plan was 'pure racism' and dismissed it as a political stunt.

"They (politicians) are desperate for anything that will give them any kind of minor political advantage," he said.

"Holding children and their families to ransom for the Government's systemic failure to provide the essentials is appalling and an abuse of human rights."

However, the plan has been met with praise from former Labor national president and Labor candidate Warren Mundine, who recognised that English was a necessary skill for job-seekers.

But Mr Mundine said proper resourcing remained an issue.

"The real issue now is about the resources and infrastructure for that to happen, and that's always been the problem, and this



Sam Watson ... He says it's a political stunt.

is why we're getting the educational results that we see," he said.

"There's no doubt that Indigenous people want education."

"The real issue now is, okay Mal you've said this, you've stated the bleeding obvious, now show us the money, show us the resources of how this is going to happen."

Mr Mundine said it was important that Aboriginal children also learn to read and write their



Mal Brough ... Plan won support from the Prime Minister.

traditional languages, and learn about their cultural heritage, in addition to learning English, maths and science.

"Learning about their culture gives them self-esteem and that makes people want to get educated," he said.

It's a view echoed by Australian Greens Leader Bob Brown, who said Indigenous languages were in danger of dying out.

"Of more than 250 Indigenous languages in 1788, as few as 60 remain alive and in use as a



Warren Mundine ... Traditional languages important, too.

first tongue," he said.

"The Howard Government's neglect of this national heritage parallels the push to extinction of Gaelic languages in Britain and Ireland in past centuries."

Mr Brough's plan was announced as Education Minister Julie Bishop appointed the new chairman and 15 members of the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council.

The council will be chaired by Professor Roger Thomas, from the University of Adelaide.

Accused rioter released on bail



Accused Palm Island rioter Lex Wotton has been released from custody and granted bail.

Lex Patrick Wotton, 37, from Palm Island, off Townsville in north Queensland, last Thursday succeeded in his Queensland District Court application to be released from custody on bail with strict conditions.

He also formally entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of rioting with destruction on the island in 2004.

His co-accused - John Major Clumpoint, William Neville Blackman, Lance Gabriel Poynter and Dwayne Daniel Blanket, all of Palm Island - have been acquitted.

Wotton lodged an application to withdraw his guilty plea on March 15, arguing a combination of pain killers and bad legal advice had prompted him to enter the plea.

The November 2004 riot on the north Queensland island resulted in the island's police station and officers' residences being destroyed by fire.

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Justice plan for WA city

Aboriginal people and Government agencies have signed a three-year plan aimed at solving community problems in Geraldton.

The West Australian city, about 400km north of Perth, has been struggling with long-term problems including substance abuse and family feuding.

The local justice plan, part of the State-wide Aboriginal Justice Agreement, aims to create a safe and sustainable communities, reduce the number of victims of crime and cut the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.

In Geraldton, family safety, addressing substance abuse and bettering the lives of local youth are the major issues identified under the justice plan.

Kriol Bible is a first



More than 2000 people have attended the official launch of the Kriol Bible – 'Kriol Baibul' – at Katherine in the Top End.

The translation of the Bible into the Kriol language has been a Bible Society project for the past 27 years. It is the first complete Bible in an Indigenous language.

Bible Society NSW Chief Executive Officer Daniel Wells said the launch, at the Katherine Christian Convention, was a moving experience.

"The service was conducted in Kriol with the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Philip Freier, formerly Archbishop of Darwin, taking a key role," he said.

"It was a very moving event with every member of the translation team presented with their own copy of the Bible. Some team members had been involved from the very start of the project, over 27 years ago."

Supporting the translation, Archbishop Freier said: "As well as being welcomed by an estimated 30,000 speakers of the Kriol language, it is also a great opportunity for the Australian community to celebrate the survival of Aboriginal language as a living reality in contemporary society."

"I also welcome and appreciate the work of Indigenous translators, non-Indigenous consultants and translation resource workers as an example of reconciliation, a practical and lived response to the call to be one in Christ."

Mr Wells said the Bible Society also would produce an audio recording of John's Gospel to be distributed on CD, mp3 and on the web.



● ABOVE: Two Katherine residents (left) with the Kriol Bible translation team, from right, Translation team facilitator with the Church Missionary Society Lance Tremlet, Reverend Canon Gumbuli Wurrumara and Kriol Translation Team Co-ordinator Margaret Mickham. At left is a page from the Bible.

Pictures: Bible Society NSW

"The translation itself was a wonderful co-operative effort," he said.

"At times it was thought that it might not be completed, but the Reverend Canon Gumbuli Wurrumara challenged

Indigenous Kriol speakers in 1993 to complete the project themselves, after it stalled in 1991."

While there have been some school materials in Kriol, this is the first formal

written text in the language and in the same way that Luther and Tyndale's translations of the Bible formalised German and English, it is believed that this Bible will do the same for the Kriol language.

Human rights law is the goal

By KEN BOASE



A four-person committee set up by the WA Government to research a proposed human rights law is

expected to begin consultations with Indigenous communities around the State within the next few weeks.

The WA Government announced the proposal on 3 May and the committee, headed by former Native Title Tribunal Deputy President Fred Chaney, is due to report back to Government by the end of November with a view to introducing legislation in early 2008.

Other committee members include Associate Professor Colleen Hayward, manager of the Kulunga Research Network with the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research in Perth; Executive Director of the WA Council of Social Service Lisa Baker; and former Anglican Archbishop of Perth and Anglican Primate of Australia Dr Peter Carnley.

Professor Hayward said the proposed legislation would be a way for Aboriginal people across Western Australia to have a say in how government



Human Rights committee Indigenous member Professor Colleen Hayward ...

"This bill will initially be about how government does business with Aboriginal people in WA and that's a huge step forward."

did business with them and how it could be made better.

"We've only got to look at an Aboriginal person going into the corner deli and left for service until there's nobody else in the shop, and especially someone going into a government agency which might have hundreds if not thousands of

people to deal with," Professor Hayward said.

"Often Aboriginal people feel they are not seen or heard in terms of their concerns and so this is an opportunity to really start to address people's blindness and deafness when it comes to Aboriginal people."

"This Bill will initially be about how government does business with Aboriginal people in WA and that's a huge step forward and governments, regardless of their political persuasion, do have a responsibility to lead."

"If a big bureaucracy can get it right, then small businesses like the corner deli can surely get it right as well."

"Part of what the consultation process will do is give people the opportunity to say what they think the legislation should say, but essentially it's about making government departments and their ministers think about how they do business with people."

The legislation would be broad and principle-based, but Professor Hayward said that it would mean, for instance, that if the Education Act was going to be changed, the people drafting that Bill would have to consider whether the changes were going to affect people's human rights.



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Department of the Environment and Water Resources

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Relations better, claims Premier



Premier Peter Beattie believes relations with Indigenous Queenslanders have improved since the Mulrunji Doomadgee Palm Island death in custody controversy.

But Mr Beattie has again ruled out reinstating a stand-alone Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs department.

On the 40th anniversary of the referendum that handed Indigenous Australians the right to be counted in the Census, Mr Beattie announced that this month's State Budget would include an extra \$10 million over the next four years to support Indigenous students.

"We have spent more money on Aboriginal affairs and ATSI issues than any time in Queensland's history," Mr Beattie said.

"After 40 years the real answer for Indigenous Australians lies in education.

"This (\$10 million) strategy aims to help teachers' understanding (of) an Indigenous perspective. It also aims to keep Indigenous students engaged, progressing and succeeding in their learning, and to improve teaching practices and curriculum delivery."

Mr Beattie acknowledged that relations with Indigenous Queenslanders reached an all-time low after the Mulrunji Doomadgee death in custody case.



'... remember this ... we've had over 200 years of bad policy. We are not going to rectify that in 10 minutes'

— Premier Peter Beattie

Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley will face trial this month in Townsville on charges of assault and manslaughter over the death of Mulrunji in the Palm Island watchhouse in November 2004. A week later, Palm Island residents rioted and burned the police station and Senior Sergeant Hurley's police home to the ground.

Relations also were strained when Mr Beattie scrapped a stand-alone Indigenous affairs department soon after last September's State election.

Mr Beattie said he hoped Queensland Indigenous relations had improved since then.

"I hope so, but remember this ... we've had over 200 years of bad policy. We are not going to rectify that in 10 minutes," he said.

Asked if he would reinstate a stand-alone ATSI department, Mr Beattie said: "The best way to do this is to have a whole-of-government approach, that will produce results. The sort of tokenism of the stand-alone department never produced anything. It never has been an answer, it never will be."

"What you've got to do in this business is not just have symbols but answers." — AAP

● Palm Island call to police — P30

Department raising staff awareness



The NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) has embarked on a program of Aboriginal cultural awareness training for its entire 4150-strong staff.

With about 300 staff having already completed the course, the department will formally launch the program on 7 June at the Meeting Place precinct of Botany Bay National Park.

The program of two-day training courses, developed and delivered by TAFE NSW, is being rolled out throughout the State. Input from local Aboriginal people — as facilitators and participants — aims to ensure each session is unique and locally relevant.

DECC Director-General Lisa Corbyn said it was intended that all staff, from top executives to field and administration officers, would complete the program. Senior executives are undertaking additional workshops on Aboriginal-related legislation and policies.

"While our environmental protection work benefits everyone in the State, a great deal of it is targeted specifically towards Aboriginal Australians. And much of it relies on the specialist ecological and cultural knowledge of Aboriginal staff," she said.

"It's vital that all our staff have some understanding of the cultural complexities in working with and for Aboriginal people. The program is an essential part of meeting DECC's obligations under Two Ways Together, the NSW Government's ten-year plan to improve the lives of Aboriginal people and their communities."



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Aboriginal volunteers, from left, Louise Adams, Theresa Sainty, Haylee Van Beek (Oxfam volunteer), Merinda Sainty, Sara Maynard, Dewayne Everettsmith and Harley Everett, in Hobart, all keen to help 'close the gap'.

Missy sings praises of closing gap

Pictures and Story by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



Chart-topping singer/songwriter Missy Higgins has joined Oxfam in promoting its campaign to improve the life expectancy of Indigenous

Australians by inviting volunteers to collect signatures from people and sell armbands during her 'On a Clear Night' Australian tour.

The Close the Gap campaign is petitioning the Federal Government to close the gap on life expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians. Indigenous people die on average 17 years earlier than other Australians. Death levels for Indigenous babies are also three times higher than average.

Oxfam and Higgins are calling on Australian governments to take action to achieve health equality for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders within 25 years by increasing annual Indigenous health funding by \$450 million to enable equal access to health services; increasing Indigenous control and participation in the delivery of health services; and addressing social issues such as housing, education and self-determination which contribute to the Indigenous health crisis.

"It's something that I feel is a really important issue," said Higgins about the Close the Gap campaign.

Sara Maynard, who organised a group of Aboriginal volunteers to collect signatures for the petition at the Derwent Entertainment Centre where Missy Higgins performed on the final leg of her tour, said: "This particular issue is



Missy Higgins signs an autograph for Merinda Sainty and Harley Everett.

important for Aboriginal people all over Australia."

The volunteers were happy to find that the vast majority of people they approached to sign the petition were more than eager to do so, but disappointed and, in some instances, insulted by the comments and attitudes of a small minority.

"You always find the odd person who still has a racist attitude," said Ms Maynard.

The volunteers in Hobart and volunteers organised by Nala Mansell in Launceston collected about 700 signatures for the petition from people as they entered venues to watch Missy Higgins perform in Tasmania's two largest cities.

So far, about 13,000 signatures have been collected nationally.

Anyone wanting to sign the petition can log on to www.oxfam.org.au/campaigns/indigenous/action.php

Registration of Stakeholder Interest for Aboriginal Cultural Assessment: The Former Redfern Court House and Police Station, NSW.

Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd is seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholder groups and/or people wishing to be consulted for an Aboriginal Cultural assessment project in relation to the proposed development of the Redfern Community Health Centre on the site of the former Redfern Court House and Police Station located on 103-105 Redfern Street, Redfern NSW. The consultation process will be conducted in accordance with the Department of Environment and Climate Change (NSW) Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applications (National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974: Part 6 Approvals) which became effective 1st January 2005.

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

Evan Raper
Senior Archaeologist
Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd
Shop 1, 92 Percival Road Stanmore NSW 2048
Tel: 02 9566 6701 Fax: 02 9566 6702

Applications must include contact details. The closing date for registration is 16th of June 2007. Phone enquiries are welcome and should be directed to Evan Raper.

INDIGENOUS AWARDS

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- **NAIDOC WEEK Awards**
3 categories for the Awards include, Sport, Education, Art & Culture. Age for the Awards are open. Each category seeks to recognise an individual in their chosen pursuit. Announcements will be made at a special presentation held at Council on Monday 2nd July, 2007 as part of NAIDOC Week 2007. Nominations close Wednesday, 27 June 2007 @ 4pm.

Nomination forms available from:

- Council, 2 Castle Street, Coffs Harbour, or at www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au
- The Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Aboriginal Family Community Care Centre
- Yarrawarra Aboriginal Corporation
- Libraries - Woolgoolga, Toormina and Coffs Harbour

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Ngiyampaa/Wangaaypuwan/Wayilwaan Native Title Authorisation Meeting

Date: Saturday 30 June - Sunday 1 July 2007

Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm (Saturday)

9:30am - 1:00pm (Sunday)

Venue: Cobar Memorial Services & Bowling Club

4-6 Marshall Street, Cobar

NSW Native Title Services Ltd is convening a meeting of Aboriginal people who identify as Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and Wayilwaan and assert native title rights and interests over the lands approximately 50km to the east and north-east of Cobar as shown on the maps below.



The meeting is being convened to discuss and authorise the lodging of a native title claim in response to Mining Lease Application 281 by Polymetals and the renewal of Exploration Licences 6405 and 6406 by Independence Mining.

The Agenda for the meeting is:

1. Review native title law and processes
2. Review of Polymetals's mining lease application and Independence Mining's Exploration Licence renewal applications
3. Decision making processes
4. Anthropological and historical research
5. Consideration of lodging and Authorising a native title application in response to MLA 281 and EL 6405 and 6406
6. Desired outcome of the native title application
7. Negotiation Process

Please contact NSW Native Title Services, Dubbo Regional Office, by 20 June 2007 to confirm your attendance at the meeting. Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available, but you will need to complete a meeting registration and mileage form and return it to NSW Native Title Services by 20 June 2007.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NATHAN RYAN AT THE DUBBO OFFICE OF NSW NATIVE TITLE SERVICES ON PH 02 6882 5788 OR TOLL FREE 1800 111 844. PO BOX 982 DUBBO, NSW 2830



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Pilbara anger over 'drowned' spring

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A Pilbara Elder has called on the Government to take action over what local Aboriginal people say is the 'drowning' of a sacred site by a group of mining companies.

Martu Idja Banyjima Elder Slim Parker expects Government authorities to decide within days whether they will act on possible breaches of the Aboriginal Heritage Act for feared damage to Weeli Wolli Spring, near Newman.

Mr Parker claims the community liaison board of the Hope Downs project failed to consult traditional owners before destroying the spring while excavating for iron ore.

The spring, which has been central to local language groups' lifestyle and spiritual beliefs for about 18,000 years, will take at least 20 years to restore after the mining has stopped, according to Rio Tinto,



The Weeli Wolli Spring near Newman in Western Australia. Aboriginal groups claim the site has been seriously damaged by miners.

which is part of the Weeli Wolli mining conglomerate.

But a spokesman for Rio Tinto rejected any suggestions of illegal or improper behaviour concerning the Weeli Wolli area, saying miners had

worked closely with environment authorities and traditional owners to see that heritage and environmental values were respected.

Mr Parker said: "The cultural significance of the Weeli Wolli Spring

is that it is in our Dreamtime story, which refers to the Rainbow Serpent. In accord with the law, culture and spiritual beliefs, this is how it (the spring) was formed.

"It is culturally important as it is used as a resource of supply, in terms of the spring and water, and it is part of the ecology of the area and supports the flora and fauna."

The land around the sacred area is now partially under water, with weeds covering tracks previously used to access the site.

Mr Parker said the drinking water had been polluted by the mining process and he was worried the source of the spring would be damaged permanently.

He claimed the mining conglomerate had not made clear to residents at a special presentation just what damage would be caused.

"We want to make the mining companies and the Government accountable, to force them to comply with the approvals," he said.

Dillon on Heritage Council

Former Tasmanian ATSIIC commissioner Rodney Dillon has been appointed to the Australian Heritage Council.

The council's mission is to identify, protect and promote Australia's national heritage.

Mr Dillon, a researcher and national steering committee member for the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children, has worked widely with Indigenous cultural heritage at local, state and national levels. He is well known for his efforts to protect Aboriginal culture and to have remains returned for rightful ceremony.

National Native Title Tribunal Member Gaye Sculthorpe, an Aboriginal woman from Tasmania, has been reappointed to the council for another 18 months.

WA Aboriginal man Richard Walley has completed his term on the council.

'We want to make the mining companies and the Government accountable, to force them to comply with the approvals'
— Martu Idja Banyjima Elder Slim Parker on a Pilbara mining project



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Magistrate not sorry about Youth Court



Former Qld chief magistrate Di Fingleton says she knows what it is like waiting to hear the word 'sorry'.

Addressing a community gathering at the Caloundra court house in Queensland to commemorate Sorry Day, Ms Fingleton opened her speech with reference to the controversial court case which saw her jailed and later cleared by the High Court of charges relating to an email sent to a work colleague.

"I have never received an apology from any person involved in the perpetration of what was called in the High Court one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in the history of Australia," she said. But Ms Fingleton shares more than an awaited 'sorry' with the Indigenous people of Queensland.

She was instrumental in introducing the first 'Murri courts' for Indigenous offenders to the State in 2002.

And her main role at the Caloundra commemoration



DI FINGLETON

was to announce the establishment of a Murri Youth Court at Caloundra.

Ms Fingleton will preside over the Caloundra court which sits for the first time in July and offers a less formal environment than the traditional Children's Court.

"Aboriginal people like to sit around the table and work things out," she said.

"I don't wear robes and Elders sit on either side of me." Legal representatives and

family members also join the discussions.

Ms Fingleton said the Murri courts dealt only with guilty pleas and, before a sentence was decided, she sought the advice of Elders and community justice groups.

"They come back with a proposal for rehabilitation," she said.

"It's an alternative to fines or time in detention."

The court will sit monthly from July 11.

During the event at Caloundra, a plaque was dedicated to the late Keith Whisson in recognition of his work for social justice and Indigenous rights as a member of the Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group and Friends of the Court.

His wife, Jill, and daughter, Alicia, were at the ceremony. They were joined by Chief Magistrate Marshall Irwin and other magistrates involved in Indigenous justice, representatives of Indigenous justice groups, Indigenous Elders, and community members of mixed ages and backgrounds.

Recycling is taking off in Arnhem Land



A partnership between the Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) and Perkins Shipping

to reduce landfill in the Arnhem Land community of Mililingimbi through a recycling program has achieved excellent results, a Tidy Towns forum has heard.

The forum in Darwin was told the nine-month trial to recycle cardboard, paper waste and plastics over the past nine months had reduced the community store's landfill waste by 80 per cent.

Rubbish is a big issue for remote communities, with limited resources to manage community dumps. Traditional owners are often unsupportive of more land to be allocated for landfill in community boundaries.

The result at Mililingimbi is that the local store, often a large contributor to landfill from the community, is now making a positive and substantial difference in what it throws out by sending much of its waste out of the community for recycling.

ALPA marketing manager



All smiles ... two Mililingimbi women with material to be recycled.

Robin Tucker said that due to the success of the trial, the association would implement the recycling program in another three stores next financial year.

ALPA, an Indigenous association which operates 13 stores in remote communities

across the Top End, 12 months ago developed the idea of recycling waste paper products and plastics from the community.

Perkins has supported the initiative by returning the recycled waste to Darwin at no charge, according to Perkins community trades manager Mick Taylor.

The program involved the purchase of an Orwak twin-chamber compactor for the store. Paper goods are compacted in one barrel and plastics in the other. The waste is then baled and placed on pallets for transport by Perkins. The bales are collected by NT Recycling Solutions for processing and transport to a recycling plant in Queensland.

NT Recycling Solutions manager Leon Shultz said the paper and plastics received from Mililingimbi were of a high quality for recycling.

He said that the Orwak balers would be installed at the ALPA stores in Lake Evella, Elcho Island and Ramalinging later this year. This was a testament to what could be done with organisations working together for the benefit of the community, Mr Shultz said.

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ADELE COX

Lecturer in Indigenous Health – Perth, WA

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Favourite drink?
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Favourite music?
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Favourite movie?
Malcolm X by Spike Lee.

Favourite leisure/past-time?
Spending as much time as I can with family and friends.

Favourite holiday destination?
My home of Broome, Western Australia, as well as New York city because of the romanticism of what we see in the movies.

What are you reading?
The Tipping Point, by Malcolm Gladwell

What are you watching?
Ugly Betty, when I have time.

What do you like in life?
Seeing the joys and happiness of what love represents for my family, especially my daughter Tovani, 6.

What don't you like?
Not enough joy, happiness and love in the world.

Who would you most like to meet?
Nelson Mandela.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Nelson Mandela and my late grandfather.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Promote a sense of pride and sense of identity in a way that is not determined by the colour of our skin. So that the lighter-skinned kids have the same sense of who they are as other Aboriginal people.

Quote



How're ya goin' Auntie Bev? Yeah? All right?

- Qantas flight attendant Joanne Coe to one of the 35 campaigners who travelled on the Yalanyi Dreaming flight to the 1967 Referendum 40th anniversary commemorations in Canberra.

(Editor's note: To Joanne, Captain Andrew Bishop and the rest of the Qantas crew, sincere thanks for a great flight).

Unquote

The struggle continues

If the nation ever needed a reminder of just how far it has to go in addressing entrenched Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage, it need look no further than the *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2007 Report*.

The timing of this report's release last Friday was fairly poetic given the 40th anniversary a few days earlier of the 1967 Referendum.

The anniversary stirred up many fond memories of and nostalgia for a truly grassroots campaign that persuaded voters to agree to change the Australian Constitution in an attempt to score a better deal for Indigenous people. Even the campaigners never dared to dream of the eventual unprecedented 90.77 per cent Yes vote. But, quite rightly, the anniversary also inspired a lot of reflection on how much – or little – the Referendum had actually delivered in a practical sense.

Tempting as it is, it would be unfair to say 'nothing'. Simply casting an eye around the plane that delivered the Referendum campaigners to Canberra for the anniversary commemorations, or down the list of participants in the One Future Forum afterwards, show that many Indigenous people today enjoy much greater opportunity than their forebears.

But, as evidenced by the OI Report, not as much as they would if Australia had kept its eye on the ball. If Governments had invested what was



needed to lift Indigenous people out of poverty, and had taken more seriously their responsibility to design laws for the benefit, rather than the detriment, of Indigenous people and rights.

The Federal Government says it will spend a record \$3.5 billion on Indigenous-specific programs during the next 12 months.

This may, indeed, be a record, but – on good authority – is woefully inadequate if the nation is to make up for chronic past underfunding.

Continued sledging of the now defunct Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) as wholly ineffectual and corrupt is getting more than a bit thin. It is mean-spirited and inaccurate at a time when constructive solutions and relationships are needed more than ever.

We would all do well to draw inspiration from the black and white Australians who stood together in difficult circumstances 40 years ago.

Like the veterans who were also honoured during Reconciliation Week last week, they did it for all of us.

The struggle continues.

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Remembering Charlie

"A man has honour if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct though it is inconvenient, unprofitable, or dangerous to do so." – Walter Lippmann (1889-1974) – Influential United States writer, journalist, and political commentator.

During frequent flights over this vast country of ours, I often marvel at the sheer beauty of the majestic landscape below – a painter's ideal canvas of contrasting green undulating hills, barren plains and spasmodic strips of blue that often reach unnatural conclusions on long meandering stretches of waterways.

On terra firma I sit in awe of the landscape as it unfolds before my eyes from much closer quarters. I often envisage this view through the eyes of my ancestors and immediately know that they were truly blessed with supermarket surfeit of natural fruit, vegetables and meat from an abundance of flora and fauna.

But nowhere on Australia's 7,617,930 square kilometres (2,941,299-square-mile) landmass will you find an exact replica on wood or rock of an Indigenous leader/warrior made before the contact era (pre-1788).

Besides the revealing images of ancient mythical figures painted in caves, in rock etchings or on ornaments, Indigenous Australians never sought to honour their heroes in the same manner as non-Indigenous people did by erecting statues: Alexander the Great (356-323 BC); Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus (63 BC-AD 14); Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821).

Perhaps our ancestors saw no need for such public displays of vanity via grandiose statues for their leaders, but rather relied, as they did with their oral history, in storing fond thoughts of them in their encyclopaedic minds.

However, times have changed and just as we have moved on from an oral history to written recordings of past and present deeds, so should we adopt new codes of respecting and honouring the outstanding work of our past and present leaders.

With the exception of the handsome statue of Yagan in Perth, I don't recall seeing any other statue of famous Indigenous Australians prominently placed in our cities' public spaces in my travels.

But I can name countless statues of non-Indigenous leaders punctuating city skylines: In botanical gardens, city squares or major junctions of male Anglo-Saxons in victorious poses or astride a masculine horse rearing in a controlled manner with feet outstretched.

But even poor old Yagan didn't materialise on a highly visible public park on the Swan River without controversy.

From the mid-1970s, members of the Nyoongar community lobbied for the erection of a statue of Yagan as part of the WAY 1979 sesquicentennial celebrations. Their requests were refused, however, after then Premier of Western Australia, Sir Charles Court, was advised by local historians that Yagan was not important enough to warrant a statue.

Respected Indigenous leader Ken Colbung claimed at the time 'Court was more interested in spending taxpayers' money on refurbishing the badly neglected burial place of Captain James Stirling, WA's first governor'.

Despite this setback, the Nyoongar community persisted, establishing a Yagan Committee and running a number of fund-raising drives.

Eventually, sufficient funds were collected to allow the commissioning of



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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Australian sculptor Robert Hitchcock to create a statue.

The result was a life-size statue in bronze, depicting Yagan standing naked with a spear held across his shoulders.

Hitchcock's statue of Yagan was officially opened by Yagan Committee chairperson Elizabeth Hanson on 11 September 1984. It stands on Heirison Island, in the Swan River near Perth.

It is therefore fitting that the subject of honouring our great leaders of the past, whose very actions in their time have shaped our future today, is recalled for further praise in the weeks succeeding the 1967 Referendum 40th year celebrations.

And as far as I'm concerned, there is no greater leader of the post-1967 Referendum year than one Charles Nelson Perkins – or more affectionately known as Charlie.

Charlie (1936-2000) was born at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station Aboriginal Reserve in the Northern Territory in 1936. His parents were Arrernte and Kalkadood people.

Removed from the Reserve at the age of 10, he was sent to a home for boys in Adelaide where he completed his schooling.

He qualified as a fitter and turner in 1952.

A talented soccer player, Charlie played as a professional with the English club, Everton, and on his return to Australia, with Adelaide Croatia and Sydney club Pan-Hellenic.

While studying at the Sydney University, Charlie became increasingly active in Indigenous rights issues.

In 1965, he gained notoriety by leading a group of fellow students on the Freedom Ride – a tour of rural New South Wales centres to highlight the discrimination that existed for Indigenous people in many

country towns.

Charlie joined the Commonwealth Office of Aboriginal Affairs in 1969.

His career grew with the Commonwealth's increasing role in Indigenous issues after Gough Whitlam gained office as Prime Minister in 1972 and began a major funding program of new policy initiatives for Indigenous Australians.

Charlie advised the Government on these new policy initiatives and on the structure and implementation of the first nationally elected Indigenous body in 1973 – National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC), and thereafter had an influence in various capacities, as Chairman or CEO, of all major federally-funded Indigenous bodies: Aboriginal Development Commission (ADC), Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA).

Charlie was a talented, visionary and compassionate man who was well-loved and had a remarkable memory for names. He knew just about every major family group throughout the country and was on a first-name basis with chairpersons of every Indigenous legal service, medical service, housing company and native title committee.

Sure, there were those who had a great dislike for Charlie, but they were few and far between.

In his later years, Charlie returned to live in Alice Springs. He was elected as a Commissioner to the Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Commission (ATSIC) in 1993 and served as its Deputy Chairman in 1994-95. He also served as a mentor to several of Australia's leading Aboriginal athletes.



Rhonda Hagan at the memorial to Martin Luther King in San Francisco Square.

To show appreciation for the immense contribution Charlie made in advancing the Indigenous Australian cause, I propose the establishment of a 'Remembering Charlie Committee' to take charge of a major fundraising program to erect a life-size bronze statue of him in a prominent public space in Sydney: A city Charlie started and finished his political career in and where all his immediate family – wife Eileen and children Hetti, Rachel and Adam, reside today.

I've shared this concept with Charlie's

gracious wife Eileen and she informed me that it would please her and her children and grandchildren to have a statue of Charlie in the beautiful harbour city in recognition for his lifelong service to his people.

It is my intention to provide the names of prominent Indigenous, civic, sporting and business leaders who will comprise the 'Remembering Charlie Committee' after further discussion with Eileen in the following weeks and to publish the committee in the 403rd edition of the Koori Mail.

The committee will be charged with raising funds for a statue – for cost comparison, a bronze statue of flamboyant former Whitlam Immigration Minister, Al Grassby was unveiled in Canberra on May 18 at a cost of \$72,000; consulting with Sydney's traditional owners on cultural protocols; consulting with the Sydney Lord Mayor and town councillors on a prominent and accessible location; opening a bank account for public donations and setting a significant date for an unveiling.

For what its worth, I would recommend to the committee that they aim high and include a water feature – similar to the Martin Luther King Memorial in San Francisco Square – that would allow for an in-depth reflection, images and quotations on the walls, on the many achievements of Charlie – but of course would incur a cost significantly more than the Al Grassby statue.

A further suggestion would be to aim to raise \$250,000 by offering naming rights: individual, family, organisation or corporation, to each tile/brick at a price of \$250 per 1000 on offer.

I would take great pride in seeing my family name on a tile at this location marked 'Hagan family – Toowoomba', as I'm sure many others would of their mob.

There are literally hundreds of NAIDOC balls, sporting carnivals, business conferences taking place in the coming months around the nation where organisers may wish to ask for a gold coin donation to go towards the 'Remembering Charlie' fundraising campaign.

Indigenous organisations – medical, legal, housing, native title, education etc – could have a money tin at their reception for clients who may wish to make a gold coin donation. The tile will have an inscription of the community event or organisation on it as a permanent record of their contribution to making the statue and its associated feature possible.

Koori Mail readers will be kept informed on developments. This newspaper will chart the amount of money raised for the project.

Charlie throughout his working life displayed honour of the highest order and in turn should be honoured for outstanding service to the Australian community, especially his beloved Indigenous population.

And as Walter Lippmann once said: "A man has honour if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct though it is inconvenient, unprofitable, or dangerous to do so."

**GURAMBILBARRA NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANTS
NOTICE OF MEETING
TO AUTHORISE A PROPOSED
INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA)
FOR TOWNSVILLE OCEAN TERMINAL PROJECT
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993(Cth)**

All persons whom are members of the Gurambilbarra Native Title Claim QUD 97 of 2005 ("Gurambilbarra Claim") or whom may identify as Gurambilbarra or who hold or may claim to hold Native Title in relation to the land and waters covered by the Gurambilbarra Claim and whom believe their interests may be affected by the proposed ILUA are invited to attend an Authorisation Meeting to be held in Townsville on 17 June 2007.

Area of Claim:

An area generally in the vicinity of and surrounding Townsville - south to Mount Elliot, west to Woodstock and Hervey Range and North to an area near Bluewater Creek.

Purpose of Meeting:

Authorisation of an ILUA proposed for the Townsville Ocean Terminal Project.

Details:

Venue: Mercure Inn - Woolcock Street Hyde Park Townsville.

Date: 17 June 2007

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Social Gathering to follow.

Contact & Attendance:

No Attendance monies or Sitting Fees are payable to Attendees.

Mrs Christine George in conjunction with Ms Charmaine Foley will make all travel, accommodation and meal arrangements for this meeting within the strict terms of a budget agreed with the proponents. Receipts must be produced in order to seek reimbursement of any other agreed expenses incurred in attending the meeting.

Please contact Mrs Christine George on Ph: (07) 4729 8380 or by Fax: (07) 4729 8333 by close of business Wednesday 12 June 2007 to register your interest in attending the meeting.

Doctor in call for international help



An Australian doctor has called for an international medical aid group that usually helps in strife-torn countries to set up in remote Aboriginal communities.

Dr Marlene Kong, an Indigenous Australian who has worked as a doctor with Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Doctors Without Borders, in the refugee camps of Sierra Leone in Africa, believes Aboriginal health in Australia is so bad that the aid group should step in.

Dr Kong told New Scientist magazine it was shameful that Indigenous Australians had an average life expectancy of 63, compared with 80 for other Australians.

She said Indigenous Australians lived in "fourth world" conditions.

Australia was the only developed country where a significant proportion of the population suffered from trachoma, an eye disease that can cause

blindness, she said, and even leprosy could be found in Aboriginal populations.

"Infant and maternal mortality - two of the most important indicators of a population's health - are at least three

'...the idea makes people nervous because it would be such a political statement, such an embarrassment to the Government'

times higher than for non-Indigenous people, and getting worse," she told the magazine. "It's been a critical situation for more than 30 years, and something needs to be done."

Dr Kong said the Federal Government had the money to solve the health problems of Aboriginal people, but it was not high on the public, media or political agenda.

"I suggested to my colleagues at Medecins Sans Frontieres that we set up missions in Aboriginal communities," she said. "But the idea makes people nervous because it would be such a political statement, such an embarrassment to the Australian Government."

Dr Kong, who works in general practice in Newcastle, NSW, said an apology to Aborigines could bring psychological healing, which was a number-one priority for addressing health issues.

Paying compensation would also recognise Aboriginal people's suffering, she said. Dr Kong, her obstetrician twin sister and surgeon brother make up five per cent of all Indigenous doctors in Australia.



NSW Ombudsman

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.

Priority 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.

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Information packages: www.omb.nsw.gov.au, or David Henderson dhenderson@omb.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.omb.nsw.gov.au or contact David Henderson on dhenderson@omb.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

The Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) is a free consumer advice and assistance service for Indigenous Australians. Here, it has some tips on how to stay out of the 'red'.

It's easy to let bills get out of hand. You receive a \$100 phone or power bill and there just isn't enough money to pay it, so it gets put aside.

But then next month's bill comes in the mail and now you suddenly owe \$200 and the due date is only days away.

Suddenly, the notice letters start coming in, until one day in the not so distant future, you get the 'final notice' letter informing you that your phone, or even worse, the electricity to your house will be disconnected this Friday.

How did this happen?

Unpaid phone and power bills are a common problem that many of us have felt the sting of at one time or another.

ICAN knows that many families have limited budgets, and how easy it can be to make a payment when the money is running low.

Here are some tips to help you get through the critical 'final notice' times in order to keep your phone and power connected.

● **Keep your bills.** Having a record of all your bills can help you later on when you need to make a budget to figure out your repayment plans.

● **Call the phone or power company** straight away, preferably when the first bill comes. Explain your situation. It is always better to talk to them. They will not understand your situation unless you tell them. They can help you work on a repayment plan that will work with the amount of money that you have, without cutting into your food or basic needs money. If the company is demanding a large lump sum of money like \$500 or even \$1000, you can negotiate with them to reduce this amount to one that

How to stay out of the 'red'



Phones, like electricity, can get you into a financial mess.

you can afford.

● The notice of disconnection can be removed by agreeing on a regular repayment plan. If you have already been disconnected, you will often need to pay a lump sum of money agreed on by both the power company and yourself. This lump sum may be some of the money you owe, as well as the money it will cost you to get your power reconnected. You will also need to work

out your repayment arrangements. They will need to see that you are committed to paying off your debt before they reconnect your phone or power.

If you feel you need help with contacting the phone or power company, ICAN can help.

It can help you prepare your budget to come up with a reasonable repayment plan.

ICAN can also explain your situation to the company and negotiate repayments that you can afford. Outstanding phone and electricity bills will be put on to your credit file, which means you could be refused credit (personal loan or credit card) in the future.

People should not be afraid to contact ICAN or the phone and power company, even if they have received their second or third notice in the mail.

By being pro-active about bills, you will show the company you owe money to, that you are serious about getting on top of your bill payments and that you are a good customer.

People needing help to sort out their bills, make a budget plan or would like general consumer advice, can call ICAN at 1300 369 878.

● Check out the ICAN website at <http://www.ican.org.au>



YOUR POETRY

My Sitting Down Place

I go down to the creek
Where the water gurgles
Joyfully
As it hurries along
Over the shining sand and pebbles
To its destiny
With the sea.
Dappled sunlight
Flits and moves
Across the water,
Over the creek bank,
And the birds sing happily
To the accompaniment
Of insects and crickets.
I sit in silence as
I soak it all into my soul.
Peace flows
From the water
To my heart.
Whatever life brings me
I now can face
Because of this,
My sitting down place!

GAIL KAY
Proserpine, Qld

Coming home

A short walk away from where the two pyramids stand,
now a place for healing was once a massacred land.

Reclaimed by my people, standing strong for our rights,
which used to be nothing but dreams that caused fights.

Political battles for hours on end,
for this place to be given back for us to mend.

While now some of our ancestors are there at rest,
there are still remains out there under scientific tests.

Even today, our rights have caused some commotion,
and each step of our journeys are filled with emotion.

Some people say it's a step forward at last,
But for us, it's a step back to learn more of our past.

MERINDA SAINTY
Tasmanian woman
(Written after Caroline Spotswood and Greg Brown returned to Tasmania from the Natural History Museum in London with our old people)

Mystery of the mist

Beneath this curse of colonisation there is a canopy of consolidation, where a river of freedom still runs wild, and the shackles of oppression bind no child.
The prison of time no longer exists,
our Dreaming gently hovers in the evening mist.

JONATHAN HILL
Minyerri, NT

Middle ground on sacred ground?

In February 2007, the Aboriginal community succeeded in gaining recognition for the Aboriginal spiritual and cultural heritage of the Sandon Point site complex, with the Sandon Point Aboriginal Place Declaration issued by NSW Environment Minister Bob Debus under the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

The values of the Aboriginal Place include a meeting place for Aboriginal groups, a chief's meeting place, middens and burials of Aboriginal people, including the registered Kuradji Burial Site.

Sandon Point is now officially recognised as a Place of State Significance to Aboriginal People.

However, in December 2006, Planning Minister Frank Sartor announced that the combined Stockland and Anglican Retirement Villages residential subdivision and aged-care housing plans (which will develop most of the rest of the Sandon Point site) are also State Significant, and granted approval for the Major Project Concept Plan under the EP and A Act.

Anglican Retirement Villages (ARV) chief Ken Barber states on ARV's website: "The planning recommendations put forward by Charles Hill, of Planning Workshop Australia, provide a middle-ground solution that permits limited development on the western portion of the Sandon Point area that in turn enables the bulk of this area to be retained in its current natural state."

I would like Mr Barber to explain how building an enormous residential aged-care village on it will enable a vulnerable area of land, which contains vitally important ecological



A view of Sandon Point, on the NSW Illawarra coast.

and environmental values as well as Aboriginal cultural heritage, to be retained in its current natural state?

Does his God bring about these sorts of miracles in Mr Barber's imagination? Are there no direct or indirect impacts to worry about?

He thinks Charles Hill found a 'middle-ground solution', but between where and what? Can there be middle ground on sacred ground?

The Northern Illawarra community thought the middle ground had in fact already been found, investigated and exhaustively reviewed during the Commission of Inquiry (COI) process of 2002-03. Instead, Minister Knowles sat on the COI report for two years while Stockland built Stages 1-6, destroying an ancient Aboriginal tool-making site, and that important part of the site complex was lost forever for a few rows of millionaires' houses, known in real estate markets as The Point.

The local community — old and young, Christian and non-Christian, black and white —

have consistently expressed fears that further residential development in this area, of the magnitude proposed by Stockland and ARV, cannot be sustained safely and there are more appropriate places in the Illawarra region for a large retirement village.

COI Commissioners Kevin Cleland and Mark Carleton clearly found it is more in the public interest to conserve and protect the inherent cultural, ecological and social values of the Sandon Point area than to allow the level of development Stockland has proposed.

Local resident Jill Walker is currently challenging the Minister's Concept Approval in the NSW

Land and Environment Court. ARV is a respondent along with Stockland and the Minister for Planning, Frank Sartor.

ARV could save itself a large legal fee, as well as correct the moral and ethical error they made in 2004 when they partnered up with Stockland on this highly controversial development project, and withdraw from it immediately.

Mr Barber should be aware that members of the Anglican Church are leaving their congregations and the Church itself because of ARV's direct involvement in further desecration of Aboriginal cultural sites and sacred ground at Sandon Point.

ARV is called on to show they also respect Aboriginal cultural and spiritual beliefs and pull out now.

KAREN GOUGH
Thirroul, NSW

We need to lift our game

The 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum that allowed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be counted as citizens should be a time to pause and reflect — have we really done enough?

For Red Cross, sadly the answer is no.

Red Cross acknowledges and accepts that past government and community practices, policies and attitudes have had a detrimental and long-lasting impact on the social, economic, cultural and spiritual lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families.

These impacts are still felt today. We see it daily in our work in Indigenous communities. So collectively, have we really done enough?

'For Red Cross, we have committed ourselves nationally to work with and support Indigenous people and help future generations' — Greg Goebel



The mission of Red Cross is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilising the power of humanity. While we have rightly sought to improve the conditions and lives of those overseas affected by wars and disasters, we have not done the same for our Indigenous Australians.

The unacceptably poor health, education, and social indicators for those living in Indigenous communities means we have not

really understood how to effectively support them and reverse the trends. They continue to experience the impacts of systemic long-term racism and discrimination.

So where do we go from here? For Red Cross, we have committed ourselves nationally to work with and support Indigenous people and help future generations.

Our work on Palm Island,

Woorabinda, Lockhart River and in the major urban communities is but a small start. We are making efforts all over Australia through our Breakfast clubs, youth mentoring programs, alcohol and drug initiatives and community development projects. It is now one of our highest priorities.

Red Cross encourages all Australians to take account of this critical humanitarian issue and collectively commit to supporting Indigenous Australians.

Whilst the 40th anniversary may be something to celebrate, more importantly it should be a time for all Australians to take stock.

We all need to lift our game.

GREG GOEBEL
Old Executive Director
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Opportunity goes begging

Recently, we were presented with a golden opportunity in the Federal Budget to actually rid Australia of its national shame in relation to the shocking health conditions our Indigenous people live with every single day in urban, rural and remote parts of this country.

A strong economy has ensured the Budget is in surplus to the figure of \$16 billion. But despite this, our Indigenous people continue to experience the same poor standards of health that exist in third world countries. How can this be?

The Australian Medical Association, through its research and consultations with Indigenous communities, found that \$460 million a year would close the gap on this deplorable and unacceptable situation.

However, this was not acknowledged in the Budget and as such, it appears the Howard Government is 'sitting comfortably' in the knowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people die 20 years younger than other Australians and infant mortality rates are three times that of non-Indigenous Australians.

Furthermore, this is clearly evident in their preference to indulge themselves in something as insignificant as the purchasing of chairs worth \$200,000.

This is an unacceptable and deplorable indictment on this Government. It is offensive and a national disgrace!

We're talking about chairs versus people's lives.

How can (Prime Minister) John Howard possibly justify such expense, quite seriously?

I just hope the Government Ministers'

collective conscience is pricked each time they sit down, knowing that more babies are dying and our beloved First Peoples are crying!

On the eve of National Sorry Day, I would like to express my personal 'sorry' to all our Indigenous brothers and sisters, especially those from the Stolen Generations, for your pain, both past and present.

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Authorised by Gail Urbanski, West Block, Queen Victoria Terrace, Parkes, ACT.

Aboriginal identity test needs clarification

As an Aboriginal man and taxpayer, I am greatly concerned when I hear that non-Aboriginal folk are being employed as Aboriginal lecturers in universities.

I understand a case in point is that the University of Sydney has appointed a non-Aborigine in an identified Aboriginal position.

I emailed Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough seeking his support, but as usual politicians pass the buck and he referred it to the Minister for Education who referred me to the University of Sydney.

When the former Federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs was established in Canberra, then head the late Charles Perkins set in place details and a definition of an Aboriginal person. This was designed to safeguard identified Aboriginal positions in the Public Service, universities, schools and the like.

The same three-part definition put in place then applies today. In relation to Australian Government policy on the confirmation of Aboriginality, the three-part test is that a person is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent if they:

- Are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Are recognised by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander.

Apparently, the Sydney University has its own interpretation of an Aboriginal person. This is what the university's Koori Centre policy – Proof of Aboriginality – states.

"The onus is upon the individual to bear the responsibility for proof of Aboriginality. The Koori Centre accepts one of the following forms of Proof of Aboriginality:

- Evidence of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent may be proved by: birth records or genealogies verified by a suitable authority as applicable to the individual, or a letter with 'common seal' signed by the chairperson of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander incorporated organisation in which the applicant lives or has previously lived
- Evidence of self-identification as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander 'to demonstrate' self-identification, the individual should sign a declaration that he/she is an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander."

I believe the Koori Centre policy isn't the correct procedure. It leaves loopholes for any person to take up these positions, which I believe was the case at Sydney University.

This whole matter must be clarified once and for all times, as many genuine Aboriginal folk may be being overlooked.

LES RIDGEWAY
Bonny Hills, NSW

Goodwill vote largely wasted

The goodwill generated by the 'Yes' vote in the 1967 Referendum has largely been wasted by the failure of politicians – black and white – to make lasting changes for Aboriginal people.

Before the 1967 Referendum, national policy ignored the plight of Aborigines in the hope we would totally assimilate, making it unnecessary to have any specific programs for Aboriginal people.

The Constitutional change in 1967 was about turning policy on its head, and (former Prime Minister Gough) Whitlam's funding of black services in 1972 and (former PM Malcolm) Fraser's Northern Territory land rights law in 1976 were examples of the change.

Since those early initiatives, policy has switched back to the pre-1967 days. Instead of black organisations and leaders decrying assimilation, they now champion it. Instead of guarding against loss of language, history and Aboriginal values, the current policy is that the more Aboriginal children exposed to the language and cultural values of white education the better.

Instead of blacks selecting their leaders, government hand-picks 'yes' men. Instead of Aborigines governing ourselves, we are told to vote in order to help influence which white political party gets elected.

Instead of maintaining the call for structural political change that dominated the 1960s and 1970s, the call is now for more welfare and assimilation.

Prime Minister John Howard recently openly stated the policy: "I have always held the view that

the best way to help the Indigenous people of this nation is to give them the greatest possible access to the bounty and good fortune of this nation and that cannot happen unless they are absorbed into our mainstream."

Strangely, the reason the Aboriginal movement has lost its way is because of Aboriginal gains made in employment, housing and income. But only among a section of the Aboriginal population.

While this improvement is not unique – it mirrors the limited improved access to wealth by poor whites over the same period – it shows that whereas blacks had nothing in 1967 and therefore nothing to lose,

many Aborigines now on good incomes are close to government, are absorbed within white society, and do not want to lose their personal gains.

Governments no longer show leadership on Aboriginal issues, and there is no pressure on them to do so.

Things will change when Aboriginal people select stronger leadership and those leaders can see that Aboriginal justice is more than welfare.

MICHAEL MANSELL (pictured)
Secretary, Aboriginal Provisional
Government, Tasmania



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St Ignatius College
Sydney, NSW

Seeking family

Our names are George and Graham Appleton-Smith and we were placed into care in the early 1970s.

We were adopted out to different families. We met each other in the early 1990s. So many years have passed and we would like to find our family.

Our father is George Appleton, from South Australia, and our mother is Ronda Smith, from Wentworth, NSW. We have met our father and his family and we all get on every well.

But if any of our mother's side wish to contact us, it would be great.

Both of us have kids and they need to know they have family too.

Please don't hesitate to contact us through christine.kemp1@bigpond.com or by phone on (07) 3818 3069 or 0401 210 441. Just ask for Chris.

**GEORGE and GRAHAM
APPLETON-SMITH**

The main concern that people have with private health insurance is the gap.

That's the difference between what a fund pays and what a particular medical service costs.

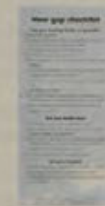
The Australian Government has been working hard to close the gap, and now over 82% of all medical services in hospital have no gap at all.

But that's still not good enough.

Everyone should know before they start any treatment if there's a gap and exactly how much it will cost you and your family.

Helping you find out about gaps.

The Australian Government has produced a simple checklist to help you find out about any gaps, from your doctor, health fund and hospital.



So before you commence your treatment you can feel confident in knowing whether there will be a gap, and if so, how much it will be.

You can collect the checklist from your health fund, call 1800 307 446 or simply download a copy from our website.

It's part of the Australian Government's Private Health Improvements.



australia.gov.au/privatehealth
Call 1800 307 446
8.30am-10pm AEST

Respected South Australian Elder



The late Veronica Brodie

A RESPECTED Elder from the Ngarrindjeri and Kaurna peoples of South Australia, Veronica Brodie, passed away peacefully on Thursday 3 May at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Adelaide aged 66 years.

Known as Aunty Veronica to many, she had fought many battles throughout her life while also appearing in film roles including *Wrong Side of the Road*, many documentaries and media features.

She wrote her own autobiography titled *My Side of the Bridge*.

For more than 40 years Aunty Veronica was a trailblazer in the formation of many community initiatives, organisations and political activism.

With her sister Leila Rankine (dec) she played a significant role in the establishment of the

Veronica Brodie (nee Wilson) 15 January 1941 - 3 May 2007

Adelaide Aboriginal Orchestra and Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) in the 1970s Aboriginal Sobriety Group and the 'soup kitchen', Camp Coorong and Warriappendi School into the 1980s.

She was a pivotal motivating pioneer with many organisations and programs - Aboriginal Elders Village, Nunga Miminis Women's shelters at North Adelaide and Western region, a disability group at Tauondi and the 'Grannies' kinship group at the Parks Community Centre. She lectured at many universities, schools and at national and international gatherings.

In the 1990s she was again at the fore in the foundation of Warriparinga Cultural Centre, and held positions on Aboriginal housing, health and women's boards and committees, being a fierce advocate for the most disadvantaged.

She was a key Ngarrindjeri voice to unite women of all backgrounds in the Hindmarsh Island case, and founded the Latelare Glanville land action group in recognition of the birth site of her great-grandmother, one of the last Kaurna people living a traditional way of life on the Adelaide plains in the 1890s before being forcibly removed.

She was an inspiring force that will be felt in the lives of many generations to come.

Aunty Veronica was the sister of Bert (dec), Doug (dec) Leila (dec) and Graham Wilson, special sister to Bulla (dec) and Mickolo (dec).

She is survived by her loving and loyal husband of 45 years, Jimmy. She had five children - Margaret, Colleen, Michael (dec), Kathleen and Leona and step-son Kevin, and then her much-loved grandchildren Troy, Tasha, Bonny, JJ, Samuel, Don Don, Emma and Abbie, and her beloved great grand-daughter Breannah.

Aunty Veronica fought many battles and then lost her own with her loving family by her bedside.

She is buried on her beloved Coorong.

- The Brodie Family

Head of a highly successful family

THE immediate and extended kinship groups of the Mundine family want to acknowledge the passing away of an Australian man who lived through extraordinary times.

Roy Mundine (Snr), known as 'Fardi' to his extended family, was born about 14 January 1919, at Baryulgil Square, on the Clarence River in northern New South Wales.

He was the seventh of seven sons and five daughters, Roy's two remaining siblings Linda Walker, 73, and Lola King, 75, still live at Baryulgil.

Roy's older brothers all worked in the local asbestos mine and passed away many years ago between the ages of 40 and the early 50s. Roy was the only brother not to work in the mines.

Roy was a direct descendant of traditional Elders and clan custodians - a great grandson of 'King' Derry of Casino, grandson of Dick Donnelly of the Malara area and Harry Mundine of Tabulam and the son of Harry and Lily Mundine (nee Donnelly), of Baryulgil.

Roy married the late Olive Donovan, of Nambucca Heads, at Bowralville on 25 May 1940. They had 11 children and helped raise many others.

The family moved to Auburn in Sydney during the 1960s for better opportunities for their children. All these children went on, as adults, to distinguish themselves with many significant honours.

The children are Roy, Anne

Roy Mundine (Snr) 1919 - 2007

(now Jaeggi), Olive (Brown - deceased 1993), Kaye Mundine, Charles, Dion, Peter, Phillip, Warren, James and Graeme.

Family members have paid their respects to their parents, saying they have all been able to do much for Aboriginal people because of the foundations laid by them.

Roy (Snr) assisted in working on the Darwin to Alice Springs road during World War II, where his job was to sit on top of a grader and watch for enemy aircraft. He received a Civilian Service Medal for his work.

He applied for and received an 'Exemption Certificate', officially making him 'exempt' from the Aboriginal laws at the time (or exempt from being Aboriginal), so he could continue working and, as he said, 'drink at the pub with my work mates'. Roy carried this certificate, or 'dog pass' as they were called, every day until the day he died.

Roy went on to become a grader operator in the Public Works and Roads Department for more than 20 years, working in the Snowy Mountains and widening the road to the Jenolan Caves.

He worked 16 hours a day, seven days a week, but when he wanted to buy a house no bank would give a loan to an Aboriginal man. Roy and Olive

had to get a special loan from the local money lender in the early 1950s who charged 13 per cent interest. Despite this, it took Roy and Olive just 15 years to pay off their loan.

Roy became a member of the union and fought hard for equal pay as he was paid only an 'Aboriginal allowance'. He helped pave the way for other Aborigines to receive the same pay as their white workmates.

Roy was known for his sporting prowess. He was a member of the Baryulgil Cricket Club, as were many of his family members. All the Mundine boys were respected players and Roy himself was a top spin bowler. After leaving Baryulgil he continued to play cricket both at club level and socially on the north coast of New South Wales.

Roy was well known to many through his large family and his workmates - from politicians and ministers to senior officials in the Catholic Church - and because of his hard work with the Catholic Church over many years.

Roy leaves behind a legacy of successful children, grand children (18 at present) and great-grand children (20 at present), many of whom are considered elite in their fields of work - academia, the arts, church, sports, human rights, Aboriginal culture and rights.

He was a loved and highly respected Bundjalung man who will be sadly missed but not forgotten.

- The Mundine Family



Pictures of the late Roy and Olive Mundine taken at different stages of their lives and, inset, Mr Mundine's 'Exemption Certificate'.

The Knockout: Leave our great game alone

In response to comments made by Jim and Dean Widders (Koori Mail, 25 April) I have been going to the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout for over 30 years as a player and then as a spectator.

I am now worried that there will now be two (or more) knockouts again.

I thought that when La Perouse and Moree held the separate Knockouts, the goal was to bring the event back as one.

But after four years it looks like will have up to four Knockouts.

I think that what we need to do is pull our finger out and get our football back to grassroots because we are

only going to hurt our young kids in the future.

So to all the big heads, give it back to the local people that run the Knockout and leave our great game alone.

NEVILLE STEWART
South Coast, NSW

Getting it right on Lake Tyers

I would like to correct a little error in the 25 April edition of the Koori Mail.

Under the heading on Page 4 - 'Unsung heroes' - you state that Lake Tyers Mission is near Sale, Victoria.

In fact, it is closer to Lakes Entrance or Orbest (a big town).

Sale is more than 100km from Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust.

The mission near Sale was called Ramahyuck.

JASON B KING
Executive Officer
RAJAC Gippsland
Sale, Vic

Once proud organisation

Amnesty International was once a proud, independent body that built its reputation on a no-holds approach to reporting on State human rights abuses. Now it is but a pale shadow of its former self.

There is unrest about how the Howard Government has infiltrated Amnesty Australia by placing some of its people there.

Asked recently by Queensland Aborigines to write a report on Policing in Indigenous communities, Amnesty Australia said three

weeks was not enough time to do it.

Yet the Amnesty delegate employed specifically to cover Indigenous issues found time to go on a world trip paid for by the Australian Government.

Shame Amnesty, shame.

MICHAEL MANSELL
Legal Manager
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre
Launceston, Tasmania

Hobart TAC mob deserve praise

My family are so proud of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre mob in Hobart who worked so hard to bring the remains of our ancestors home from Britain and other countries over the past 22 years or so. The people who never gave up all the way through this ongoing campaign should know that they have

done well and that there are a lot of people who are proud of them.

JUDITH MacDONALD
Secretary, Pungenna Community
Cultural Care Inc
Dunalley, Tasmania

Remembering Myall Creek

The annual Myall Creek Memorial Service for those who died in the Myall Creek massacre of 1838 will once again be held at the memorial site in northern NSW on Saturday 9 June.

The committee is pleased that Ann Weldon, a Wiradjuri woman and chairperson of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office, has agreed to be our guest speaker this year.

The day's events will start as usual at 10am with morning tea at the Myall Creek Hall. We will then proceed to the memorial at 10.30 for the ceremony, returning to the hall around midday. Barbecue lunches will be available to buy at the hall, but orders should be placed before the ceremony.

Lunch will be followed by a brief meeting, at which the annual report will be received and a new committee elected to carry forward the work over the next year.

We are particularly keen to attract new members to the committee, especially from the local community, who are likely to bring a fresh perspective to our work and hopefully inject new ideas on how we can advance the process of reconciliation and truth-telling in history through the Myall Creek Memorial.

We encourage people to consider whether they could have a contribution to make as a committee member.

An important part of our work at present is preparing promotional material to take the story of Myall Creek to the wider community.

We hope people will be able to join us for the day.

For those unable to come but who would like to make a donation, please send a cheque to Paulette Smith, 28 Junction Street, Bingara, 2404.

IVAN ROBERTS
For the Committee
Strathfield, NSW



Australian Government

Carer Payment (child) Review

Call for submissions

The Australian Government has commissioned an independent Taskforce to review Carer Payment (child). Carer Payment (child) is an income support payment for people who, because of their caring responsibilities for a child with a disability or severe medical condition, are unable to support themselves through substantial workforce participation.

The Taskforce is interested in better understanding the experiences of carers and the children they care for. The Taskforce wants to know the views of stakeholders about caring and the Carer Payment (child). Submissions from interested individuals and groups are therefore invited.

A Discussion Paper has been prepared to provide information about the Review of Carer Payment (child) and assist individuals and organisations who wish to have input. There will be a series of focus groups around Australia in June and July.

For a copy of the Discussion Paper and information about how to make a submission or participate in a focus group please visit the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs website:

www.facsia.gov.au/carers

Submissions should be received by close of business, Friday 27 July 2007.

Submissions may be sent to:

CarerReview@facsia.gov.au or

Carer Payment (child) Review

Box 7788

CANBERRA MAIL CENTRE ACT 2610

Enquiries can be directed to CarerReview@facsia.gov.au or 1800 739 456.



NSW Department of
Community Services



Expressions of Interest

Out of Home Care Funding Rollout

The Department of Community Services (DoCS) is inviting expressions of interest from government and non-government organisations, small and large, to deliver Out of Home Care (OOHC) services to children and young people in NSW.

The ultimate goal of DoCS is to improve the well-being of the children and young people it supports in OOHC through the development of an integrated service system that responds to their changing needs.

This EOI is one element of a funding review process being undertaken by DoCS as part of the DoCS reform package. Under the EOI around \$617 million will be provided over 5 years by the NSW Government for the expansion and development of OOHC services.

DoCS is seeking applications for both statewide and locally based services. Both placement and support services are required and applicants are encouraged to provide all key components necessary to support a child or young person through their time in OOHC.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they can provide integrated services to support children and young people throughout their time in care, adapting to their changing circumstances and meeting their new and emerging needs with minimal disruption. This can be either through provision of the full spectrum of services by the applicant on their own, as part of a consortium of service providers through other partnership arrangements, or through effective referral processes.

Organisations that have experience working with Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse communities are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be assessed to identify those that will deliver a high quality integrated service model cost effectively.

The information package, required forms, information on the briefing sessions to be held 4 May 2007 to 24 May 2007, and supporting information can be obtained by visiting www.community.nsw.gov.au or calling DoCS on (02) 9716 2262.

The closing date for submissions is 3.00pm (EST), 30 July 2007.

Important note: The act of inviting Expressions of Interest does not commit the NSW Department of Community Services to the provision of funding to any prospective service provider.

Thousands turn



Rain ... or the lack of it ... was in focus at Stylin Up 07, an annual festival held in the Brisbane suburb of Inala.

Leaders of dance groups performed a ceremony to ask for rain in parched south-east Queensland.

The leader of the Numballee Mullarah Aboriginal Dance Group also performed a ceremony to bring rain.

Thousands turned out to the 2007 festival on 26 May.

They stood in silence for a minute to mark Sorry Day.

Highlights included performances by Christine Anu, Konnect-A-Dot, R&B

artist Xy, Bunawurun, featuring Troy n Trevlyn.

The headliners were local Indigenous group Intrudaz.

Another feature was a dance stage which showcased traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island dancing, beat boxing, as well contemporary styles.

There were also dance competitions.

Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts student showcased their singing and dancing talents.

There were a number of stalls, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and crafts, story telling sessions, face painting and basketball competitions.



These cuties were part of Malu Kial Torres Strait Islander Dance Troupe.



Proudly showing off their flag are Heather, Ebony and Magenta.



Urban Islander performs.



Christine Anu, one of the headline acts.



From left, Eileen, Elaine and Beryl from the Inala Elders Sewing Centre.



Blackbeat Radio Station conducted DJ workshops.



Singer and Krumper Xy performs.



● FAR LEFT: There were plenty of free children's rides all day.

● LEFT: Taking part in the dance competition were these two deadly sisters.

● RIGHT: Denzel Montford, from River Hills, shows off his skills on the basketball court.

● FAR RIGHT: Mark Franklin, from the Gold Coast, lets his true colours shine through.



out at Stylin Up



The Inala Elders Yarning Place Singers. All photos by NAOMI MORAN



Performing on the dance stage were Fresh FX.



Enjoying the day were Joan Whitfield and her son Jason Whitfield.



From left, Eddie Nona, Paul Jenkins, Sarah Hafemeister, Jeremy Robertson, Tamara Forrester and Gillian Pearson at the ACPA and Torres Strait Arts stall.



Craig Kemp from Banawurun.



Students from ACPA.



MC Dizzy Doolan.



● ABOVE: Performing were Banawurun featuring Troy n Trevelyn.



● LEFT: Mary G was host for this year's festival.



DR MARGARET TOBIN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH 2007

Aboriginal Award:
Excellence in the provision of mental health services for those most in need or most at risk.

The Dr Margaret Tobin Awards for Excellence in Mental Health acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of people and organisations that have made an outstanding contribution to mental health services in South Australia.

This separate Aboriginal award category will recognise excellence in the provision of mental health services to those in the Aboriginal community who have a mental illness. The award will recognise individuals, organisations or groups that are:

- Taking steps to ensure accessible and equitable services to those within the Aboriginal community who have a mental illness
- Advocating at a community level for Aboriginal people with a mental illness and thereby influencing public policy
- Providing responsive and appropriate mental health services to Aboriginal communities

Winners will be announced at the launch ceremony of Mental Health Week on Tuesday, 9 October 2007.

If you would like to nominate yourself, another individual, group or organisation for the Aboriginal award then you can do so by contacting:

The Nominations Officer
Department of Health
Mental Health Unit
Tel: (08) 8226 0777
Fax: (08) 8226 6235
Email: nominations@health.sa.gov.au

The nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday, 13 July 2007.

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www.health.sa.gov.au

GROWTH CENTRES COMMISSION

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



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More Aboriginal mental health workers on the way for NSW



The NSW Government is providing training for another 18

Aboriginal people as mental health workers in regional areas across the State.

Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) Paul Lynch said the program was part of a \$12 million commitment to tackle mental health issues in Aboriginal communities.

The Minister said estimates of the rate of suicide and self-harm in Aboriginal communities was at least twice the overall national rate.

But he said New South Wales was leading the way in Australia to build an Aboriginal mental health workforce at address needs.

"By employing and training Aboriginal people who know the communities and are likely to stay in their

communities, we can make inroads in prevention, early detection, intervention and treatment," Mr Lynch said.

The Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Training Program students are currently training at Charles Sturt University and will complete a degree in health sciences with a major in mental health.

"If we can increase the Aboriginal mental health

work force, we have a better opportunity to address the high level of mental health need in Aboriginal communities," Mr Lynch said.

"These trainees are permanent employees of NSW Health and when they graduate, they will take up duties as qualified mental health workers."

Mr Lynch said the program would be rolled out to metropolitan areas in 2008-09.

Hurley support bands banned on Palm Island

Sergeant's Mulrunji trial set for June 12

By ALF WILSON



The Palm Island Aboriginal Community Council has requested that local police officers not wear blue wrist bands in support of Snr-Sgt Chris Hurley, who faces a manslaughter charge over the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee during November 2004.

Snr-Sgt Hurley will face a Townsville Court on June 12 in a case that has received national and even international attention.

A media scrum is expected to gather outside the court during the trial, with seats inside the courtroom packed with journalists and local residents.

A week after the death, a riot erupted which resulted in the Palm Island Police Station and barracks being torched.

The Queensland Police Union has sold thousands of the wrist bands to police officers and Hurley supporters.

Media reports indicate that the \$5 wrist bands have raised more than \$60,000 towards Snr Sgt Hurley's legal costs.

The Koori Mail recently visited Palm Island and residents spoken to found wearing of such wrist bands highly offensive.



MAGGIE BLACKLEY

Deputy Mayor Cr Zac Sam told the Koori Mail that fellow councillor Maggie Blackley brought the wearing of the bands to the attention of the council.

So the council held a meeting with Palm Island police to discuss the wrist bands.

"It was during our delegation day in which we meet with police first and then representatives of other government departments. We let the police know that the community did not like wearing the bands here and since then, they have respected our wishes," he said.

The death in custody of Mulrunji has stirred the emotions of Indigenous people around the country.

Cr Sam said the sight of police wearing such bands was sensitive, with people still trying to come to terms with Mulrunji's death.

"To see police in blue uniforms with



ZAC SAM

the bands was like throwing it all back in our face," Cr Sam said.

Queensland Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson rejected a general call from Indigenous groups to ban all officers from wearing the bands.

In April, management at the Townsville Correctional Centre, which has a large percentage of prisoners and many Aboriginal or Islander officers, banned staff from wearing the bands.

Cr Sam said the community considered it inappropriate for police on Palm Island to wear the bands.

"They will not be wearing them here, which is good and sensible," he said.

Overall, relationships between police and islanders has improved during 2007, with the 3000-strong population waiting for Snr Sgt Hurley's trial in a bid to gain some form of closure.



Mamam Martin, Gada Gizar and Millianna Davey were there.



Dancers Emily Day, 3, Algaris Day, 5, and Addiemae Day, 18 months.

Ailan Night a hit



Renah Tapim, 63, and Rebecca Kaddy, 70.

By ALF WILSON



Diminutive 18-month-old Addiemae Day was one of the star entertainers at a Wagel Kus Ailan Style Night held recently at St Stephen's Anglican Church Hall in Townsville.

Addiemae was part of the Meriam Tiare Dancers, along with her sisters Algaris Day, 5, and Emily Day, 3.

Their mum and coach O'Tare Day was proud that the girls received so much praise from the packed hall.

"Addiemae has been taught dancing since she was old enough to walk and that was when she was around six months old. She is learning fast," Mrs Day said.

The Wagel Kus Showgirls danced before an appreciative audience who enjoyed a traditional Murray Island feast of sop sop, pork,

vegetables and damper.

Father Elemo Tapim beat on the warrup while Bill Epseg played tunes on a guitar.

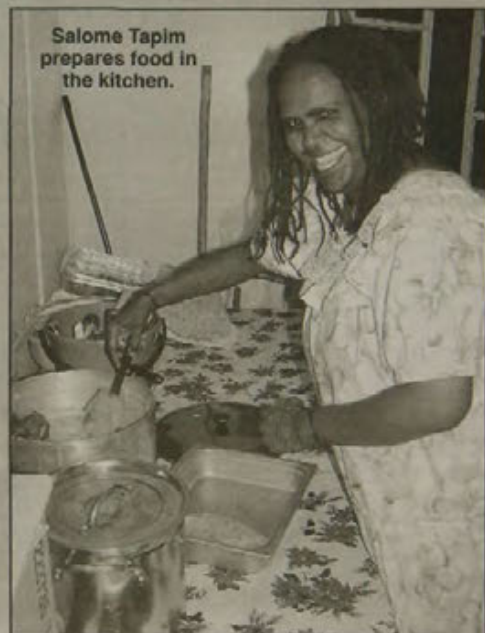
Wagel Kus Association President Aicie Day said the event was held to raise money for a big reunion in September at which many people from the Torres Strait and north Queensland were expected to attend.

"We are descendants of Wagel Kus people from Dower Island which is one of the Murray Island group, and we enjoy meeting," Mr Day said.

The oldest lady at the night was 74-year-old Merad Akee, from Murray Island. She is the grandmother of Mr Day. "It is so good to see all these people here," she said.

Millianna Davey, from Darnley Island, was with Murray Islanders Mamam Martin and Gada Gizar and they had a ball talking about old times.

Salome Tapim prepares food in the kitchen.



Mae Tapim was there with her children.



Father Elemo Tapim with the warrup while the guitarist is Bill Epseg.

Care service action defended



Unwarranted interference has been blamed for all but destroying a 'rescue plan' for an Aboriginal home-care service for frail and aged people on the NSW north coast. The future of the Alstonville-based Yarrabee Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) remains under a cloud after community protests over perceived moves to mainstream the care provider.

Yarrabee provides services to about 35 frail and aged Aboriginal people with personal care, shopping, housework, gardening and transport services necessary for them to remain living in their own homes.

Several years ago, poor financial management saw an administrator, Lismore-based accountant Barry Jameson, appointed to Yarrabee's auspicing body, the Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council at Cabbage Tree Island.

Mr Jameson, who has 16 years' experience working as an administrator of Indigenous organisations, came under attack after fears were

raised that he planned to mainstream Yarrabee's services through the award-winning Byron Bay-based organisation Feros Care.

Community protests and calls for his sacking followed Mr Jameson's dismissal of Yarrabee's care manager and changing of locks at the service base.

Responding to a report in the 23 May Koori Mail, Mr Jameson defended his actions and attacked his critics.

"The bottom line is the protest action and obstruction by a former staff member have cost Yarrabee its best chance of remaining under Aboriginal control," Mr Jameson, who retired in late May as Jali administrator, said.

"The Federal Department of Health and Ageing, which funds Yarrabee, rightly has stringent rules and guidelines. Don't meet them and you lose your funding."

"Under Jali, Yarrabee was in grave danger of losing that funding."

"As administrator, it was always my goal to ensure that Yarrabee in the longer term

remained under Aboriginal control.

"But to do that required a rescue plan. Part of my plan involved making Yarrabee a company and training Aboriginal board members to meet the strict requirements of Health and Ageing."

"To that end, Feros Care – an outstanding care organisation – offered its assistance."

"But they have now pulled out, thanks to the obstruction and interference. People need to understand that my course of action was forced on me by the conditions imposed by the Department of Health and Ageing."

"Now, despite its previous history, Jali has been given another chance to auspice Yarrabee. But it is conditional on the elected office-bearers meeting Health and Ageing's criteria. Given how strict these are, I have grave doubts they can be met by the deadline (the end of June)."

"Certainly if my plan had been put in place, Yarrabee would have remained intact and had a much greater chance of staying under Aboriginal control – as we all want – in the longer term."



Barry Jameson ... Grave doubts over the future of Yarrabee care service.

New guide helps victims of crime



At the launch were, from left, Aunty Joy Murphy who did the welcome to country, Supervising Magistrate of the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal Susan Wakeling, Attorney-General Rob Hulls and Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria Chief Executive Officer Antoinette Braybrook and Chairwoman Marion Hansen.



A new Victorian guide aims to provide support and encourage Aboriginal

victims of crime to take advantage of available support.

The Koori Guide to the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT) brochure will help Aboriginal victims of crime know their rights to compensation and encourage them to seek assistance.

The guide was launched in Melbourne by Attorney-General Rob Hulls. State organisations such as the Aboriginal Legal Service and the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria were also involved.

"A growing body of evidence

exposes Aboriginal people's appalling over-representation as victims of violent crimes, starting with the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Deaths in Custody," the

'We know we must do more to reach Indigenous victims of crime...'

Attorney-General said.

"This experience of violence is further compounded by a history of dispossession and alienation, yet as the 2005 Overcoming Indigenous

Disadvantage Report noted, Kooris are the least likely to seek assistance from vital services such as the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal."

"The brochure is intended to inform, include and motivate victims to seek financial assistance as a small measure of comfort for their suffering."

"We know we must do more to reach Indigenous victims of crime, to make them feel that the services and the justice of the legal system are as accessible and available to them as to every other Victorian."

For further information, contact the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service on 1800 105 303 or visit www.fvpls.org

Australian Government

Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES

Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (VSEG) 2007

Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (VSEG) 2007 - Sport

In response to the immense contribution that volunteers make in our community the Government is pleased to announce the 2007 round of the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants. Not for profit community organisations are invited to apply for funding to support their volunteers.

VSEG

Organisations can apply for grants of up to \$3,000 to purchase necessary equipment that supports their volunteers in making their valuable contribution to their local communities.

VSEG - Sport

Organisations can apply for up to \$3000 to fund sporting items and other necessary equipment to encourage participation and better health, particularly involving young people.

The Application Form and Application Guidelines for the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants 2007 are available at www.facsia.gov.au or by phoning the VSEG 2007 Hotline on 1800 183 374. Organisations are encouraged to complete and submit their application online.

Applications close AEST 5pm Friday 22 June 2007.

Applications received that are postmarked after this date will not be included in the selection process.

Further information is available on the website or by phoning the VSEG 2007 hotline.

A TTY service 1800 260 402 is available for persons who have a hearing or speech impairment.

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Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation
Date received 18 May 2007
Public comments due 20 June 2007

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the area inside the application map shown above. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to that area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of, Aboriginal cultural heritage in that area;
- the existence of any government fee simple land grant to an Aboriginal body in that area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in that area;
- any other relevant matter.

The Council invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001

Email: vahec@dvic.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9208 3243

Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.



Sign here, brother ... Brandon Kelly, of Cobargo, gets an autograph from rugby league star David Peachey.



Bermagui Public School students Nicholas, Jordan and Clyde had a great but tiring day at Moruya.

Moruya hosts big day

By LAURELLE PACEY



Kids were bussed into Moruya showground from every school from Ulladulla to Eden for what is thought to have been the largest gathering ever of Aboriginal youth on NSW's far south coast.

There were about 800 students from kindergarten up, plus parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles as well as teachers — probably more than 1200 people on 25 May.

MC for the day Roy Ah-See was ecstatic. "This is a brilliant idea and it's not just about health checks, it's about getting the mob together," he said. "You can feel it."

Olympic gold medallist Nova Peris and her team, who were there, travel to communities around Australia promoting the need for Aboriginal kids to have annual health checks with their doctor, even if they appear well. They are part of the Child Health Checks for Aboriginal kids, an Australian Government initiative.

"We want to make kids and their families aware of how we can prevent many of the health problems we face as a community," Peris told Koori Mail.

"We've got a great team of role models, sports stars and

entertainers here. The idea is kids can meet them, do activities with them, and at the same time learn about healthy living."

The focus of the big day was the medical pit stops, where 365 kids of primary-school age had their hearing, growth, teeth and diet checked, thanks to Healthy for Life staff, Katungal Medical Service, local GPs and 30 students from the Australian National University Medical School and the University of Wollongong Nursing School.

Follow up

As a result, many kids took home letters of referral which will be followed up by local health workers.

The need for health checks was highlighted with preliminary checks showing that for one school, half those tested needed follow-up dental work and about 30 per cent had middle-ear infection.

Local health workers will also be talking with high schools about similar tests for the older students.

One of the organisers, Bega Aboriginal health worker Dennis Scott, said all the time and effort that went into organising the day had paid off.

"Everyone is just really happy," he said. "Our whole aim is to prevent our kids having problems like so many of our aunts, uncles, parents and grandparents."



Shakira Graham, of Moruya, opens wide while dental therapist Angela Rankin, of Greater Southern Area Health Service and Katungal, checks her teeth. A range of health checks were a feature of the day.



Lyndon Gill, left, of Batemans Bay, with former Olympian Nova Peris and Eddie Davis, of Moruya, at the big day.

Qld local govt changes: Councils state their cases

Deal on tidal waters



Northern Land Council (NLC) Chief Executive Norman Fry says agreement has been reached where the interim licensing scheme regarding tidal waters overlying Aboriginal land will be extended to the Anindilyakwa and Tiwi Land councils regions.

The scheme was implemented in April in response to the Federal Court's decision in the Blue Mud Bay case.

"The interim scheme will be administered by the NLC on behalf of the three land councils", Mr Fry said.

"This is a 'one-stop shop'. Only one application needs to be lodged to cover all tidal waters overlying Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

"The scheme is free and, subject to one special exemption, the interim recreational licence will start on the date on which the application is made and be valid until two months after the High Court's decision.

"The special exemption is that applications made before the 'cut-off date' will be automatically backdated to 2 March 2007 (the date of the court's decision).

"The 'cut-off date' was originally 31 May, but has been extended to 31 July 2007.

The NLC encourages all recreational fishers to apply for an interim licence and permit. Application forms and a fact sheet may be obtained from the NLC website, and may be made by post, facsimile or online.

The NLC's website is: www.nlc.org.au/

By CHRISTINE HOWES



Queensland's Indigenous Shire Councils' submissions to the Local Government Review Commission have been lodged, says Yarrabah Shire Council Mayor Vince

Mundraby.

Mr Mundraby said the Yarrabah Shire Council submission was specific to Yarrabah's issues.

"We've done a comprehensive 30-page document which actually steps out the options for Yarrabah encompassing some of the elements we do need to make sure that we're a sustainable, viable community into the future," he said.

"The options actually take in non-rateable land such as state forests, national parks and Aboriginal land (and) also encompass freehold land being included in our shire boundaries as well as the coastal islands that lie directly off Yarrabah."

Mr Mundraby said each of the 19 mainland Indigenous councils would



VINCE MUNDRABY

have lodged their own submissions, with many, he believes, supporting the overall position that was agreed on between the councils in early May.

"Each individual shire council would have developed their submissions in the same vein relating to their particular shires and there has been an overarching submission supporting the views of the independent submissions by the relevant councils," he said.

"To my knowledge, some of the submissions that have been forwarded also talk about a peak, overarching or umbrella organisation, or a bureau to take up the issues of Indigenous councils through lobbying and also delivering joint-service arrangements in regards to some of the elements such as technical skills and infrastructure."

Mr Mundraby said other positions reported in the Koori Mail last month, such as voluntary amalgamations between councils and retaining autonomy in the light of historical, cultural and identity issues, were also still supported by the councils.

"Those positions still remain and it's a wait-and-see at this particular time to find out if the Local Government Reform Commission is of the same view," he said.

Students get hooked on fishing

By LAUREL PACEY



Seventeen Aboriginal students reckoned going to a fishing clinic at Narooma was the best way to spend a school day – and some of their teachers joined them.

"Some of these kids have fished before, mostly they say with a grandfather or an uncle," said George Mannah from the Fisheries Section of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

"We try to get some Elders and the community involved, but the whole idea is for kids to see that fishing is a social thing, nice and relaxing, and a good healthy thing they can do with their brothers and sisters."

Vince Wenberg enjoyed helping his granddaughter Tathra fish.

"We've only been fishing together once before, but it could become more frequent now she's got her own rod," said Mr Wenberg, a keen fisherman originally from the Maclean area of northern NSW.

Every student at the clinic received a free rod and reel, tackle box, hat, water bottle

and fishing guides and other information.

The first catch of the day, a good-size bream, was made by Sam Moore, who is already a keen fisherman and often seen beach fishing with his parents.

The 17 students, aged 10-14 years, were from Narooma Public and Narooma High schools.

DPI Aboriginal educator John Blair said kids always had a lot of fun, but it was also a chance for them to learn about the different species, how to clean fish, and bag and size limits.

"Fishing has played an important role in Aboriginal culture and it's wonderful if these kids can carry on that tradition," he said.

"We find that after the clinics, kids seem to go fishing more often. We hope it starts them off on a life-long thing."

The Narooma clinic was one of four held by the DPI for Aboriginal school students around NSW over the past few months. They were funded by the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust. The others were at Nambucca Heads and Copeton Dam, near Inverell, earlier this year, and Golgol, on the Murray River last week.



● MAIN PICTURE: Sam, of Narooma, left, Jayden, of Cobargo (obscured), John Blair, of DPI, and Cameron, of Cobargo, check out casting styles on Narooma's Mill Bay Boardwalk.

● RIGHT: Sam Moore boasts the first catch of the day – a nice bream.

Photos by LAUREL PACEY





Youth Support Co-ordinator Julie Lewis

Plan to assist young

By ALF WILSON



Indigenous people aged between 16 and 24 from remote communities who want to have the opportunity of employment and/or training have been invited to contact Indigenous Youth Mobility Programs (IYMP) being run out of Townsville and other major regional cities in Australia.

The IYMP is part of the Australian Government's Indigenous Australians Opportunity and Responsibility commitment and is funded through the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST). It is designed to encourage regional and remote young Indigenous people to move from their communities to a regional centre for tertiary or vocational education and training.

These people will be required to work towards a qualification in a vocational field or occupation that would, on returning to their home, be useful in that community. Opportunities may include, but are not limited to trades, medical, accounting, business and the government sector.

Julie Lewis, the Townsville-based Youth Support Co-ordinator for Career Employment Australia's Indigenous Youth Mobility Program, said: "We are seeking rural and remote 16-24 year-old Indigenous people who are looking for opportunities to move to Townsville to gain skills through training/employment."

People in centres such as Mt Isa, Camooweal, Palm Island, Doomadgee, Napranum, Blackwater, Barcardine, Yepoon, Winton, Richmond, Hughenden and other remote communities have been invited to contact Miss Lewis.

"The IYMP is a fantastic program which assists those who are unable to access the training/employment opportunities in their communities, and the main aim is for the participants to return to their homes and use their skills to enhance their communities, and limit the need for 'outside' skilled labour to be bought into their communities," Ms Lewis said.

IYMP offices are located at Cairns, Toowoomba, Newcastle, Dubbo, Canberra, Shepparton, Adelaide, Darwin and Perth.

To qualify for acceptance, the applicant must be supported by their family and/or community in their decision to relocate to a bigger host centre.

Miss Lewis can be contacted on 0403 461 360, (07) 4723 9055 or email juliel@ceagroup.com.au

\$2.1 million to extend Victorian Governance Training Program



Indigenous organisations across Victoria are set to benefit from \$2.1 million in funding to extend the State Governance

Training Program.

Announcing the move at an introductory workshop in suburban Fitzroy, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings said the funding was part of \$19.5 million allocated in the 2007-08 State Budget aimed at Indigenous Victorians.

"The Governance Training Program is designed to equip board members and key staff of Indigenous organisations with

the training, skills and knowledge they need to run effective organisations and improve service delivery in the community sector," he said.

"Run by Indigenous facilitators and specifically designed for members of Indigenous boards, this governance program is the first training of its kind in Victoria.

"Since the program started in 2006, more than 160 Indigenous people have undertaken workshops and more than 35 have completed their Certificate IV in Business Governance."

Mr Jennings said the new funding would build on the success of the

program, extending it for a further four years and offering the option of a higher-level qualification.

"In the next four years more than 400 people will complete workshops and more than 120 participants will gain their Certificate IV," he said.

"The recent Budget commitment means we can also develop a diploma course in business governance, which will be delivered through Swinburne University starting later this year.

"We will also work with four Indigenous community organisations to develop strategic plans to improve their service delivery."

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Michael O'Loughlin - Indigenous Ambassador for the Australian Government Department of Human Services and top AFL star with the Sydney Swans



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North Eastern Wiradjuri People of the Bathurst/Lithgow/Mudgee Areas

NATIVE TITLE MEETING

NSW Native Title Services Ltd will hold a meeting of the North East Wiradjuri People to discuss matters arising in relation to their native title claim (NC 07/03, NSD429/07).

Including an introduction meeting with Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Ltd

Date: Saturday, 16 June 2007 from 10.00am to 4.00pm
Sunday, 17 June 2007 from 9.00am to 3.00 pm

Place: The Horatio, 15 Horatio St, Mudgee, NSW, 2850

Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available but will only be considered if the appropriate applications are lodged at the Dubbo Regional Office by 13th June 2007.

ALL QUERIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NSW NTS DUBBO REGIONAL OFFICE PHONE 02 6882 5738 OR FAX 02 6882 6157



HUNTER VALLEY AREA REGIONAL AGREEMENT MEETING

Date: Sunday 24 June 2007

Time: 10.15am (morning tea) meeting start at 10.30am
meeting finish at 3.30pm

Venue: Singleton Senior Citizens Centre
1 Bathurst Street, Singleton

NSW Native Title Services Ltd is convening a meeting of Aboriginal People who assert traditional and historical association in the Hunter Valley to discuss a Regional Agreement.

The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. Review of native title law and processes
2. What is meant by a 'Regional Agreement'
3. Who are the stakeholders for a Hunter Valley Regional Agreement
4. What steps to take from here

Please contact Nakari Thorpe at the NSW Native Title Services Sydney office by 20 June 2007 to confirm your attendance at the meeting.

Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available if you complete a mileage form and return it to NSW Native Title Services by 20 June 2007 and attend the meeting. Any mileage forms received after that date (including the day of the meeting) will be processed for payments to be sent out in the mail.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NAKARI THORPE AT THE SYDNEY OFFICE OF NSW NATIVE TITLE SERVICES ON
PHONE: (02) 9310 3188 TOLL FREE: 1800 111 844
FAX: (02) 9310 4177



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 Crafton 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 receipted.

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).

Their Spirit Still Shines



Australia's first Indigenous surgeon, Dr Kelvin Kong was the keynote speaker at the commemorations.



Darwin songbird and Runner-up 2006 Australian Idol Jessica Mauboy performed.



Arthur Tamwoy from Alice Springs played the didjeridu at the Old Parliament House event.



Neville Perkins, Ruth Hennings (nee Wallace) and Louise Lawrie greet each other.



Referendum campaigners Dr Evelyn Scott and Dulcie Flowers.



Former tennis champion Evonne Cawley and Referendum campaigner Stan Davey.



Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue



Journalist Ray Martin was all smiles.



A young Ngambri dancer.

40 years on, still they shine

There are fewer of them than there once was and some are quite a bit slower on their feet these days. But time has done little to dilute the courage and vision of those surviving black and white Australians whose joint actions 40 years ago secured the most affirmative popular vote in our nation's history.

And even as they fronted the nation's political leaders and media scrums last week to lament that not all of their hopes for a better Indigenous future had been realised, the camaraderie among the surviving men and women behind the historic 1967 Referendum was unmistakable.

The Referendum held 40 years ago on 27 May saw an unprecedented 90.77 per cent of eligible Australians vote 'Yes' to give the Commonwealth power to legislate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and for the Census to count them as members of the Australian population.

The outcome was secured only after more than a decade of lobbying and campaigning by members of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) and their supporters.

This was around the time of the Gurindji walk-off from Wave Hill Station in the Northern Territory and the 1965 Freedom Rides through outback New South Wales. Of tarpaulin musters where blankets were used to gather coins chipped in by friends and even strangers to help pay for petrol to



MC Leah Purcell interviews Referendum campaigner Joyce Clague on stage during the *Their Spirit Still Shines* event at Old Parliament House on 27 May.

attend community meetings. Of support from some unexpected quarters – from hardened wharfies from Sydney's docks and other hardcore unionists to wealthy white society matrons who could easily have chosen instead to soak up their privilege and ignore the plight of black Australians.

In many ways, these were the first days of a process that would later be given a formal name in 'reconciliation'.

All of this was fondly recalled as about 35 surviving members of the campaign met again in the Qantas Club lounge at Sydney Airport on Friday, 25 May, to travel together

to Canberra to commemorate the milestone 40th anniversary and the beginning of National Reconciliation Week 2007 with the fitting theme of *Their Spirit Still Shines*. Thoughts also turned to those fellow campaigners who have either passed away or those like Faith Bandler and Chicka Dixon who were unable to attend the weekend's events.

That the surviving campaigners and about 80 of their relatives and representatives were flown to Canberra by an Aboriginal pilot on board a plane bearing striking Aboriginal designs and staffed by an almost all-Indigenous flight

crew served as a reminder that some things have, indeed, changed (see separate story).

And therein began a weekend of reunion and special events, with the campaigners feted by younger Indigenous people grateful for their efforts, journalists eager to fill column centimetres or air time about progress – or lack thereof – since 1967, and even the 'Queen's man in Australia', who hosted a sometimes raucous reception for them at Government House in Yarralumla.

Few people believe that the full promise of the Referendum has been fulfilled, especially in the various pieces of Commonwealth legislation enabled by the Referendum vote, including the original and subsequently heavily amended Native Title Act and the Northern Territory Land Rights Act.

Or that a country truly committed to equality in citizenship rights for all of its people would allow some of those citizens – in this case, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – to suffer the kind of health, housing, education and employment disadvantage and a 17-year life expectancy gap, as highlighted by the Australian Productivity Commission just last week.

There is little to argue about on that front. But there can be no doubt that the Referendum campaigners, both black and white together, showed the country what was possible and might be possible again with enough goodwill.

Emotions run high

Photos courtesy of Reconciliation Australia (Photographer Wayne Quilliam)

LABOR Leader Kevin Rudd promised to say sorry and Prime Minister John Howard was accused of genocide on a day of high emotions marking the 40th anniversary of the referendum that gave Indigenous Australians more rights than they had ever had before.

Mr Howard told a gathering of about 400 people, including around 35 original referendum campaigners, that the way towards reconciliation was through government and Indigenous people sharing responsibility.

The 1967 Referendum gave the Commonwealth power to legislate for Indigenous people and required the Census to count Indigenous people as members of the Australian population.

"This is a moment to reflect on the wider meaning of what Australians were trying to say in 1967, including about Indigenous rights," Mr Howard told the gathering at Old Parliament House in Canberra on 27 May.

"I recognise the importance of rights to Indigenous aspiration. But in recognising all this, I come back to what I think the Australian people were trying to get at 40 years ago.

"The right of an Aboriginal Australian to live on remote communal land and to speak an Indigenous language is no right at all if it is accompanied by grinding



Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd made promises.

poverty, overcrowding, poor health, community violence and alienation from mainstream Australian society.

"We've spent a lot of time these past decades analysing the causes of Indigenous failure.

"In a way, that's been part of the problem. We should have spent more time thinking long and hard about the causes of Indigenous success."

At the end of his speech, Yorta Yorta woman Margaret Wirrpunda stood and declared Mr Howard responsible for Indigenous inequality.

"We have been genocided (sic) by your Government and your court," she said.

The crowd erupted in loud applause, and Mr Howard offered no response.

Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd



Prime Minister John Howard and his wife Janette with Reconciliation Australia's Mark Leibler and Jackie Huggins.

then addressed the gathering, promising Labor would work toward cutting the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation.

At the moment, life expectancy for Indigenous men is 60 years, compared to all Australian males at 77 years. Life expectancy for Indigenous women is 65, compared with 82 for all Australian women.

A day after Labor unveiled its plans, Mr Rudd officially announced a \$261.4 million, four-year program to bridge the gap by improving the health of Indigenous Australians.

"It is unacceptable that in a country with our prosperity, that we have one of the widest gaps in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the

world," he said.

"I would propose that we commit the nation to the following goals to eliminate the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation.

"To at least halve the rate of Indigenous infant mortality ... within a decade.

"To at least halve mortality rates in Indigenous children aged under five within a decade and to at least halve the difference in the rate of Indigenous students at Years 3, 5 and 7 who fail to meet reading, writing and numeracy benchmarks within ten years."

Mr Rudd said a Labor government would tackle the high rate of rheumatic heart fever in Indigenous children aged between five and 15 through proper diagnosis and early access to

antibiotics. Labor's plan would be funded by a \$186.4 million contribution from Federal funds and \$75 million from the States and Territories. It would include new child and maternal health services for Indigenous Australians and individualised learning plans for Indigenous students up to year 10.

Mr Rudd also recommitted Labor to saying sorry for past atrocities committed by European people.

"We will do it and do it quickly," he said.

The spiritual dimensions of an apology were just as important as practical efforts to bridge the 17-year gap between the life expectancy of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, he said.

The Referendum also was remembered across the country, but not without controversy.

Queensland Premier Peter Beattie again ruled out reinstating a stand-alone Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Department, but said the State's upcoming Budget would include an extra \$10 million over four years to support Indigenous students.

In Victoria, Attorney-General Rob Hulls attacked Mr Howard's refusal to say sorry.

"I find it absolutely appalling that the Prime Minister just doesn't get it. He doesn't understand the need to say sorry," Mr Hulls said.

In South Australia, about 1000 people gathered in Adelaide's Victoria Square ahead of a march to mark the anniversary. – AAP



Pilot Andrew Bishop in front of the Qantas Yalanyi Dreaming Boeing 737.



Betty Branson shared old photos from the Referendum campaign days.



Reconciliation Australia Chief Executive Barb Livesey boards the Yalanyi Dreaming flight.



Members of the Qantas crew on the flight.



Jade Johnson, 23, was up-front about how she feels about the Referendum campaigners. Hers and other placards moved many to tears as they arrived inside the Canberra Airport terminal.



Welcoming the campaigners were Patrick Malone with his daughter Justine Malone (left) and grandchildren Alyra Malone (in pink) six months, Shaymus Malone, 4, and Tahlia Malone, 12.

Campaigners hit new high

Photos courtesy of Reconciliation Australia (Photographer Wayne Quilliam)

GENERAL passengers on Qantas flight 771 between Sydney and Canberra on Friday, 25 May, didn't know quite what to make of things at first.

Boarding a plane named Yalanyi Dreaming (meaning 'travelling') and painted with bright Aboriginal designs was no doubt a bit of a novelty.

But there was also the Aboriginal pilot and all-Aboriginal in-flight crew wearing black, red and yellow badges pinned to their Aboriginal motif uniforms.

Looking around, it didn't take long to notice that many of their fellow passengers were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Then there was grinning flight attendant Joanne Coe, originally hailing from Cowra and Condoblin, offering a 'How're you goin, Auntie Bev? Yeah? All right?' as she trundled a refreshments trolley down the aisle.

Luckily, pilot Andrew Bishop ended the suspense by announcing over the intercom that the plane was carrying some pretty special 'cargo' – surviving members of the campaign for the 1967 Referendum, and their relatives and supporters.

It was a double honour for Captain Bishop, 43, who is a great great nephew of the late Referendum campaigner Joe McGinness.

"I think this flight is extremely special because I see it as a culmination of what Uncle Joe's life work was all about," he told the *Koori Mail* before the flight took off.

"He worked tirelessly for



These Ngambri/Ngunnawal kids flew the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours to honour the campaigners upon their arrival at Canberra airport.



Yarrabah's Alf Neal with Priscilla McFadzean and his son Percy Neal at the Sydney Qantas Club lounge.

equal rights. He helped to bring the issue to the forefront of people's minds and they voted and they said 'we acknowledge that Indigenous people are equal to us and we want them to have the same opportunities as us'. The scholarship that I received in 1982 to become a commercial pilot, which was courtesy of the Federal Government, I think was a direct result of the push that Uncle Joe started along with Faith Bandler and many others."

Among the Referendum special guest passengers were Petrina Walker, 38, and Mikaelah Alley, 23 of Stradbroke Island, both

granddaughters of the late Oodgeroo Noonuccal (previously known as Kath Walker).

"I think it's very important to know how far we have come and to know what struggles people have been through to get us to this point," said Petrina.

"I feel really good about being on this flight because it makes me feel that our people can become anything now. I'm sure that this is what Oodgeroo and others were striving for."

Non-Indigenous Sydney university student Robert Breznjak was on the flight to represent a family friend and unionist supporter of the

Referendum campaign.

"I'm here to represent John Baker, and because there's so much room for improvement in Aboriginal affairs and relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians," he said.

"Garnering more than 90 per cent support in the '67 Referendum was an incredible achievement. It'll take more political leadership than we have now to garner that same level of support now."

A textbook landing of Yalanyi Dreaming at Canberra Airport drew a holler of 'Good on the pilot, go son!', followed by loud cheers and cries of 'deadly!'

In what is believed to have been a 'first', Elder Matilda House came on board to give a welcome to her traditional Ngambri/Ngunnawal country.

"It is an honour to welcome you here. This is the first time I've done a welcome like this," Ms House said. "I thank Qantas for their support for the reconciliation process."

"You have all come back here to share, to share this place here where it all happened not only all around Australia. This is where the people came. They came to make the decisions. They fought for it. It is not often we get a chance to thank you for rights and cultural survival."

Once on the tarmac, passengers were greeted by local children carrying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

Perhaps the best was yet to come inside the terminal: Hundreds of well-wishers waving placards saying things like '1967 Legends' and, simply, 'Thank you'. Some of the campaigners were moved to tears – happy ones though. A fitting start to a very big weekend.

Blackout at Yarralumla

Governor-General welcomes campaigners to his home



All Mills entertained the Governor-General, Mrs Jeffery and guests with a Gurindji and Kriol version of Waltzing Matilda.

It is tempting to imagine then-Governor-General Richard Casey adding an extra flourish to his signature when he signed off on Constitutional changes that flowed from the 1967 Referendum.

Seated in the Vice-Regal office, his signature was the administrative culmination of a decade-long campaign that cajoled and convinced eligible voters to deliver the most affirmative vote in the nation's history.

It is almost certain that there were no Indigenous people present in those plush surroundings at that time.

But it was a different story on Saturday 26 May this year when the current Governor-General and self-described 'desert boy', Major General Michael Jeffery, and his wife Mariena, welcomed surviving Referendum campaigners and their supporters to a reception at Government House in Yarralumla to mark the vote's 40th anniversary.

In what one guest cheekily referred to as a 'blackout', the campaigners showed why they were the stars of the show.

Campaigner and inaugural ATSI Chairperson Lowitja O'Donoghue led an impromptu choir to sing 'Black and white together ... we shall overcome some day'.

Young Rachel Wirrpunda commanded undivided attention with an unaccompanied rendition of a contemporary Gospel song 'Can't give up now' dedicated to 'the 1967 Referendum struggle'.

A ukulele was found from somewhere to enable Darwin's Ali Mills to regale guests with a raucous Gurindji and Kriol version of Waltzing Matilda.

Major General Jeffery voiced the hopes of many of those present.

"By being here you keep alive the story of the Referendum, you encourage today's Australians to make of this anniversary, more than just simply a commemoration of past struggle and achievement, important though that is," he told the campaigners.

"Your presence this weekend, I believe, will encourage our nation to be even more determined to pursue the vision of equality on which you campaigned, and to which 90.77 per cent of Australians voted Yes.

"I hope this anniversary marks a renewed effort by our nation, to use all the tools, knowledge and goodwill available today, to achieve a genuine and full reconciliation and equality of our peoples."

Major General Jeffery said all Australians had to work together to improve Indigenous well-being, to address 'disgraceful' and 'simply unacceptable' statistics on health, employment, education, rates of imprisonment as well as sexual and social violence. He said the way Australian history is taught in schools had to be revamped.

Reconciliation Director Raymattja Marika thanked their Excellencies for hosting the campaigners.

Recalling the role that her own dad Roy Daydaynga Marika, MBE, played in the



ABOVE: Early campaigner Geoff Penny, who travelled from Perth to attend the celebrations.

LEFT: Governor-General Major General Michael Jeffery with Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue (left) and Ngambri Elder Matilda House.



Reconciliation Australia Director Raymattja Marika, left, with Rachel Wirrpunda, a Yorta Yorta woman who will travel to America later this year to appear on the Oprah Winfrey talk show.



From right, Reconciliation Australia Director Shelley Reys, Mrs Mariena Jeffery, Percy Neal from Yarrabah and Tony Sorby (facing away)

Referendum, she said it meant a lot to 'the old people, the campaigners who did so much for reconciliation all those years ago'.

"I hope in the future his descendants, my children, will enjoy a long and prosperous life — thanks to the great foundation laid by campaigners like him. And by the work that must be done now by the next generation of reconciliationists," Ms Marika said. "We the First Australians welcome and encourage all non-Indigenous people to play their part in the reconciliation process. It's a team job."

The evening was a spirited mix of proud and fond recollection, the expression of ongoing disappointment and frustration, and optimism about the future.

Retired teacher Geoff Penny, from Perth,

was an early campaigner who was 25 when he addressed a 1964 meeting at Sydney Town Hall about the restrictions placed on Indigenous people at that time.

He spoke to the Koori Mail about the impact of widely varying State and Territory laws, how when he travelled to the Sydney meeting via Melbourne the laws of Victoria technically classified him as white for the few hours of his airport stopover.

"I was a teacher in WA and I gave advice to (non-Aboriginal) parents about how to look after their children but was not allowed to be legal guardian of my own children, Native Welfare was," he said.

"Our young people now, I believe, have a great power with words, a great

understanding of what is going on. Today we have come a long long way."

And Brisbane-based sisters Judy Watego, 59, and Becky Thomson, 53, remembered their brother, the late journalist John Newfong, who was heavily involved in the Referendum campaign. "I think he would feel today that we have made a lot of progress but there's a long way to go," Ms Watego said. "He would have been proud to be here. I got very emotional when we came through the airport yesterday and the young ones were reaching out to us. It was very powerful. I had tears in my eyes when I got through that."

Photos courtesy of the Governor-General's Office, and by Wayne Quilliam, courtesy of Reconciliation Australia

Poster girl played part in Yes vote

When people ask Sydney artist and Referendum campaigner Janelle Marshall how old she is, it can get a little confusing when she says she's 41.

Not just because she holds her age well but also because she's barely older than the 1967 Referendum itself.

But there can be no doubt that Janelle did her bit to win the hearts and minds of many of the 90.77 per cent of Australians who voted in the affirmative.

Her cherubic image, as a six-month-old, was emblazoned on thousands of Referendum posters, exhorting people to 'Vote Yes for Aborigines'.

Today, the poster is more than a reminder of Janelle's role in the national campaign but also of the day her eldest sister Carol returned home to her family.

Echoing the experiences of many

Indigenous Australians, Carol was removed from her mum Gloria Leon and family when she was two years old.

She fared better than most, though, being fostered during holidays from a Salvation Army home by Gerry Rind, a Czechoslovakian Jew who fled his country during World War II to an Italian refuge camp, and his wife Gitta.

The couple had moved to Australia in 1949.

Influential

Through the Australian Aboriginal Fellowship, the Rinds were friends and comrades of influential Referendum campaigner and Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander (FCAATSI) general secretary Faith Bandler.

Not discouraged by authorities who told them Carol had no family to

return to, they helped the then teenager trace her family back to Nambucca Heads on the NSW north coast.

Gerry Rind took the photo of baby Janelle on the very day in late 1966 when Carol was reunited with her Gumbayngirr family on the cliffs above Nambucca Heads – making it a potent symbol not just of reconciliation and Aboriginal rights generally but also of renewal for the Leon family.

● **PICTURED RIGHT:** Janelle Marshall, holding a 1967 Referendum poster bearing her image, and her eldest sister Carol Leon on the steps of Old Parliament House in Canberra. The sisters were in Canberra, accompanied by Janelle's artist husband Tony Sorby, for the commemoration of the Referendum's 40th anniversary.



Towards one future

It was a big challenge that was thrown out to 40 black and white under-40-year-olds for the days, months and years after the 40th anniversary commemorations.

"Your job is to learn about the hard work of the Referendum campaigners, be inspired by them and take the process forward," Reconciliation Director Raymattja Marika told them at Government House.

But, then, the credentials of those who went on to the One Future Forum (OFF) held on Gundungurra country at Bowral on 28-30 May were not to be sneezed at.

Among them were lawyers, economists, a doctor, chief executives, journalists, academics and senior policy advisors.

Picking up from the Australian Future Directions Forum early last year that voted overwhelmingly that 'ending Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage' was the nation's top priority, the group hunkered down to consider ways to effect real change in Australia on reconciliation and Indigenous disadvantage.

They planned practical steps they would take individually and as a group, and concluded with a formal declaration about their intentions beyond the gathering, to serve as a call to action to others.

That statement is shown at right.

Reconciliation Australia organised the One Future Forum with backing from the Australian Government, Australia Post, the National Australia Bank and Qantas.



The participants in the One Future Forum held at Bowral in the days following the 40th anniversary commemorations. "We want Australia to be the best it can be. We want to make things right."

One Future Forum 2007 Declaration

FORTY years ago, Australians came together in a great act of constitutional change to stand against inequality.

After a decade-long campaign by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people working in partnership, Australians acknowledged that something was not right. In the greatest public consensus about a referendum in the nation's history, an ambition was born for a fairer Australia.

In the decades since, there have been great achievements. Yet 40 years on, something is still not right. Too many Indigenous people are dying young. Trauma and grief haunt black Australia and affect us all. Indigenous cultures and languages are being lost. Poverty and illness are entrenched and inherited. The funerals of our Indigenous young represent more than the grief of their families. It's a waste of life and a loss for the nation.

Ongoing denial and indifference to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience as part of the national story weighs us down and holds us back. But this can change.

Our hope is for an Australia that refuses to let injustice, poverty and discrimination persist. Our hope is for an Australia where all children can thrive, share in and contribute to our national wealth. Our hope is for an Australia that recognises the unique standing of our First Peoples and respects their cultures within a diverse modern nation.

Realising these hopes requires a bold new

effort. In this time of great prosperity, we have the resources to bring about great and lasting change. But to do this, we must renew the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

This will require us to:

- Recognise the distinct rights of Indigenous peoples.

- Understand our own identities, culture and values to forge a new shared identity.

- Share the responsibility to eliminate injustice and foster reconciliation.

- Embrace our need for healing and cultivate a culture of storytelling.

To get there, we must act together, as well as making distinct commitments to bridge the gulf in understanding.

As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we affirm that we have inherent rights to land and culture. These rights are not separate to a modern Australian state, but instead enrich the fabric of the nation. We draw strength from our Elders and Ancestors and commit to build on the legacy they have created for us. We commit to:

- Leading the hard discussions about our identity and what it means to be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

- Taking the challenge to and engaging our communities to realise our full potential.

- Eliminating and healing our own violence, shame, abuse and apathy.

- Developing a new voice for the way we relate to each other nationally.

We assert our right to determine our own futures. We invite all Australians to join us in creating a modern nation where everyone's rights and commitments are valued and protected.

As non-Indigenous people, we acknowledge injustices past and present. We have profited from Indigenous dispossession. We have cultivated the disadvantage of Indigenous people and advanced at their expense. We say sorry.

We commit to:

- Confront racism wherever we encounter it.
- Change government and other institutions to eliminate discrimination and respect and involve Indigenous people.

- Support Indigenous leaders carrying the weight of expectations.

- Engage with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in difficult conversations about the past, present and future.

- Build a new movement of Australians committed to justice.

Together, we will forge a partnership based in mutual respect and shared ambition.

There is an urgency to this task. The cost of inaction is great, and grows greater the longer we delay.

Reconciliation is everyone's business.

We want Australia to be the best it can be. We want to make things right.

Report anniversary a bittersweet time



THE tenth anniversary of the landmark Bringing Them Home report has come and gone as a bittersweet reminder of just how far Australia has still to go on the issue of the Stolen Generations.

Aboriginal leaders and politicians gathered at a Stolen Generations Alliance event in the Great Hall at Parliament House in Canberra on 24 May to mark the report's 10th anniversary. A few days before, West Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert hosted a National Sorry Day Committee event.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's 700-page report exposed the devastating impact of the forced removal of children from their families and followed lengthy consultations with families and the victims of removal, as well as governments, churches and other groups around the nation.

It made 54 recommendations – including an apology by State and Federal authorities, as well as financial compensation – but many are yet to be implemented.

The report also spawned National Sorry Day held on 26 May and commemorated with hundreds of community events around the country.

The late High Court judge Sir Ronald Wilson, who produced the report along with his Co-Commissioner Mick Dodson,



accused Australian governments of genocide.

While various State and Territory governments have apologised, Prime Minister John Howard's refusal to do so has been an ongoing sticking point in Federal Government and Indigenous relations.

After the report's release in 1997, Mr Howard expressed 'deep sorrow' for victims and their families affected by the policies of earlier governments, but said he believed that the current generation need not bear the sins of the past.

"Australians of this generation should not be required to accept the guilt and blame for past actions and policies over which they had no control," Mr Howard said at the time.

"However, we must acknowledge past wrongs, understand that they still cause a great deal of personal distress and resolve



Stolen Generations member Val Linow at Parliament House on 24 May, the 10th anniversary of the release of the Bringing Them Home report.

to improve areas of Indigenous disadvantage both now and into the future."

Just before the anniversary, Elder and Stolen Generations member Bob Randall told how a simple apology from the Prime Minister could go a long way to promoting reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

He said the Indigenous population continued to be the target of racism, suffer poor health and living conditions.

"We're living in such a racist country. The majority of people who are here would rather see us not around any more," he said.

Mr Randall, who penned the Stolen Generations 'anthem' 'Brown Skinned Baby', said he had seen no improvements in the lifestyle of Indigenous families since the release of Bringing Them Home.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the report had reunited many Indigenous peoples with their families and created a groundswell of compassion and support, but the anniversary was a 'bittersweet' one.

"(Bringing Them Home) remains an important report and one that has played a vital role in validating the life experiences of many Indigenous peoples and making public their experiences of removal from family, and the ongoing, inter-generational consequences of such removal," he said.

"However, it has also raised the ghosts of those experiences – the trauma, the grief and the memories – which, left unresolved, can re-traumatise people and create a 'limbo' world in which they have not been able to go home."

The National Sorry Day Committee co-ordinated a petition to the Federal Parliament calling for an apology from the Prime Minister.

"The Prime Minister on behalf of the nation still refuses to apologise," the Committee said. "This is not about guilt. An apology is about empathy, understanding. For the Stolen Generations it is about acknowledgement, recognition of their experiences, and never forgetting what was done."

Senator Siewert said the anniversary was 'not the celebration we might have wished for'.

"Hardly anything has been done to implement the report's 54 recommendations, and we have gone backwards on nearly all of the serious problems the report identified," she said.

A glimmer of hope emerged when Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough announced during the Great Hall event that the Federal Government would support 22 extra staff in Link-Up services around the country to build on the work of 100 existing counsellors.

The announcement, matched by the Opposition, was welcomed but generally dismissed as 'not enough'. – **WIM AAP**

What they said in the Great Hall



BRIAN BUTLER

Brian Butler

Chair of the Stolen Generations Alliance

WHAT has driven me for many years was the day my grandmother told me she was made to accompany the police troopers who went on horse to flush out the half-caste children from camps scattered through the Aranda country East of Alice Springs.

In her old age she started talking about what she experienced, and we determined we were going to find justice for her and for the thousands of other women who were treated similarly. She was used as a sex slave on each of these trips with the police troopers. When she was 12 or 13 she had her first child, and she was forced to smother the baby and bury it in a creek bed at a place called Wipeout, East of Alice Springs.

Later she gave birth to my mother and my mother's sister. Those two children were taken from her. My mother was taken to Bagot Reserve in Darwin where I was born, and her sister was taken to Adelaide. They were separated from one end of the country to the other.

Printed here and on the next two pages are excerpts from some of the speeches delivered in the Great Hall at Parliament House in Canberra on 24 May, the tenth anniversary of Bringing Them Home report. The commemorative event hosted by the Stolen Generations Alliance: Australians for Healing, Truth and Justice was attended by about 350 people including many MPs, and diplomats from 23 countries. Guests were welcomed to Ngunnawal country by local Elder Agnes Shea.

That is why I vowed that I would stand here again and say to the Federal Government, 'Please, before too much longer we do need you to say sorry. Apologise to us, because that healing process is so important to each individual Aboriginal person in this country.'

The forced removal of our children from their families, a policy which was practiced through most of the twentieth century, had a devastating effect on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander society. As the Bringing Them Home report

states, not one Indigenous family has escaped its impact. So the process of recovery should be a top priority for the nation.

Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue

First Chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC)

AS co-patron of the Stolen Generations Alliance, I welcome everyone to this important occasion. I hope that together we can move closer to outcomes that we can all take pride in.

When I reflected about coming to this gathering today, and the ten years that have passed since the Bringing Them Home Report was tabled, I experienced a range of conflicting feelings.

The first was the feeling of weariness at how many times in my life I have stood up to speak about rights and justice for Aboriginal people.

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I decided that, at my age, it's probably not a good idea to even try to begin counting!

And of course, what accompanies this feeling is a profound sadness about how little has actually been achieved in terms of the wellbeing of Aboriginal people in this country.

On the other hand, I am constantly inspired by the hard work and commitment of those who work for change – and there are many of them.

They are peoples from all walks of life who never give up in their struggle for justice. This must be celebrated and honoured if we want to sustain and grow our healing.

Another positive is that I also feel is that the general population of this land is responsive to justice (as they overwhelmingly were in the 1967 Referendum) – if these issues are adequately represented in the public domain.

But this is a very big 'if'.

In spite of the much-touted prosperity at Australia many Aboriginal people still live in the worst of third world conditions.

On any social indicator of wellbeing: health education, housing, employment, civic participation, numbers in custody – you name it – Aboriginal people are always over-represented at the wrong end of the scale.

Aboriginal people, the first people of this land, are dying of despair while those in power look the other way. Their eyes and their priorities are clearly focused in other directions.

It is for this reason that I have no expectation of an apology from our current Prime Minister.

Yet acknowledgement of the wrongs of the past is a fundamental plank in rebuilding relationships. Every State Government has taken this important step – and said Sorry.

But at the Federal level, rebuilding relationships is not the name of the game.

The rules of the game that prevail in this town under this leadership are to respond to (and only to) what will win votes.

And this is not good news for Aboriginal people – or for that matter any groups of people who do not have a powerful voice.

Of the 54 recommendations made in the Bringing Them Home report, 35 have been ignored – that is two thirds.

Where there has been a response – for example, Link-Up services – the funding is drastically inadequate to meet the need.

The wonderful dedicated workers of these services as well as many workers in Aboriginal services, buckle under the load.

The Prime Minister either doesn't 'get it' or he doesn't care, and I am not sure which is worse.

Health experts agree that \$500 million per year is needed to lift the Aboriginal health standard to that of non-Aboriginal Australians and reduce the 17-year gap in life expectancy.

The point is that no-one can 'succeed' if they are not healthy, if they are not respected, if they are not given opportunity and if they do not have the basic building blocks for survival such as clean water, nutritious food, adequate accommodation and access to services.

It is these fundamental system issues that need to be addressed.

Watch my lips. Put in adequate human and financial services at ground level to meet the needs of

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MARK BIN BAKAR



TONY ABBOTT



LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE

communities – in consultation with those communities.

And then work with the communities on the ground to address the problems that they have identified.

It is time for some genuine bipartisan commitment to job creation, education and improved housing and health for Aboriginal people.

It is time to re-invigorate the debate. And, dare I say it, it is time for some fresh thinking.

Mal Brough Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister

WHAT Lowitja has said, in some aspects, I disagree. But in many aspects, I believe that this work must continue for many years to come. I can only wonder at the anguish that some people must have in their hearts at not knowing or being unsure of the circumstances of their birth and who they are. The Bringing Them Home report, in a very sad and confronting way, outlined many of those personal, hurtful stories. But it was that talking about those issues which allowed the healing for some people to begin, the beginning of new lives. Many people have experienced what it is to start a new life – through Link-Up. 1,476 have been able to reconnect with their families, establish who they are in their heart and be able to move forward. That's not a process that

ended with Bringing Them Home, or will end today with the tenth anniversary.

I take on board what Lowitja and Brian said about there not being enough resources. Tony Abbott and I have discussed this, and today we announce that there will be another 22 staff in Link-Up services around the country to further build on this work.

It may not be enough. But it is essential that every person who wants to understand where they came from and who they are and where they want to be has the opportunity realised. And this is painstaking work. It must also be very rewarding work for these people. It means you give something to an individual that no amount of money can buy. You give them the dignity of knowing where they came from, the respect of knowing that it's been acknowledged, and the knowing of their family, dead or alive.

Bringing Them Home talks about a segment of our society where those unions were torn apart. It's hard enough to be away from the ones you love when it's not enforced. But when it's enforced by others, the pain and suffering is so much greater.

You mentioned that there are many people, black and white, who are willing to put their hand up. I am far from infallible. There are many things that you will disagree with me on, and the differences of opinion can be quite broad. I ask of you to put our differences aside much as you

can when it comes to making practical differences. Because some family, some child will benefit as a result of our collective action.

Tony Abbott Federal Health and Ageing Minister

LOWITJA it was a very fine speech. Like Mal, I didn't agree with some of it, but it is good that we have had the chance to hear it in this place. I admire your passion. After what you and your people have been through, I certainly understand your anger. But I know that you – and indeed Indigenous people – are patient and I am confident that what you want and what you hope for will come to pass.

The forcible removal of Indigenous children from their families is an episode in our history of which we are rightly ashamed. Yes, some good as well as much bad came from it. There were some good intentions, if misguided, behind the policy. Still, the fundamental premise on which it was based – that children were better off away from their black families – was wrong. Indeed repugnant. It was a policy based on race not reason. We should have known it then. We certainly know it now, and we do have to atone for it.

I'm pleased that my Department is doing its bit to help. We spend about \$20 million a

year on 11 Link-Up centres. There are 100 Bringing Them Home counsellors. As Mal has announced, there will be an extra 22 as a result of today. But I think much good is happening. If things happen because of democracy, that surely is a good thing. Democracy is all about Governments responding to the will of the people.

Let me say this, Lowitja. I do think that great changes have come about in our country over the last generation or so, and I think that the work of you and so many like you has contributed to the changes, and the greatest change is that Australians generally feel proud that our country has a strong Indigenous heritage, and a vibrant Indigenous culture. And we all look forward to the day when Indigenous people have no reasons whatsoever to feel like victims in their own country, in their own home.

True reconciliation will take place in 20 million Australian hearts and, notwithstanding a little scepticism in this audience, I do believe that black and white Australians, in great measure, have begun to open our hearts to each other. That is why events like this give me great confidence that we can go forward to embrace the future as a reconciled people.

Mark Bin Bakar Chairman of the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation

'STOLEN Generations' is not only about the children who were separated from their families and communities. It is also about the mothers who lost children. The countless mothers who have gone to their graves longing for their children. Mothers still waiting to re-connect with their children. This is the ultimate abuse of woman.

The impact on the children who were separated is substantial. Loss of family, both birth family and extended family. Loss of country and loss of knowledge of that country. Loss of languages and loss of stories and songs associated with country. We Indigenous people of this country are fully aware of the atrocities and social experiments that had been carried out on our people. Our old people never ever forget.

We are now living in a time of economic prosperity. I have been to the big cities; but I have also traveled to many small towns and very remote communities. Places which are right in the midst of country where all of that wealth is coming from. If we look back at the history of those communities, the removal of children was undertaken at the behest of Government policies. I meet many people who were removed as children. I meet others whose parents, grandparents and even great grand parents were removed.

We cannot over estimate the impact of those removal policies on families and communities for generations. I think that this is something the Governments like to disregard. I call it 'Institutional Deafness'.

When the Bringing Them Home report was tabled in Federal parliament in 1997, it was a watershed moment that provided a sea-change opportunity for many in the community.

A decade later most of the report's recommendations have

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The pain of truth

Story by Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE. Photos by ALITA BOASE



An event organised by the Aboriginal Legal Service in Perth on 25 May to honour the Stolen Generations was a heartbreaking reminder of the lack of government accountability for the shocking practices of the Stolen Generation era.

The event was organised and held at the Aboriginal Legal Service in Perth and featured speakers Nyoongar Elders Sam Dinah and Alan Kickett and Pilbara Elder Lena McGrath, all of whom were taken from their mothers as toddlers.

They were sent to Roelands Mission in the south-west of Western Australia when they were still young children and spent most of their childhood and teenage years there.

Now aged in their late 60s, they told of how they were taken away and the indignities and cruelty they suffered at the hands of a system determined to assimilate them and make them forget their families and culture.

Mr Dinah said he was taken from his mother at age four and learned when he was an adult that she had died at Magumber Mission where he was born. The authorities could not tell him his birth date or who his father was and the only evidence of family he has is a photocopy of his mother's photograph and her welfare file that Mr Dinah said was still too painful to read.

Ms McGrath told how she was born in the desert on a pastoral station in the Eastern Pilbara near Marble Bar and how she and her mother were taken to Port Hedland by the police but managed to escape and hid in the mangroves.

"The police caught us and they put a ball and chain around my mother's leg and put me on a ship south and I was taken to Moore River Native Settlement in 1940 when I was about three years old," Ms McGrath said.

"When I was five I was sent to Roelands Mission and I stayed there until I was about 17. I didn't see my mother again until I was about 30."



LENA McGRATH

Mr Kickett gave a vivid and tragic summation of what life was like for the Stolen Generations at Roelands Mission.

"I was taken away from my family in 1947," he said. "I was sent to Moore River and there were 150 of us crammed into a little room and we had about three rugs between us so we froze in the winter and



SAM DINAH

porridge riddled with weevils.

"There was an orchard on the mission and we used to love the oranges from a particular tree because they were sweet and we'd have a good feed, but a few of us were caught.

"They (mission authorities) waited until the early hours of the morning and the



ALAN KICKETT

"On top of all that our endowment was paid up until we were 16 and my parents had to pay money to support us as well, but we never saw any of that money, it all disappeared."

The official Sorry Day event in Perth this year was held at Wellington Square, where there were speeches, the Sea of Hands display, a sausage sizzle and face painting for the kids.

Nyoongar Elder Ben Taylor, who gave the Welcome to Country address, echoed the words of Mr Kickett the previous day when he criticised Prime Minister John Howard for saying that the Aboriginal community should be absorbed into mainstream culture.

Lawyer Tony Buti said that a compensation package for the Stolen Generations was still being worked on, and there was hope that the Federal Government would be forced to negotiate after international precedents, particularly the recent Canadian settlement.

'When I was five I was sent to Roelands Mission and I stayed there until I was about 17. I didn't see my mother again until I was about 30'. - Lena McGrath

there was one bloke there used to ride a big black horse and he used to flog with a stock whip anyone he could see."

Mr Kickett said he and his sisters were sent to Roelands Mission when they were small children and put to work for up to 12 hours a day, were not given proper clothing or shoes, and the staple food was

superintendent laid into us with a cane on the tips of our fingers so that it split the ends of our fingers because it was so cold.

"I remember being flogged with a rose bush and there were thorns sticking out of my arms and my back and chest and legs. They used electric cords and I could feel the welts on my body like corrugated iron.

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been ignored. Now, Stolen Generation people feel like they're the second poor cousins and it is really sad. There's a feeling there that governments have been waiting for Stolen Generation people to die away.

The Bringing Them Home report was important and very accurate as a document but it's failed to make much difference for Aboriginal people.

It has not lived up to people's expectations.

I honestly believe that there is more than ignorance involved in this, there's the fear of having to pay out compensation.

Jenny Macklin
Shadow Minister for
Indigenous
Affairs and Reconciliation

It is very difficult to find the right words for such an important day

— to both honour the suffering of so many fellow Australians and to revive hope that we can move forward.

It's impossible for a non-Indigenous person to understand the burden of grief and trauma carried by the Stolen Generations and their descendants.

The Bringing Them Home report was so seminal because it was our first proper attempt, as a nation, to acknowledge the loss felt by Indigenous people.

It recognised that this nation needed more than the cold facts about the forced removal of thousands of Indigenous children and babies.

We needed healing. And healing comes, first, through acknowledgment.

Until the Bringing Them Home inquiry, most Australians were either unaware or only vaguely aware that thousands of families had been broken apart by sanctioned government policy.

The courageous contributions of members of the Stolen



JENNY MACKLIN

Generations, forced us to come to terms with the decades of sorrow and lost opportunities.

Mick Dodson and the late judge Sir Ronald Wilson's leadership helped probe the depths of our national psyche — and found us wanting.

But they also gave us a way forward.

The Inquiry showed we could make amends if we first acknowledged the deep personal grief that haunts every member of the Stolen Generations.

Today, I want to reiterate Labor's commitment to a formal apology in government to the Stolen Generations.

It's the just and decent thing to do.

An apology is not an empty gesture. It can, in fact, be a circuit breaker. If we acknowledge wrongs, and assess honestly and rigorously what needs to be done, we can move forward.

And move forward — we must. Bringing Them Home showed us that when the profound suffering of individuals is neglected and denied, it turns into despair.

If a child is separated from his or her parents, these fragile ties are shattered and can have lifelong consequences for that person's well-being.

When you have an entire community of broken lives, they relive the pain of childhood continuously and collectively.

We must stop this trauma from perpetuating itself down the generations.

And we must not allow hopelessness to let governments off the hook.

We must take responsibility with Indigenous people.

I have seen great strength in Indigenous communities — in the arts, on the radio, in our schools, in sport and local businesses — resilient people who know that change is achievable.

I know that we must stand with you and work with you.

I'd like to reaffirm our commitment to a new national representative body. We are prepared to have an honest conversation, to work in partnership, and with respect.

We must work together, tap into that strength, resilience and leadership in the Indigenous community.



Ooglamun Julbu Julbu dancers with leaders Karen Doolan, left, and Lilian Willis, centre.



Walter Palm Island performed the smoking ceremony with help from Elder Arthur Johnson, right.

Bindal Elder remembers happy times

By Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



Bindal Elder Manny Ross took a trip down memory lane during his emotional Welcome to Country speech at Sorry Day commemorations in Townsville, north Queensland, on 26 May. Hundreds of people gathered at Soroptimist Park, Rowes Bay, on the road that leads to Pallarenda.

Mr Ross looked out at the nearby beach and ocean and recalled happy family memories from 57 years ago.

"Out here was our favourite family camping ground and where my family used to come and we would all sit around and crack oysters and spear fish and catch mud crabs. I was just



Bindal Elder Manny Ross performed the welcome to country at the Townsville ceremony.

a four-or-five-year-old boy," he said.

Many Aborigines who had been in the area were later relocated to the Townsville suburb of Garbutt.

Ironically, young Aboriginal children were on

the mudflats just after Mr Ross spoke.

Mr Ross was a former champion Australian rules player for the Indigenous Townsville AFL club Garbutt Magpies, and later an archer in the Mount Isa and Cloncurry area.

A smoking ceremony was conducted by Walter Palm Island, with assistance from 78-year-old Elder Arthur Johnson.

Mr Palm Island also recited the Lord's Prayer in traditional language and gained the attention of everybody, especially the children.

The Ooglamun Julbu Julbu dancers, led by Karen Doolan and Lilian Willis, performed for the crowd.

Also at the commemoration were Elders Monty Prior, 85, and Norman Ross, 78, who sat with Mr Johnson.

"It is really good to catch up with my people," Mr Prior said.

Leaders united in call for apology

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY



"We live with the misconception that assimilation policies are a thing of the past.

Some policies have changed, but the attitudes that created them continue very much today."

That's what Link Up Victoria Manager Richard Frankland had to say at a Melbourne luncheon to mark the tenth anniversary of the Bringing Them Home report.

Organised by the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency and Stolen Generations Victoria, the event united community leaders in a call for a Commonwealth apology and support for healing and culturally-based programs for members of the Stolen Generations.

Among a panel of noted speakers, one message resonated during the luncheon – the Federal Government must acknowledge the pain and suffering caused by the forcible removal of Aboriginal children.

"Not just of yesterday's wrongdoings, but also of the suffering that continues today," said former State ward Rosanne Hepburn.



At the Melbourne luncheon were, from left, Link Up Victoria Caseworker Angela Swindle, Stolen Generations member Roseanne Hepburn, Link Up Victoria Manager Lance James, Stolen Generations Victoria Chairman Richard Frankland, Lyn Austin, Syd Jackson, Link Up Victoria Caseworker Eric Harrison, Stolen Generation Victoria Chief Executive Officer Tony McCartney and Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Gregor Henderson.

"There were 15 kids in my family. Nine were taken away and horribly abused while in care. The Government should be ashamed for the pain my family has gone through."

Former ward Lyn Austin

recalled watching her carers kick an adopted brother until his leg was broken in three places.

"The hospital was told that he fell, and who would have believed a black kid back then?" she said.

"It has taken me years to finally

reconnect with the kids I was raised with because of the hurt that consumed our childhoods."

Another ward, Maggie Thorpe, said that "from the start it has been government policies that have been killing us".

"From the invasion, to the 'protection' era to the stealing of our children, and today we have to look at where we are situated with government partnerships and wonder if this is another form of assimilation," she said.

Aboriginal children in Victoria are still 13 times more likely than other children to be removed from their families.

"Our people are still living in poverty, and this is what contributes to the removal of our children today," said Ms Austin.

Speaking on the Stolen Generations, Mr Frankland – an activist and musician – said that the current Government had "dehumanised one of the most human of issues".

"If their attitudes reflect those of the Australian public, we are in dire straits," he said.

"The Government's scare-mongering techniques have told the Australian public that native title will steal their backyards; that remuneration for the Stolen Generations will cost Australia too much money."

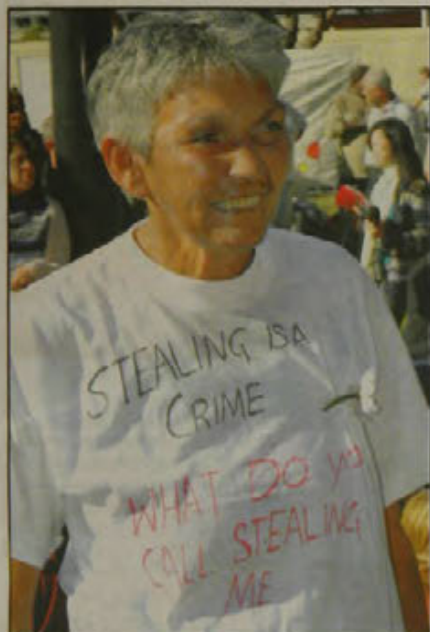
"Well, I say, big bloody deal. It should cost, because it has certainly cost Indigenous Australia."



Traditional didgeridoo players leading the Sydney march, which attracted about 1500 people.



Nancy Hill Wood and Mina Singh during the Sydney march.



Bowie Hickey gets her message across.



Josh Addo was happy to be there.

March in Sydney a success

Photos by Mervyn Bishop and Amanda James

ABOUT 1500 people turned out for the NSW Sorry Day Committee's first State march and community gathering in Sydney on 26 May.

The bigger-scale event marked the tenth anniversary of the release of the Bringing Them Home Report into the Stolen Generations.

Some marchers carried placards bearing the names of 66 so-called 'homes' and other institutions where NSW Aboriginal children were forced to live during the decades of removal policies.

Streets were blocked for the march, which was led by Aboriginal dancers from Sydney Town Hall, along George Street to First Fleet Park at Circular Quay where poles were adorned with banners featuring Stolen Generations

artwork. Didgeridoo players were stationed along George Street.

Stolen Generations members including Nancy Hill Wood, Marie Melito-Russell, Cecil Bowden and Vince Peters addressed those gathered, along with NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch, NSW Youth Minister Linda Burney, Federal Labor MP Peter Garrett and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

The speeches were followed by a free community barbecue and performances by Bobby McLeod, the Donovans, Emma Donovan and Corey Kirk.

The NSW Sorry Day Committee is lobbying for a government-sponsored State summit for the Stolen Generations and, like its national counterpart, implementation of all 54 of the Bringing Them Home Report's recommendations.



Minister Linda Burney had her say.



Will Jarrett, Walangari and Cedric Barnes showed their true colours.



Federal Labor MP and former Midnight Oil rock band singer Peter Garrett.



Cedric Barnes with Isabel Mudford.



Terry Olsen applies a little face paint to proud young marcher Ali-Grace Finn.



Ned Simpson, originally from 32 Acres at Cowra.



Gert Fletcher, 79, Rita Parker, 78, and Heather Lipsett, 71, all residents of Canberra, attended the Sorry Day event in the national capital.



Sarah Lugnan (seated on the left), with husband Christian Lugnan and their daughter Jahna Lugnan, aged 15 months. Seated on the right is Julie Butler with her son Calvin Butler, 10.



Natasha Miroshnichenko (standing) with her husband Andres, son Nikolai, 7, and daughter Danila, 4.



Buna Lawrie, on right, was amongst performers at the Canberra Sorry Day event.



Wearing the message...

'Experiences will be with me forever...'

CEC DIXON was just four when policemen acting for welfare authorities literally tore him from his mother's arms at the family's Nowra home.

Sent with his three brothers to Kinchela Boys Home in Kempsey on the NSW mid-north coast, Cec never saw his mum Gladys again and only saw his dad Tom again more than 15 years later.

Gladys Dixon died less than 18 months after the theft of her sons and even Cec's eventual reunion with his dad felt 'strange' because he had trouble recognising him.

These pervading memories are the reason why Cec feels that he and other members of Australia's Stolen Generations are owed an apology.

"My experiences will stay with me forever, I will never get over it," Cec told the Koori Mail at a Sorry Day event at Albert Hall in Canberra on 26 May.

"A home life and family life, I never had that, the love of a family, a mother's love.

"Had we not been taken away, I believe our mother would have lived a lot longer. I believe that she was broken-hearted. We didn't even know where mum was buried until recently. "Dad followed us to Sydney but couldn't get any information about us boys. He didn't have a clue where we were.

"It was hard, Dad didn't want to talk about it and because of what happened he hit the bottle a lot.

"I had so many questions. But my brothers would say 'don't ask too many questions, it'll only hurt him too much. If I had my time again, I would ask all of those questions.

"Do I want an apology? Yes. Do I expect to get one? No, but I would love to see that.



Cec Dixon with his wife Dorothy, from Yass, and Dorothy's cousin Sonia Prior, from Brungle.

"Looking back on how families and communities were torn apart makes me sad, but seeing young people turn out like today also makes me feel stronger, too. I know that people will stand up to stop it happening again."

Cec can take some solace in the fact that many Australians, if not the Prime Minister, agree that an apology to the Stolen Generations is necessary.

Canberra's Gert Fletcher, 79, Rita Parker, 78, and Heather Lipsett, 71, attended the Sorry Day event – in Gert's words 'to support the Stolen Generations'.

"We're trying to support the issue, we haven't done enough," said Heather.

"It has gone on for too long and we should be doing something. It has been a long time since the big marches in 2000. And don't get me started on an apology. It's pathetic that we haven't done it already."

Bundjalung woman Sarah Lugnan said she and her husband and daughter attended 'out of respect for past history'.

"Even though we weren't born then, we wanted to be here, and be supportive of our own people and our own culture," she said.

Natasha Miroshnichenko, who attended the day with her young family, agreed.

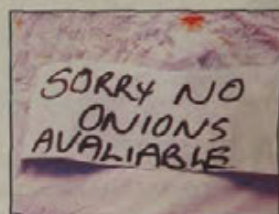
"We believe that Australians should say sorry because nobody has the right to take children from a family that loves them," she said.

Today Cec Dixon lives back in his traditional Ngunnawal country of Yass, outside Canberra. He and his wife Dorothy have no children and his dad, a brother and his three sisters have all passed away. Still, Cec said the reunions of the 'KBH boys' feel like family.

"It's a good healing process, being able to talk to each other about the things we went through."



Leslie Purcell and Glyniss Church represented the Gugan Galwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation, which ran a refreshments stall.



At least someone was prepared to say 'sorry'.



Artist Winiata Puru painted banners highlighting the unfinished business that Sorry Day represents.



Performer Johnny Huckle.



The chiefs of the Royal Australian Air Force, Army, and Navy laid wreaths in memory of Indigenous veterans.



Soldiers on parade before the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags flown at the service.

Sacrifices honoured

'...Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.'

AND so the service and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women was remembered in moving Australia-wide Reconciliation Week ceremonies last week.

Wreaths were laid, minutes of silence were observed, the Last Post was played and tears were shed at cenotaphs and memorials in each State and Territory.

Veterans' Affairs Minister Bruce Billson, Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, National RSL President Major General Bill Crews and others joined Indigenous veterans and their families at the National Indigenous Veterans' Commemoration Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on Sunday 27 May. Other ceremonies were held in Cairns, Adelaide and Hobart on the same day, the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Townsville and Perth hosted ceremonies last Wednesday, Sydney and Melbourne on Thursday and Darwin on Friday.

Some 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served alongside non-Indigenous Australians in World War I and as many as 5000 in World War II.

Last week's ceremonies were held after Victorian Elder Aunty Dot Peters organised a commemoration at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne last year, and then won Mr Billson's support for others throughout Australia in 2007.

Mr Billson said before the Canberra ceremony that Reconciliation Week provided a timely opportunity to recognise the 'dedication to duty, courage and mateship of Indigenous servicemen



ATSIVSAA National President Gary Oakley.

and women who have served our nation in times of war and peace'.

"Indigenous Australians have served our nation proudly since Federation, more than 100 years ago, in every conflict in which Australia has been involved," he said.

Mr Brough, a former army captain, said he was honoured to have served beside Indigenous men and women.

"Australian servicemen and women, including Indigenous Australians, have served, and continue to serve, side-by-side with courage and tenacity," he said.

"As a nation, we are indebted to the courageous service of the men and women who continue to protect the freedoms we enjoy today, and to those that have served in the past, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice."

Mr Billson and Mr Brough joined the chiefs of the Royal Australian Navy, Army and Air Force and others to lay floral wreaths during the ceremony.

National President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans' and Services' Association



Veterans' Affairs Minister Bruce Billson.

of Australia and Royal Australian Navy veteran, Gary Oakley, said he believed that being in the services mirrored some of the aspects of traditional Indigenous culture.

"The belonging to a group, where no one person is bigger than the group," Mr Oakley said. "The sharing of responsibility, hardship and danger - watching over and protecting each other, and the fierce loyalty to one's people."

"To wear the uniform has given Indigenous men and women an equality that has not always been present in the history of everyday life for Australians."

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women have served, are serving and will serve this nation in the future with loyalty and with dignity."

The ceremonies were organised by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, in consultation with ex-service organisations and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. They are expected to become a permanent fixture on the national calendar.

Photos by Kirstie Parker and Wayne Quilliam



Private Ralph Namadjball from the North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE) in the Australian Army played the didgeridoo.



● ABOVE: A section of the crowd at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

● LEFT: Shirley Peisley and Violet Deuschle of Adelaide joined in 'Amazing Grace' during the Canberra ceremony.



Proud daughter honours her Dad



Dot Peters was only a child when her father Vincent went away to war, never to return.

The Aboriginal digger died in 1943 on the infamous Thai-Burma railway as a prisoner of the Japanese. He had survived two years on the battlefields of the Middle East only to be captured in Java on his homeward journey.

"I can remember saying goodbye to him from the station and getting the message about him (dying), it didn't really hit me straight away," his daughter says.

"I was 12 when he died."

Vincent Peters died fighting for a country that never recognised his

citizenship, but today his memory is enshrined in the Anzac spirit.

The World War II veteran was one of thousands of Indigenous service men and women honoured at a commemoration ceremony at Melbourne's Shrine of

Remembrance last Thursday.

The second annual ceremony was held as part of Reconciliation Week thanks to his daughter, now an Aboriginal Elder known as Aunty Dot, who championed the cause of Aboriginal diggers like her

dad having their own veterans' service.

The movement started slowly last year, with Aunty Dot raising the idea at her local RSL club in Healesville.

"It's just snowballed from me

"I'm quite overwhelmed. I can't believe it's snowballed like it has. The part I think that's particularly lovely is it's bringing people together without politics." – Aunty Dot Peters

just asking our local RSL, which is wonderful," Aunty Dot said.

"I'm quite overwhelmed. I can't believe it's snowballed like it has. The part I think that's particularly lovely is it's bringing people together without politics,"

Indigenous servicemen and women who fought and died in conflicts abroad is unknown.

But they were remembered collectively in Melbourne for their bravery and sacrifice fighting for a country who never acknowledged

Scores of veterans, their families and members of the Aboriginal community gathered inside the shrine to pay tribute to Australia's thousands of Indigenous diggers.

The exact number of

their citizenship.

That acknowledgement would come years later when, in 1967, Australians voted to include Indigenous Australians in the national Census.

"Let us never, ever forget their magnificent commitment and the price that was paid. We must hold these precious memories, memories of those who have served this nation with dignity and honour," Pastor Neville Lilly told the service.

A gum leaf rendition of Waltzing Matilda and a didgeridoo accompanied the recitals of The Ode and the Last Post. The service concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony led by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings. – AAP



Kids a part of service



Indigenous school students took part in Sydney's first ever commemoration honouring the

service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans as part of Reconciliation Week last week.

Dozens of Indigenous students from across Sydney joined returned servicemen and women at a wreath-laying ceremony at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park, in the city's centre on Thursday.

"Reconciliation Week is a time to honour the special place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have in our nation," said NSW Education and Training Minister John Della Bosca.

"Thousands of Indigenous soldiers fought side by side with white Australians on battlegrounds across the world

and this ceremony is an important event as it gives us the opportunity to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

This year marked the 11th anniversary for the national celebration of Reconciliation Week.

● Pictured clockwise from left: Aboriginal entertainer Jimmy Little and Mavis Halverson prepare to lay a wreath with two school children at the first commemoration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander war veterans at Anzac memorial in Sydney on 31 May; Aboriginal men carry out a smoking ceremony at the Shrine; and Joe Madeley, one of the famous Rats of Tobruk, talks with Aboriginal veteran David Williams after the service.

Report and pictures from AAP

The tears flowed

Report and photos by ALF WILSON



An emotional Alec Illin wept while delivering his speech during a commemoration ceremony to honour Indigenous veterans held near the Cenotaph at Townsville's Anzac Park on the Strand on May 30. The ceremony theme was 'Their Spirit Still Shines' and was part of National Reconciliation Week.

There was a Welcome to Country on behalf of the Wulgurukaba and Bindal people on whose land the ceremony was held.

Mr Illin, a respected Indigenous Elder who served in the Vietnam War, said: "This ceremony is about recognising and honouring our Indigenous veterans who have served Australia since the Boer War."

Representing the Torres Strait was 86-year-old Bamaga veteran Waraka Adidi who served with the Infantry Brigade guard on Australia's northern outpost during World War II.

His family hails from Thursday and Saibai Islands and Mr Adidi's 56-year-old daughter, Gillian Pearson from Brisbane, was there.

"Dad and I are here representing Henry Adidi who served for 25 years and died in 2003," she said.

Large crowd

A large crowd of more than 1000 people turned up and heard a moving speech from Brigadier Neil Weekes, who paid tribute to the service of Indigenous people – men and women.

Brigadier Weekes also praised Vietnam Veteran 62-year-old Bill Coolburra who has a football field at Townsville's Lavarack Barracks named after him.

Mr Coolburra was there in the crowd and used a walking stick as he mingled with friends after the ceremony.

Indigenous and non-Indigenous people laid wreaths to the sounds of a didgeridoo.

A bugler sounded the 'Last Post' and a lament was played on the bagpipes by Denis Airen, of the RSL Pipe Band.

The national anthem was performed by the choir of the Shalom Christian College and the Lord's Prayer and benediction was given by Reverend Bruce Cornish.

Performances by traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers were a feature.

Morning tea was later provided by the Townsville City Council.

Lee Smallwood, a Department of Defence Indigenous Liaison Officer based at Lavarack Barracks, was praised for her work towards the ceremony.



Vietnam veteran Alec Illin, left, and World War II veteran Waraka Adidi at the Cenotaph in Townsville.



Special mention was made of Vietnam War veteran Bill Coolburra.

TSI veteran joins Cairns service

By CHRISTINE HOWES
in Cairns



Speaking aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay at the end of World War II, General Douglas MacArthur said: "It is

my earnest hope – indeed the hope of all mankind – that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past."

General MacArthur's words were recalled by 86-year-old Torres Strait Islander and World War II veteran Waraka Adidi speaking at a commemoration ceremony to honour Indigenous veterans in Cairns in far north Queensland on 27 May.

Representatives from the City of Cairns, Senator Jan McLucas, the Queensland Police Service, the Supreme and District Courts



At the Cairns ceremony to honour Indigenous veterans were, from left, Elley Mundraby, Ezra Anu, Jerry Savage, Phillip Bowle, Waraka Adidi, Barclay Miller and Les Boyd.

of Cairns, the Royal Australian Navy, 51st Battalion Far North Queensland Regiment, RSL Cairns Sub-branch, Australian

Red Cross, Legacy, Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Royal Flying Doctor Service all laid wreaths at the event.

Organiser Elley Mundraby, himself an ex-serviceman with 20 years' service in the Royal Australian Navy, said the Cairns

region had a high percentage of Indigenous veterans.

"It's good to see the amount of personnel and ex-personnel here and hopefully next year we'll have an even bigger turnout," he said.

Mr Mundraby also said the Cairns RSL Sub-branch had 'bent over backwards' to assist them.

Sub-branch President Peter Turner said he thought the event was a positive move 'as part of the reconciliation process'.

"I served with Indigenous soldiers in Vietnam, in fact my off-sider was an Aboriginal bloke and I had four or five mates in the battalion who were of Aboriginal or Indigenous heritage and they were great soldiers," he said.

"They volunteered to be there and we shared the mud and the bad moments and the good moments, and once you're in the service you are, as they say, 'brothers in arms' – very proud Australians."

Honoured in Hobart

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



Aboriginal people, politicians, government representatives, military officials and dignitaries gathered at the Hobart Cenotaph for the Tasmanian commemoration ceremony honouring Indigenous veterans.

Against the backdrop of the Derwent River and in a chilly winter breeze, it was the first time ever that the Aboriginal flag had flown at Tasmania's largest war memorial.

Following a welcome to country from Leonie Dickson, several wreaths were laid and the Governor of Tasmania, William Cox, addressed the gathering.

"Today we especially recognise the service and sacrifice of the many Indigenous servicemen and women who have served our nation proudly since World War I and possibly since the Boer War, more than 100 years ago," said Mr Cox.

"National Reconciliation Week provides an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate the culture and history of Indigenous Australians and focus on reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"Even before Indigenous Australians fully shared equally in the citizenship of our nation, many responded to the call to serve in the First and Second World Wars."

The Governor went on to explain that only one Aboriginal serviceman was known to have received land following World War I under the Soldiers' Settlement Scheme, even though much of that farming land was taken from Aboriginal land and reserves. Upon return from service many Aborigines were barred from RSLs.

A large number of Aboriginal enlistments in World War I came from Flinders Island and Cape Barren Island. A monument on Cape Barren Island shows the names of 43 enlisted men, 16 of whom served in World War I.

At the ceremony, Indigenous veteran and



● ABOVE: Auntie Girlie Purdon with grandson Dayne Langdon and daughter Leonie Dickson. Auntie Girlie and Dayne laid a wreath on behalf of the Tasmania's Aboriginal community and Leonie delivered the welcome to country at the ceremony.

● RIGHT: Veteran Wayne Beeton (right) with RSL chief Tony Scott.



Secretary of the Flinders Island RSL, Wayne Beeton, who had travelled from Flinders Island for the occasion, read 'The Ode to the Fallen'.

Mr Beeton was conscripted to Vietnam and served as a crewman in tank in 1968 and 1969. He said the fact that he was Aboriginal was never raised during his time of service.

When asked if he ever experienced racism while serving in Vietnam, his

response was: "No, not really. There was no distinction, everyone's equal, everyone's got a job to do."

"As far as I am concerned we're created equal, we're all Australian."

His sentiments were echoed among other military personnel at a reception following the service.

It is hoped that the ceremonies to honour Indigenous veterans will become an annual event. Tasmanian State RSL

President Tony Scott said ceremonies would be held in a different location around the State each year, and there would be talks with the local Aboriginal community about the best time of year to hold the ceremonies. He said NAIDOC Week had been suggested.

Mr Scott said a similar ceremony was held in Victoria two years ago after an Aboriginal Elder had approached the RSL and Legacy with the idea.

Service in Adelaide



At 9am on Sunday 27 May a special service was held at Adelaide's War Memorial to commemorate Indigenous servicemen and women. Pictured at the memorial on North Terrace are, from left, Reconciliation SA Board members Bill Denny, Cr Felicity-Ann Lewis, Professor Peter Buckskin, Bill Hignett and Indigenous war veteran Gill Green.



Aboriginal Vietnam Veteran Wayne Beeton delivering the Ode at the Hobart service.



William and Brenda Hodge wearing the medals of William's uncle and Brenda's mother. The service was especially significant to William and Brenda as their son arrived back on Australian soil the same morning from serving in Iraq.

Indigenous Veterans



Corporal Jack Waria, the co-master of ceremonies and current serving member of the Australian Army, along with the Maebah Kumjeil dancers from the Jagera Arts Centre at the Brisbane commemoration service.

Service a long time coming for Cec Fisher

QLD
May 28 this year was a long time coming for Korean War veteran Cec Fisher. The Ipswich-based 74-year-old says

he has been fighting for the best part of 50 years for recognition for him and his fellow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander diggers. So he was pleased to be a part of the commemoration ceremony for Indigenous servicemen and women in Brisbane's Anzac Square.

"It's about time for diggers to be recognised," he told the Koori Mail before the event.

Cec's grandfather, Frank Fisher, was a light horseman in World War I.

"I always wanted to be like him," said Cec, who marked his 20th birthday in Korea in 1953.

The former machine gunner said he was proud to serve alongside his comrades but was so disheartened by broader community racism upon his return to Australia that he left the army soon after.

"I just felt I could not soldier on any more," he said.

"When I came back from Korea, I marched down the streets of Brisbane with my mates, but in cafes I'd be told 'sorry, we don't serve Aborigines' and at dances I'd be told 'sorry, no Aborigines allowed'."



Cec Fisher at the Brisbane service in Anzac Square.

"They didn't shout it out, they whispered it in my ear."

"I don't know if my mates ever knew, but I never told them because I was too ashamed of being stopped."

"Instead, I'd say 'I've changed my mind, I'm feeling

sick' and just go home."

Which is why the Brisbane event was so sweet.

"A lot of things have changed," Cec said. "Isn't it great?"

Photos courtesy of the Department of Veterans' Affairs

FARRELLY, MOIRA KATHLEEN

Moira passed away on Tuesday 8th May 2007 in Cheltenham, England aged 39 years. Dearly loved Daughter of Michael and Carmel. Sister of Anne, Jennifer, Anita and Terry. Loved Aunt of Anthony, Sean and Daniel. A Memorial Service and interment will be held at a later date in Brisbane, Queensland.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Big Ones Little Ones...



An art exhibition bringing together Indigenous artists and children from the

world's most remote communities will open next month for its third year.

This year's collection of the Big Ones Little Ones (BOLO) 2007 - 'Together' will be shown at Parliament House in Sydney.

BOLO showcases the work of Indigenous artists and children from 27 remote and marginalised communities in 15 countries around the world - including 13 schools in remote, regional and urban Australia.

Exhibition curator and founder Trish Amichi said the artists were about as far-flung and as diverse as school communities could get.

"It's been logistically challenging, but we've been able to include paintings from centres as remote as an Aboriginal school in the Kimberley region of WA and Moa Island, in the Torres Strait, to a refugee camp in the Western Sahara; a HIV/AIDS school in a South African township; an isolated school in Outer Mongolia; a new school

in Afghanistan's Panshir Valley; a special-needs school in Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates and a Jewish/Muslim school in Israel," she said.

"The exhibition gives children a voice through art. In many cases, their communities are isolated, disadvantaged or both. Having the opportunity to illustrate their lives and tell their stories, then have their works hang alongside those of established Indigenous artists does something really special for the children's self-esteem. It also seems to have a cascading effect on the communities.

Magnitude

"Each year, I hear back that Little Ones have pinpointed all the participating schools on a world map, so that they can grasp the magnitude of the project they are involved in; how far the artists and artworks have travelled and how they are rubbing creative shoulders around the globe. The older artists - the Big Ones - also value the part they play as role models and as a source of inspiration, exploring their culture and their view of the world in art and words."

The Big Ones include

Daphne Wallace, the first Aboriginal curator of Indigenous art at the National Gallery in Canberra and the NSW Art Gallery in Sydney, and James P Simon, whose resume includes extensive group and solo exhibitions, commissions, murals, publications and collections including the Holmes a Court Collection, Australian Museum, Australian National Gallery, John Royal Gallery New York, and the University Art Museum, University of California, 1996 Biennale.

"The positive feedback from the artists - young and old - coupled with the opportunity to support art and story-telling in children's education, in such an inclusive, multi-cultural way, is a great privilege and motivation for me," says Amichi.

"The insight into the world as children see it is very special - whether they express themselves with humour or sadness, it's always with energy and great imagination."

The exhibition will run from 3-25 July. For details contact Trish Amichi at Gallery Amichi on 0411 888 501 or email gallery@amichi.com.au



Kids from Purnululu Independent Community School (Frog Hollow) WA, with their special exhibition certificates from Big Ones Little Ones 2006.

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A message to Big Ones Little Ones from Mornington Island State School, north Queensland.

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Natalie Pa'Apa'A, from Afro-beat band Blue King Brown, on the program at this year's Dreaming festival.



Dreaming time

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

PERFORMERS and presenters from around the world will be at this year's Dreaming Festival at Woodford, in the hinterland of Queensland's Sunshine Coast, from 8-11 June.

Organisers from the Queensland Folk Federation (QFF) say this year's line-up for the Indigenous arts festival is as exciting as the first two years.

Old favourites Troy Cassar-Daley, the Pigram Brothers, Christine Anu and Emma Donovan will perform with newcomers including Sharnee Fenwick and Leah Flanagan.

Festival Director Rhoda Roberts said the venues had been to prepared for bigger crowds, and some areas would have a new focus, such as the fire sites featuring special performance areas.

Ms Roberts said there would be 500 performers and presenters from 11 countries, with more than 140 Indigenous languages spoken at the festival.

Among the scheduled highlights are a theatre show of 'Ruby's Story' with singers Ruby Hunter and Archie Roach, funny fellas Sean Choolburra and Mary G, a show from comedian Tammy Anderson, Torres Strait Island



Mornington Island Dancers will be one of many acts at this year's Dreaming Festival at Woodford in the hinterland of Queensland's Sunshine Coast from 8-11 June.

dance group Koiki's production about the life of rights campaigner Eddie Mabo, the interactive language theatre show Ngapartji Ngapartji, hip-hop

workshops with Ebony Williams, films from the Message Sticks festival and body paint-up with Ti Tree women.

The Dreaming program will

also feature film and literature components, performing arts, new media and digital technologies, food and wine fare, comedy, ceremony, exhibitions,

performance artists, physical theatre, visual arts, craft workshops, music program, street performers, musicals and a youth program.

"The QFF ... is incredible and extraordinary because I don't think there is any other arts organisation in this county that would take such a huge risk on such an important event like this," Ms Roberts said.

"They really believe in (the Dreaming) and the Queensland Government in particular believes in the longevity of this festival and have been one of the financial supporters of this event.

"The opportunities particularly for the communities that come here is that they are able to develop their art and craft for their own tourism cultural events back on their country. The festival has a lot of layers."

While last year's festival attracted a crowd of more than 16,000, this year numbers are expected to increase.

But in a blow to organisers, the Australia Council for the Arts and some other Federal Government groups did not provide funding.

● Festival volunteers receive a free ticket. To buy tickets or to sign up as a volunteer, log on to www.thedreamingfestival.com

Students learn good health



Top basketballer Rohanee Cox with students, from left, Mariah LogoLogo, 10, Jakirah Pryor, 10, and Lisa Filifili, 11.

By ALF WILSON



Star Townsville Fire basketballer Rohanee Cox is the official ambassador for the Traditional Indigenous Games project which is a part of the Queensland

Health initiative 'Eat Well Be Active - Healthy Kids for Life'.

The Tropical Population Health Unit at Townsville is promoting the history and heritage of the traditional Indigenous games as a culturally relevant curriculum activity and a fun and interesting way of achieving many important education, health and social benefits. The project aims to improve physical activity and cross-cultural appreciation and engagement in primary schools in State Department of Housing Community Renewal Program zones.

A research component in the project aims to produce evidence to gauge the effectiveness of traditional Indigenous games in achieving these aims.

The Koori Mall was invited to the launch at the Townsville Sports Reserve where 27 students from Vincent and Currajong State Primary schools took part in a variety of fun games.

Linda Saltner performed the welcome to country on behalf of the Wulgurukaba people and also acknowledged the Bindal mob.

Thuringowa Mayor Les Tyrell gave a speech as did a representative of the Townsville City Council. Both praised the project.

Several speakers said that it was an initiative to reduce obesity among school children, encourage healthy

More than a game for these active kids

eating and an hour of exercise daily.

Cox, a role model to Indigenous youth, said it was a great initiative of which she was proud to be part.

Mariah LogoLogo, 10, Jakirah Pryor, 10, and Lisa Filifili, 11, were delighted to have their photo taken with Rohanee during a break in the exercise activity.

Games played included the Thepan, in which players use 'swords' to attempt to strike each others.

Thepan means to hit in the Wik-Mungkan language of north Queensland. Large wooden swords were used by male Aborigines in the rainforest area of north Queensland around Tully and neighbouring regions. Each participant would take blow after blow under strict rules of engagement.

Another game at the launch was the Gorri, which was played by Aboriginal boys and men in central Australia. It was a disc bowling game in which a ball is hurled at moving targets.

Now it's Dr Gumana

University honour for revered Yolngu man

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Highly respected Yolngu man Gawirrin Gumana has been awarded an honorary

doctorate by Charles Darwin University.

The university says the award 'recognises the outstanding leadership and achievement in the field of arts, Aboriginal cultural maintenance, Aboriginal community advancement and the promotion of inter-cultural understanding and respect' by Mr Gumana.

"Over the years, Gawirrin Gumana has played integral roles in the recognition of ownership and management of land and the homelands movement

for the Yolngu Aboriginal people as well as being recognised for his contribution as an artist," the university says.

"In 1968, when the Yirrkala people took action in the Northern Territory Supreme Court to protect their interest in the land, Gawirrin acted as an interpreter and cross-cultural bridge during the proceedings.

"Gawirrin says he looks at things three ways - the Yolngu Aboriginal way, the Western way and God's way - and credits his importance as a mediator to his ability to see and understand things from these different points of view.

"Gawirrin has been

painting for over 60 years and over the past two decades his stature as an artist and ambassador for Yolngu culture has been recognised nationally and internationally.

"In addition, Gawirrin's stature among his people has been recognised, when he was selected as the lead plaintiff in the 2005 Federal Court case which resulted in the affirmation of Yolngu native title rights over inland and coastal waters."

CDU Chancellor Richard Ryan presented Mr Gumana with the degree of Doctor of Arts, Honoris Causa.

Mr Gumana's daughter also graduated with a Certificate in Community Services Work.



Highly respected Yolngu man Gawirrin Gumana received his honorary doctorate from CDU Chancellor Richard Ryan.

Extra funding for NSW maternity services



Specialist Indigenous maternity services are to get an \$8.8 million funding boost from the New South Wales Government. The money will be spent over two years to expand the services to more than 40 sites across the state.

NSW Community Services Minister

Kevin Greene said the Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Strategy (AMIHS) supported women by providing access to a community midwife and an Aboriginal health and education officer.

Under the program, health officers are also able to refer families to early intervention programs to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal

children in the child protection system.

Speaking in the NSW Parliament, Mr Greene said a preliminary evaluation of the program, which had been operating since 2000, had shown encouraging improvements in the health of mothers and babies.

"It showed more Aboriginal mothers took up ante-natal services earlier – up

from 65 per cent to 78 per cent," the Minister said.

"The number of women giving birth prematurely who received care through the AMIHS also dropped from 20 per cent to 11 per cent.

"There's still a lot of work to be done but I think this program is a strong indication that we are on the right track."

Foundation calls for government to have a heart



The National Heart Foundation of Australia has called for action to improve the cardiovascular health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, suggesting a range of measures to promote prevention and improve access to clinical care.

Heart Foundation Chief Executive Officer – National Lyn Roberts said many initiatives were under way to improve cardiovascular health for Indigenous Australians.

"There is some good news. But, as a report card on Indigenous health released by the Australian Medical Association in Adelaide shows, we have a long way to go before Indigenous Australians achieve the same cardiovascular health outcomes as the rest of the population," she said.

"Indigenous Australians have much higher death rates from heart attacks than other Australians and are considerably more likely to suffer a heart attack and to die from it.

"And, as a landmark Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report found last year, when admitted to hospital they are less likely to receive some medical investigations or common lifesaving procedures.

"When admitted to hospital for coronary heart disease, Indigenous Australians have a 40 per cent lower rate of being investigated by angiography, a 40 per cent lower rate of coronary angioplasty or stent procedures, and a 20 per cent lower rate of coronary bypass surgery. Disturbingly, they are also missing out on lifesaving medications for cardiovascular disease.



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Heart Foundation Chief Executive Officer – National Lyn Roberts

"Federal and State governments need to work together to improve access to care in hospitals, possibly negotiated as part of the next round of Australian Health Care Agreements with linked outcomes-based funding."

The Heart Foundation says it would also like to see governments work together to support initiatives including:

- A national rheumatic fever/heart disease program, including better screening, monitoring and management of patients and a national rheumatic fever register
- A comprehensive cardiac rehabilitation

strategy for Indigenous Australians

- Additional support to improve nutrition, building on the current National ATSI Nutrition Strategy and Action Plan

- Expansion and enhancement of the Medical Specialist Outreach Service

- A comprehensive Indigenous tobacco control campaign

- Measures to improve Indigenous people's access to, and quality use of, medicines.

For further information go to www.heartfoundation.com.au or call the Heartline on 1300 36 27 87.

Alcohol abuse targeted on-line



An on-line program targeting alcohol abuse has started in

Sydney. The 'Control Your Drinking' web-based self-change program was launched by Sydney West Area Health Service Chief Executive Professor Steven Boyages. It will be based at the Fleet Street Drug and Alcohol Service in North Parramatta.

"This web-assisted interactive program is the first of its kind in Australia and is aimed at helping people to reduce excessive alcohol consumption and its associated problems," Prof Boyages said.

Alcohol is the most commonly used drug in Australia, with economic costs of about \$7.6 billion a year. In NSW alone, alcohol abuse costs \$7 million each day – in terms of health care, loss of productivity, crime and road accidents.

Assistance

The health service says 'Control Your Drinking' is a cost-effective, convenient on-line program offering assistance to people with drinking problems and allowing them to be treated in their home. Clients are not required to attend a clinic, as treatment information is available via the internet free of charge.

"The client completes a 15-minute clinical questionnaire and immediately receives personalised feedback and an introduction to four modules of proven clinical information," said Australian Centre for Addiction Research Director Associate Professor Sridharan Thiagarajan.

"The stigma which can be associated with alcohol use can deter people from seeking help. The beauty of this program is that people can remain anonymous during their involvement in the treatment program."

The 'Control Your Drinking' website address is www.acar.net.au or for further information telephone 1800 006 577.

Nursing groups criticise Budget



Rural and remote nursing groups have criticised what they say is a lack of Federal Government support in the 2007 Budget.

The Council of Remote Area Nurses (CRANA) and Australian Rural Nurses and Midwives (ARNM) say the Budget offers little to help people – many of them Indigenous – in the bush. CRANA President

Christopher Cliffe said that in remote health, successful recruitment and retention of nurses was the difference between whether communities had access to health-care services or none at all.

"Remote area nurses and Aboriginal health workers provide the majority of vital health-care services," he said.

"They work predominantly in Indigenous communities, often in physical isolation from other professionals. It is

critical that incentives and support are made available to retain nurses to these areas."

ARNM President Dr Jane Mills said: "Nurses and midwives are the backbone of rural health service delivery, filling in gaps in the absence of doctors, often with little recognition and minimal professional support.

"ARNM is disappointed with the lack of Budget allocation for developing this core workforce group. The

well-recognised shortage of doctors in rural practice increases reliance on the rural nursing and midwifery workforce. We are calling on the Australian Government to take an active approach in providing accessible, high-quality health care for rural and remote Australians. This involves engaging and supporting all health-care professionals to achieve what urban Australia takes for granted."

Authorities urge breast health checks



Australian health authorities say a new study in the United States revealing a decline in women having mammograms provides a reminder for women to have this simple, possibly life-saving, breast health check.

Cancer, the official journal of the American Cancer Society, said US national mammography rates had dropped by nearly 4 per cent in a five-year period. The report said the drop may have been due to multiple factors including uncertainty about the effectiveness of mammograms.

NSW Breast Cancer Institute Director Professor John Boyages said there were important differences between the American and Australian models, especially regarding quality and effectiveness. "In Australia, the BreastScreen Program provides a Government-funded service

with high national quality standards," he said.

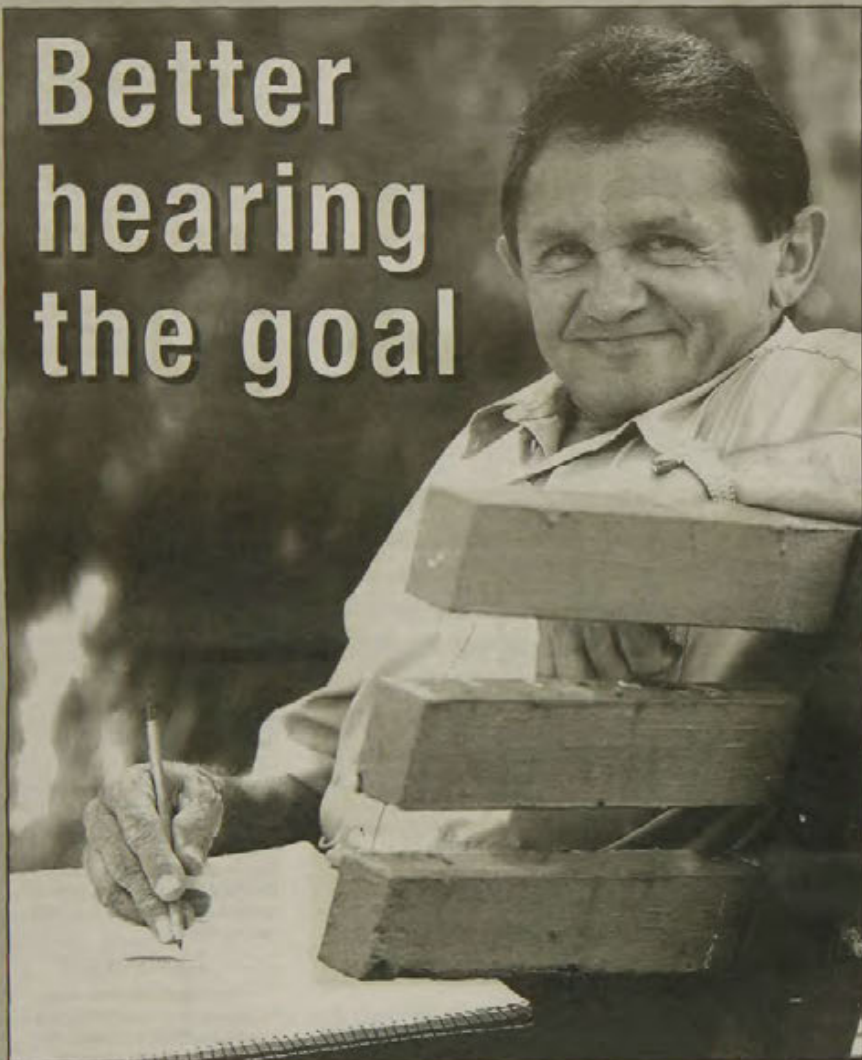
"This service is targeted at women aged 50-69 years and is provided free of charge to ensure all women have equal access to this important health test. This means that no matter where a woman lives or how well off she is, she should be

able to access this important health test without difficulty."

Health authorities have expressed concern at the low numbers of Indigenous women having breast checks.

Women interested in making an appointment at their closest BreastScreen centre should phone 132 050.

Better hearing the goal



Hearing is a major problem in Indigenous communities. But many Indigenous people have benefited from the work of the Federal Government agency Australian Hearing.

The organisation is dedicated to helping people manage their hearing impairment so they have a better quality of life, and for many Indigenous Australians services are free.

Indigenous artist and local advocate Alan Parsons, pictured above, is just one of more than one million clients that Australian Hearing has helped in the past 60 years.

Mr Parsons has osteogenesis imperfecta, a brittle bone disease that affected the development of his bones, including those in the ear. "I started losing my hearing early in life. It was just another obstacle I've had to overcome along life's pathways," he said.

The 54-year old from Caboolture, Queensland, has done more than most, from creating art to

flying planes to motivating audiences.

"My art is a very important part of my life. It helps me connect with my Indigenous heritage, and I'm enjoying experimenting with techniques and colours using fluoro and metallic paints," he said. "I drive a car. I've flown aeroplanes, ridden a three-wheel motorcycle mustering cattle and scuba dived in the Whitsunday Islands."

Mr Parsons' hearing aids have enabled him to hear and therefore communicate effectively.

"Conversation in a crowded room is brilliant. The advanced technology of the aids mutes background noise. The aids are tuned to your hearing loss, they're tailored to your needs. It's like wearing shoes. You put them on and forget about them," he said.

Free hearing services are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 50 and over or participating in a Community Development Employment Project and children and adults under the age of 21. To find out more about Australian Hearing call 131 797.



The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), Australia's largest

doctor representative group, is looking to celebrate the 'champions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health'.

At its 50th annual Scientific Convention, being held in Sydney this October, the RACGP will present the inaugural 'Standing Strong Together' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Award.

The college says it is seeking nominations for the award. For more information visit www.racgp.org.au/awards. Nominations close on 30 June.

"The RACGP has a long history of not only advocating for improvements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care, but in delivering positive outcomes through working together with our Indigenous communities," RACGP President Dr Vasantha Preetham said.

"There are many general practitioners, general practice nurses, Aboriginal health workers and members of the community who have long done the same."

"The RACGP believes these unrecognised champions of medicine deserve to be rewarded."

The 'Standing Strong Together' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Award is open to any fellow or member of the RACGP and any Aboriginal or

Torres Strait Islander person who has taken a co-operative approach to delivering substantial positive outcomes in Indigenous health.

RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Unit manager Alan Brown, a Gunditjmarra man, said: "We believe in investing in people who make a difference. The college will support the winners with a \$5000 grant to expand their study or to boost their important work."

"Incentive and recognition will go a long way towards encouraging others to put their shoulder to the wheel in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health."

'By celebrating excellence and achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, not only are we recognising people's efforts, but inspiring the next generation of doctors, Aboriginal health workers and primary care nurses to make a difference'

The award-winner will also receive funding for return airfares, accommodation and registration costs of attending the RACGP Annual Scientific Convention in Sydney.

"Disappointingly, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities still experience some of the worst health outcomes in the nation. However, there are good stories to tell and we believe it is important that this

positive news gets out," RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Unit GP Manager Dr Jenny Reath said.

"By celebrating excellence and achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, not only are we recognising people's efforts, but inspiring the next generation of doctors, Aboriginal health workers and primary care nurses to make a difference."

Nursing scholarships are on offer

The Royal College of Nursing is offering Indigenous Nursing Scholarships for applicants starting full-time nursing studies in 2008.

They are worth \$10,000

each year, to a potential maximum of \$30,000 per applicant during their nursing studies.

The college says eligible applicants include enrolled

nurses, Year 12 school-leavers and Indigenous health workers, among others.

For more details go to www.rcna.org.au or call 1800 117 262.

Weldon guest speaker at Myall Creek service



The annual memorial service for those who died in the Myall Creek massacre will be held at Myall Creek, northern

NSW, on Saturday 9 June. The service will be held at the memorial on the Bingara-Delunga Road, in the NSW New England Highlands, beginning at 10am.

The guest speaker this year will be NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Chairwoman Ann Weldon, a Wiradjuri woman.

Ms Weldon says she grew up learning about her Wiradjuri Nation's history and the other Aboriginal nations beyond the borders of Wiradjuri country.

She says she was inspired by the matriarchs of her family, including Mum Shirl, Auntie Biddy (Pauline Coe), Auntie Moody (Muriel Merritt), Auntie Aggie (Agnes Coe), her mother (Frances Haroa) and her Ninny Wedge (Isabell Wedge).

The Myall Creek Memorial was erected in June 2000 by a group of

people working together in an act of reconciliation. It was awarded the Judith Wright Prize for innovative reconciliation work in 2005.

It commemorates the unprovoked massacre of about 28 Wirrayaraay women, children and old men by a group of stockmen in 1838.

The annual memorial service is open to the public and those intending to participate are invited to gather at the Myall Creek Hall by 10am for morning tea.

Lunch will be available after the ceremony for a small charge, and the annual public meeting related to the Memorial will be held from 1 pm.

Patrons of the Myall Creek Memorial Committee are Nathaniel Blacklock and NSW politician Linda Burney.

For further information on the memorial event, contact Ivan Roberts at (02) 9746 2320 or irobert4@bigpond.net.au; Paulette Smith, (02) 6724 1626; Sue Blacklock (02) 6723 3279, or Lyall Munro (02) 6752 5792.



Some of the Palm Island CDEP workers.

We've got a top job, say CDEP workers

By ALF WILSON



Palm Islanders working under a CDEP scheme to clean up the north Queensland

Aboriginal community reckon they have the best job around.

With the Palm Island Community Council advocating attracting eco-tourism ventures, it is important that the areas near the main road are tidy. The Koori Mail caught up

with a gang of more than 20 local men and women as they mowed and cleaned an area near the ocean beside the main street.

Bert Massey said they enjoyed working under the shade of coconut palms and close to the blue Coral Sea.

Scenery

"We get to clean up the island and the scenery is really good around here," he said.

Cecil Sarabo, Ralph Watson, Cecil Huddy and Anthony Palmer were also

hard at work and echoed the comments by Mr Massey. There were a number of ride-on and push mowers being operated by the workers as well as a tractor and a tip truck to dispose of the grass.

Truck driver Onslow Tanner said it was a rewarding experience to beautify his beloved Palm Island in such idyllic surroundings.

Grass and weeds were cut and loaded into the truck for disposal.

"The views here are really good," he said.



The South Australian Government says employers are lining up to take on new workers under the State's Aboriginal Apprenticeship Program.

Employment, Training and Further Education Minister Paul Caica told State Parliament the program, which assists Aboriginal people into trade-based apprenticeships in the private sector, is going from strength to strength.

"We have over 160 apprentices currently training in the program across the State with 58 commencing their apprenticeships this year alone – the highest number ever to be placed in one year," he said.

"The Aboriginal Apprenticeship Program provides extensive monitoring and support to both employers and employees for the full three-to-four-year term of their contract of training, with retention remaining at over 70 per cent.

"The reputation of the program is growing fast, to the extent that there is now an extensive list of employers committing to take on Aboriginal apprentices in the new financial year."

As well as having apprentices in traditional trades such as fitting and turning, engineering operations, horticulture, motor mechanics, electrical, hairdressing and metal fabrication, the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Program is, for the first time, supporting apprentices in veterinary nursing, sign writing and

childcare. The Government says graduates from the program receive nationally recognised qualifications that equip them with skills to not only effectively manage their work, but also to boost their capacity to enjoy financial independence and contribute more broadly to their communities.

Mr Caica said the program was playing an important role in realising the SA Government's goals to expand learning and work opportunities for Aboriginal people in the regions in line with the Government's major skills statement, 'Skills for South Australia', released last year.

Growth

"There is particular growth in the program in the Upper Spencer Gulf where we have already placed 18 new people into apprenticeships so far this year," he said.

"The program is also training apprentices in a wide range of regions from Ceduna to Port Lincoln and Coober Pedy through to the Riverland, Murray Bridge, the South East and Kangaroo Island."

More than 240 people have so far taken part in the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Program, with 56 having already graduated. A further 15 apprentices are due to complete their training this year, with a graduation dinner scheduled for October.

For further information on the program contact Loine Sweeney on (08) 8226 8509 or 0407 395 467.



Vets have the opportunity to improve the health of remote Australian communities through a practical manual 'Conducting

Dog Health Programs in Indigenous Communities: A Veterinary Guide'.

The online manual, the first of its kind in Australia, was produced jointly

by Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities and the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

Darwin-based vet Samantha Phelan, who wrote and researched the manual, said effective dog-health programs had the capacity to make a significant difference to public health and well-being in communities.

Dog-health guide first of kind



Pictured are just some of the happy faces and activities at the 3on3 event held late last month in Murray Bridge, South Australia.

3on3 hits Murray Bridge



The Vibe 3on3 team says Murray Bridge has always been one of their favourite locations. So popular, in fact,

that the crew returned to the South Australian river city for the fifth time on the weekend of May 26-27.

"We had a great team of local people on the organising committee who did a really amazing job," says 3on3 co-ordinator Claude Williams.

"We'd like to thank them all. A particularly huge thank you has to go to Kevin Kropinyeri Jnr, who was indispensable in pre-event preparations as well as over the weekend."

More than 45 teams participated in the structured 3on3 basketball, hip-hop, breakdancing, art and health activities, with local young people learning new rapping



There was plenty of good tucker on offer.

and dance skills from MC Munkimuk and breakdancer B Boy 2 Ezy.

On hand to offer support and a few basketball tips was Adelaide 36ers star Mark Davis, and other basketball teams from Adelaide also attended.

Actor and TV personality Luke Carroll also joined in the festivities, hanging out with the locals and encouraging local kids to be the best they can be.

"There was a wealth of talent and skill displayed in all elements of the 3on3 over the weekend," Mr Williams said.

"There are heaps of kids with enormous natural ability and, given the right opportunities, I think they have the potential to achieve at the highest level in their chosen field."

The organisers said that by the end of the weekend there were many happy kids and some proud winners.

"The Murray Bridge community has always supported the 3on3," Mr Williams says.

"That's the reason we keep coming back."

The Vibe 3on3 is a two-day Aboriginal youth weekend festival that incorporates basketball, dancing, art, culture and health.

Its aims are to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem.

For more information, go to www.vibe.com.au



Basketball action at the 3on3.

Awards honour efforts of youth



There are 11 nominees for this year's NSW Northern Rivers Kids in Community (KIC) Awards. The awards recognise and reward local young people for positive efforts to address issues affecting themselves and others in the community.

The KIC Awards, for young people aged 13 to 25, have categories including peer support, community support, Indigenous youth support, homeless youth support, against all odds, role model, mentor or group or individual supporting youth or youth programs.

The Indigenous youth support award recognises the efforts of a young person or youth group for the promotion of life skills, positive attributes and actions of Indigenous youth.

This year's Indigenous nominees are Johnathan Walker, Melissa Torrens, Natasha Moran, Levi Caldwell, Ngagu Jabu Dance Group, Tyrone Close and Kim Ballard all nominated for Indigenous youth support; Kiwat Kennell nominated for role model; Alicia Roberts and Eli Pietens nominated for mentor; and Diwaan Cockatoo nominated for peer support.

The awards presentations will be held on 26 June at the Lismore Workers Club.

NAIDOC helpers wanted



Organisers of the NAIDOC Musgrave Park Family Fun Day say the event will be taken to a new level in 2007. This year's event will be held in the Brisbane suburb of Musgrave on Friday 13 July. Last year the event attracted 20,000 people.

Musgrave Fun Day founder Auntie Joan Collins said: "This year we expect bigger audiences, renowned performers and emerging artists, craftsman and food providers to join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC! So we would welcome some more helpers." Those interested in assisting should call (07) 3846 5700 or 0409 538 136.

Vic tenants to have a choice



Victorian tenants of the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program are being given the opportunity to transfer their tenancy to an Aboriginal housing organisation.

State Housing Minister Richard Wynne joined Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings and Aboriginal Housing Victoria Chairman Tim Chatfield to announce the new choice, which they say gives more opportunities for Aboriginal tenants.

Mr Wynne said this opportunity offered tenants an Aboriginal landlord focused on providing more choice in housing programs and determination over housing services.

"Rather than dictating the provision of housing, we're giving the tools and support to an Aboriginal board which can act in the best interests of Aboriginal tenants," he said.

"Aboriginal Housing Victoria will provide tenants with an Aboriginal landlord and a more personalised service by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people - with a particular emphasis on meeting individual needs. "The homes will be leased from the



GAVIN JENNINGS

Office of Housing, which will continue to be responsible for ongoing repairs and maintenance. The Office of Housing will also continue to work with Aboriginal Housing Victoria to provide financial assistance and ensure a smooth transition."

Mr Jennings said the announcement was part of the Government's commitment to improving housing options for Indigenous Victorians.

"The Bracks Government believes all Victorians deserve decent, affordable housing and this initiative means Aboriginal people will themselves be managing Aboriginal housing," he said.

"Nobody will be forced to transfer if they don't want to, but the choice is there for all 1300 Aboriginal households to transfer their tenancy if they wish."

Mr Chatfield said that Aboriginal Housing Victoria was a not-for-profit, community-managed housing agency which provided housing for lower-income Aboriginal Victorians.

"Aboriginal Housing Victoria now has the opportunity to grow its housing portfolio, with government support and regulation," he said.

Information will be sent to tenants to explain the transferral, which will be cost free for tenants.

For further information call the AHV Advice Line on 1300 724 882 or OoH on 1800 663 662.

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Finding work child's play for teenager

Genus is through job maze

By ALF WILSON

YOUNG Torres Strait Islander Genus Passi will be saving the money from his first job so that he can visit Thursday Island and Darnley Island later in the year.

The 16-year-old Genus did work experience for Townsville company Maze Mania 4Kids and impressed owner Peter Stokes so much that he gained immediate employment.

"We get a lot of Indigenous work experience youth here and Genus proved to be a great worker and is now with us," Mr Stokes said.

The Koori Mail was there on his first day on April 28 at Maze Mania 4Kids, which is a playground for children.

His duties are varied from serving at the counter, taking food to tables where birthday parties are being held, cleaning floors and general tasks.

"I have really enjoyed it here and get to meet lots of families and nice people," Genus said.

Born in Mackay and of Torres Strait descent, Genus moved to Townsville some years ago and still has many

relatives on Thursday and Darnley Islands.

"I went to Thursday Island (TI) a while back and really had a good time fishing and catching up. But it is a laid-back lifestyle and very different to Townsville. There is nothing like Maze Mania on TI," he said.

The Kirwan State High School student is an avid Brisbane Broncos supporter in the NRL and often is told he looks like their star player Sam Thaiday, who hails from TI.

Genus plays five-eighth for the Townsville under-16 team United Suburbs Redbacks and one day hopes to play in the NRL.

As an added incentive to go back to the Torres Strait, Genus said his grandmother, Louisa Hood, had recently moved

from Townsville to Thursday Island.

"That was just last week and I will want to visit my grandmother whenever I can," he said.

Genus is also a descendant of the Sailor family, many of whom live on remote Darnley Island.

"I am also saving up to go back there," he said.

'We get a lot of Indigenous work experience youth here and Genus proved to be a great worker and is now with us'



ABOVE: Genus Passi at his first day of work.

RIGHT: Maze Mania owner Peter Stokes and Genus Passi.



It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website - www.koorimail.com

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We will be holding Information Sessions on the Prison Officer role at the following regional prisons:

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- Greenough • Roebourne.

For information on the recruitment process

Phone: (08) 9212 3992 or (08) 9212 3989 (8.30am – 5.00pm, Mon-Sat)

Email: prerecruitment@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au

Website: www.correctiveservices.wa.gov.au

Applications closing date: Monday 25 June 2007 – 5pm

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, females and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.



Department of Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

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Australian Government
Department of Defence

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- Employment in a diverse range of skill areas.

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- You will be a civilian non-uniformed Australian Public Servant of the Department of Defence.
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What Defence is looking for:

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Law	Project Management	Economics
International Relations	Environment and Heritage	Strategic Studies
Asian Studies	Mathematics	Research

How Do I Apply?

If you are interested in applying, you must register your details on the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) website at www.nicp.dewr.gov.au. Then you must register your interest with Defence on (02) 6266 8690 or at equity@defence.gov.au. For more information about Defence visit www.defence.gov.au.



Australian Government
Indigenous Business Australia

CANBERRA BASED

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority established to engage in commercial activities in a profit orientated, private sector environment while promoting and encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-management and economic self-sufficiency. We are a dynamic and rapidly expanding organisation, with staff who are strongly committed to our goals.

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(plus Performance Bonus of up to 15%)

The Executive Assistant provides a full range of secretarial and administrative support to the General Manager, Deputy General Manager and the Board Chairman, collates and distributes papers and arranges detailed associated travel. The Executive Assistant also provides support to other senior management and Board members as required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

The selection criteria for these positions are available on the IBA website at www.iba.gov.au. Further information about the positions please contact Kerri Lenehan on (02)6121 2605 or Kerri.Lenehan@iba.gov.au

Applications close on 17 June 2007.

www.iba.gov.au



Department of the
Attorney General

Aboriginal Justice Agreement

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Regional Coordinators

Position No: 006635 (Noongar Metro – Perth)

Position No: 006636 (West Kimberley – Kununurra)

Position No: 006637 (Pilbara, Roebourne or Pt Hedland)

Position No: 006638 (East Kimberley – Derby)

Position No: 006640 (Mulla Mulla – Kalgoorlie)

Position No: 006641 (Yamatj – Geraldton)

Position No: 006643 (Noongar Wheatbelt – Northern (or Perth))

Position No: 006644 (Noongar South West – Bunbury)

Position No: 006645 (Noongar Great Southern – Albany)

Level/Salary: L6 PSQA: \$70,564 – \$78,138 pa + super & other applicable allowances

We are seeking committed individuals who want to make a difference through co-ordination of local and regional justice plans throughout Western Australia. You will be responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of AJA plans and working with other Government departments and agencies to ensure community aspirations and priorities are addressed. You will also be responsible for engagement between Aboriginal communities, government and other key stakeholders.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Gordon Cole on 9264 6128.

Interim Regional Coordinator

Position No: 007217 Fixed term 12mths with poss ext

Level/Salary: L7 PSQA \$82,227 – \$88,131 pa + employer super

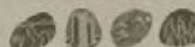
This position, based in Pt Hedland, is at the cutting edge of the new AJA planning, consultation and implementation process. You would have excellent communication and facilitation skills in order to engage with Aboriginal people throughout the Pilbara and Kimberley regions. You would also be expected to have good networks and the capacity to negotiate at a senior level with managers of Government Departments and Agencies.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Gordon Cole on 9264 6128.

Job Application Packages: To access information about the above positions, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 18 June 2007.

Aboriginal



Justice Agreement

During the spotlight role ceremony by Justice Moore

Senior Policy Officers (2)

Position Nos: 006376 & 006632

Level/Salary: L6 PSQA \$70,564 – \$78,138 pa + super

Policy Officers (2)

Position Nos: 006633 & 006672

Level/Salary: L5 PSQA: \$60,638 – \$67,017 pa + super

We are seeking experienced policy officers to work with our project team to support the implementation of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement. You will have a background in policy research and be able to provide high level policy advice on various social policy issues. You will be responsible for providing advice on Government programs and initiatives to ensure community aspirations and priorities are addressed. You will also be part of the team that will engage with Aboriginal communities, government and other key stakeholders.

Senior Project Officers (2)

Position Nos: 006624 & 006625

Level/Salary: L6 PSQA \$70,564 – \$78,138 pa + super

Project Officers (2)

Position Nos: 006922 & 006828

Level/Salary: L5 PSQA \$60,638 – \$67,017 pa + super

In this challenging environment you will have a commitment to working in a multi-skilled team. We are seeking people with project management and support skills who will work in our project team to support the implementation of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement. Project officers will work with Regional Coordinators to assist with the implementation of AJA plans. You would have good communication and consultation skills along with the capacity to engage with Aboriginal people and other stakeholders involved in the AJA process.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Josh Collard on 9264 0487.

Job Application Packages: To access information about the above positions, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 18 June 2007.

Administration Officer

Position No: 007216 (Perth based) 12 mth fixed term + poss extn

Level/Salary: L3 PSQA \$48,409 – \$52,560 pa + super

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Stephen Cannon on 9264 1817.

Job Application Packages: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 18 June 2007.

ATSIWLAS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service

PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

(Full-time)

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal Service (ATSIWLAS) is a community-based organisation located in Brisbane.

We provide legal advice, information and referral services to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women experiencing family law, child protection, domestic and family violence, and other legal matters.

We are seeking someone who has 4-5 years experience in family law, highly motivated and committed to improving Indigenous women's social justice issues to join our team.

If you are interested in applying for the position listed above you can obtain an Information Package by contacting ATSIWLAS office on 07 33923177.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: Friday, 15th June 2007, 5.00pm.

Project Supervisor - A & TSI Traineeship

- Conservation and Land Management
- National Not-for Profit NGO
- 50-60k base salary range (incl. vehicle)

An opportunity to play a lead role in an innovative environmental training and employment initiative

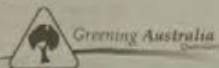
Greening Australia Queensland, a not-for-profit vegetation management and community engagement specialist, is currently seeking a skilled and motivated individual to fill the role of Project Supervisor for an exciting traineeship program which will be run in partnership with the Department of Main Roads and Jagera Daran Pty Ltd.

Based in Brisbane, you will be at the front line in igniting a passion for the environment in a group of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander trainees via the delivery of project-based training in the area of Conservation and Land Management. Your major responsibilities will be the implementation of a variety of natural area restoration, landscape enhancement and community engagement ventures, as well as to oversee the day-to-day training and supervision of the participants.

The ideal applicant will have a proven track-record which demonstrates outstanding training and supervision skills as well as a high level of technical knowledge in areas such as Natural Area Management, Landscape Implementation and Indigenous Affairs. The position will also require the ability to coordinate and prioritise work programs and deadlines, as well as to provide the appropriate level of reporting and liaison to our client. Relevant tertiary qualifications, including a Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment and previous successful experience with environmental/horticultural traineeship programs and indigenous projects will all be highly regarded.

This is a 14-month project with a very high chance of extension for a minimum additional period of 12 months. Salary will be negotiated dependant upon the expertise, experience and qualifications of the successful applicant. Additional remuneration may be considered for highly-skilled applicants.

Request position description and selection criteria, via phone: 3902 4432, or email: general@qld.greeningaustralia.org.au or download from our website: <http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/GA/QLD/>. Applications are due by COB Monday 18th June and may be emailed to the above email address or posted to: Greening Australia Queensland, 333 Bennetts Road, Norman Park Q 4170



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Queensland Government
Department of Main Roads

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER COMMUNITY RENEWAL PARTNERSHIPS

Clerk Grade 9/10

Greater Western Sydney Division

Parramatta

Permanent Full-Time

Position No. DOH-07-00688

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 is responsible for assisting in development of new strategic responses, models & management of key aspects of the Community Renewal Strategy.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Superior ability to analyse complex issues, think strategically and to systematically develop integrated responses.
- Demonstrated high-level skills and experience in the development and management of complex projects/programs.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in negotiation and development of partnership projects and processes.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to promote and support inter-agency planning and project work.
- High level understanding of the principles of community development and community renewal in the social housing context.
- Sound understanding of the social housing sector in NSW and the role of other human service agencies.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.
- **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 the full-text version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Maggy Yeum (02) 9891 8405, (02) 9891 8319

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 15 June 2007.

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The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:

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6 x Plant Operators

Ngarda Civil & Mining is currently experiencing exciting growth and now requires 6 Plant Operators with experience operating loaders, water carts, graders and articulated dump trucks to work at various locations in the Port Hedland area.

You will be committed to working safely whilst meeting production targets and you will have a passion for Ngarda's mission. If you are employed in the township of Port Hedland, the roster will be 5 days on and 2 days off, and if working out of the township your roster will be 2 weeks on and 1 week off, with possible FIFO from Perth.

To be considered for this role it is essential that you possess a current HR licence whilst on HGM licence, semi side loader experience or floor experience would be desirable.

These positions will attract competitive terms and conditions will be offered.

Resumes can be emailed to apply@ngarda.com.au or faxed to (08) 9140 1955 with initial phone queries directed to Human Resources on (08) 9475 1450.

Applications close: 8th June 2007.



Public Calling

Careers for Indigenous Australians
Australian Public Service

'The APS provides an opportunity to understand the complexities of government organisations and learn how to either support directly or advise our people how to build beneficial relationships with government.'

I am currently leading a Customer Service Team in the Child Support Agency. I enjoy helping people through the tangled web of government and helping them find solutions to the things that are important to them.

G'day, my name is Anthony Creek and the Australian Public Service (APS) has enabled me to build my business planning, problem solving, networking and people management skills from entry level to management level. These experiences help me support my staff and my agency more effectively and in doing so support the people that rely on our services. My life experience helps me see things from the view points of my staff and our customers and helps me relate to them and understand their needs.

The APS has provided me a solid foundation for whatever career pathways I may follow into the future, be that in government, the private sector or a community organisation. On a number of occasions I have consciously chosen to continue building those skills in the APS rather than take up opportunities outside the APS, knowing that this would provide me with wider career choices in the long term.

If you're looking for an opportunity to develop new skills to help you make a difference for the community or contribute to the future of Indigenous people, check out a career in the Australian Public Service.

Challenge Yourself... Get Connected...
Careers in the Australian Public Service

For more information visit:
www.apsc.gov.au/indigenous



Australian Government
Australian Public Service
Commission

Australian Public Service Indigenous Cadetships 2008

The Australian Government is currently seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students for exciting career opportunities.

A cadetship with the Australian Public Service (APS) is a great way to give your career a head start - it provides practical work placements, and financial support, while you complete your degree.

Applicants will need to register with the National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP) by 27 July 2007.

You can do this by visiting www.nicp.dewr.gov.au

For more information about cadetships in the APS contact the APS commission:

website www.apsc.gov.au/indigenous

Email: indrecruit@apsc.gov.au



Australian Government



Jobs Careers Future

**SENIOR COMMUNITY
LIAISON OFFICER**

NTSV assists Victorian traditional owner groups to progress their native title claims and related matters. The position involves coordinating the work of the community liaison team to ensure efficient and effective communication with traditional owner groups.

Salary is negotiable to \$60,000, plus certain tax privileges.

For details go to www.ntsv.com.au 'Jobs at NTSV'



Aboriginal Affairs

Department of Aboriginal Affairs is implementing a reform program to deliver NSW Government policy on Aboriginal affairs.

**Senior Project Officers,
Policy Reporting**

Clerk Grade 9/10, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time,
Job Reference No DAA07/098.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$92,591 p.a. (\$76,142-\$83,907) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Working with the Strategic Policy team and other State Government agencies to ensure effective monitoring and reporting through Two Ways Together.

Selection Criteria: High level of understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and issues impacting on Aboriginal people. Superior understanding of State and Commonwealth Government policy, direction, objectives and service delivery functions, particularly in relation to Aboriginal programs, and relevant legislation, policies and issues across Government. Ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities. Superior ability to clearly articulate complex social issues to senior levels of government. High level communication and liaison skills, including the preparation of complex submissions and reports. Strategic policy analysis, reporting skills, project management and evaluation skills. Experience representing an organization at a senior level and in managing contractors and working in multi-disciplinary teams as well as supervision of staff. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or the equivalent demonstrated work experience. Common selection criteria also apply.

Inquiries: Samantha Nolan (02) 9219 0720.

Information Packages: Clive Moulstone (02) 9219 0728.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Consultant, Central Corporate Services Unit, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 15 June 2007.



**Queensland Government
Queensland Health**

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion)

Indigenous Chronic Disease Team, Indigenous Health Service, Brisbane North Community Health Service, Chermiside, Northside Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52,431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41,777 - \$45,954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.25%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (OO4) or Salary between \$41,156 - \$49,037 p.a. (TO2) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JRN: H07PCH207. Duties/Abilities: Consult on, plan, develop, coordinate, implement and evaluate a range of community nutrition initiatives targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Northside Health Service District. This position does not have a role in the delivery of clinical nutrition services to individuals.

Enquiries: Linda Medlin (07) 3139 4308.

Application Kit: (07) 3139 4972 (Voice Mail) or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Wednesday, 20 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.



The University of Sydney

Research Assistant

**Faculty of Education and
Social Work**

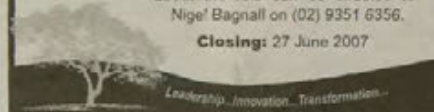
Reference No. 102408

The Faculty of Education and Social Work seeks suitably qualified applicants for a fixed term Level B Academic position. The successful applicant will be involved in a curriculum development project entitled *Embedding Diversity: Towards A Culturally Inclusive Pedagogy*.

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are encouraged to apply for this position and the Faculty will actively seek to appoint an Australian Indigenous person.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 102408. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Nige Bagnall on (02) 9351 6356.

Closing: 27 June 2007



**NSW HEALTH
GREATER WESTERN
AREA HEALTH SERVICE**

ALLIED HEALTH

Dubbo Health Service

**Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Trainee -
Child & Adolescent**

PFT Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer, Non-Graduate: \$37,380-\$55,065 pa. Recruitment No: GW54226.

Enquiries & Application Kit: Leanne Bender (02) 6841 2200 or leanne.bender@gwhhs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 22/6/07.

• Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is considered a genuine occupational qualification as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Application Kits are also available on our website
www.gwhhs.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Discriminatory practices on the basis of Cultural Diversity and promote a workplace environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible for Salary Package.

INDIGENOUS SPECIALIST

DO YOU HAVE:

- Extensive knowledge of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultures?
- Experience in a Professional Counselling/Social Work Role and/or Relevant Tertiary Qualifications?
- Understanding of issues relating to the incarceration of Indigenous inmates?

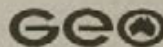
The GEO Group, Inc. is one of the leading private correctional and related services management companies in the world, with 51 correctional facilities located in the US, United Kingdom, South Africa and Australia. A fantastic opportunity exists to join this global organisation in the role of Indigenous Specialist.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE ROLE

To assist the Cultural Advisor to plan and coordinate appropriate cultural and educational activities for inmates, to ensure offenders can express their identity and beliefs in culturally sensitive ways, which will strengthen their ability to reintegrate and lead successful lives once they are released.

For more information about the position please contact the Programs Manager on (02) 6930 5591. For an application package please contact Caroline Stewart by phone (02) 6930 5583 or email cstewart@thegroupinc.com.au.

Applications close 5.00 pm Wednesday 20th June 2007.



The GEO Group Australia Pty Ltd

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**Australian Government
Department of Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts**

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We are a high energy, high impact organisation that offers opportunities across a wide range of interests. From digital broadcasting to media content, from broadband rollout to telecommunications policy, from indigenous art to elite sport, and from internet security to e-business facilitation, we offer you many ways to help shape Australia's future.

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We offer attractive remuneration packages through our Certified Agreement and AWAs.

Explore the shape of your future with us. Check out the job packs at www.dcita.gov.au/employment

**Senior Program Officer
Indigenous Coordination Centre – Sydney
APS6, ongoing**

The Department delivers its Indigenous programs through a network of regional staff based in Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICCs) located in metropolitan and regional locations around the country. ICCs operate as whole-of-government centres, housing staff from various departments, delivering programs and services to Indigenous people.

The successful applicant will be part of a team responsible for administering Indigenous-specific programs within the state and will negotiate agreements with local communities based on the principles of partnership and shared responsibility.

**If after reading the job pack you have any enquiries, contact Franz Kriven
on (02) 8255 7620.**

Applications close COB on 22 June 2007 | www.dcita.gov.au





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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
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services

PROJECT OFFICER

Administrative Service Officer Class 5
(PN. 10385)

Salary Range: \$53,162 - \$56,370

Duties: The successful applicant will be responsible for supporting care family placements and proving effective administration within the Aboriginal Strait Islander Kinship and Foster Care Service. The occupant will require sound communications skills and ability to undertake policy and project work involving research, analysis, implementation and evaluation, in consultation with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and across government.

Eligibility/other requirements: Extensive knowledge of issues surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and experience in the delivery of culturally appropriate Government programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people highly desirable. Current driver's licence.

Note: Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Mark Baldwin (02) 6205 5635

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: 21 June 2007



Queensland Government

Child Safety

Child Safety Officer - Child Safety Services Division

Category: Health and Community Care

Salary: \$42 596 - \$62 544 p.a.

VRN: QLD/CHS1616/07

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Provide high quality statutory child protection services to children, young people and families in Cape York and Torres Strait Island communities through quality case management.

Skills/Abilities: Possession of a degree from a recognised tertiary institution in social work, human services or behavioural sciences.

Enquiries: Marion Renouf Phone: (07) 4039 8953 or
E-mail: marion.renouf@childssafety.qld.gov.au

Senior Practitioner (Specified) - Child Safety Services Division (Specified) - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Category: Health and Community Care

Salary: \$75 020 - \$80 441 p.a.

VRN: QLD/CHS156/07

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: To ensure that high quality child protection services are delivered by the Child Safety Service Centre through the provision of specialist case management of complex cases, the development and maintenance of high quality child protection case managementsystems/practices/standards and the establishment of mentoring relationships with Team Leaders and Child Safety Officers.

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer

Phone: (07) 3006 7689 or

E-mail: vacchs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 18 June 2007

Communities

Caseworker (Specified) - Service Delivery (Specified) - Applicants will need to provide a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Category: Health and Community Care

Salary: \$42 596 - \$62 544 p.a.

VRN: QLD/COM1515/07

Location: Roma

Key Duties: Provide professional casework to young people subject to youth justice intervention. Extensive travel required.

Skills/Abilities: Well developed knowledge of court systems, Juvenile Justice Act, other relevant legislation, regulations, policies and practices. Experience in service delivery with young people, families and communities.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer

Phone: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-mail: vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 18 June 2007

Disability Services Queensland

Speech and Language Pathologist - Programs and Community and Specialist Services Directorate

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$57 274 - \$62 544 p.a.

VRN: DSQ1552/07

Location: Rockhampton

Key Duties: Provide Speech and Language Pathologist specific clinical services within a team environment utilising an individualised assessment and service delivery approach for adults with a disability who have challenging behaviour and complex support needs and their families and carers.

Skills/Abilities: Conduct comprehensive assessments and develop and implement individualised support and intervention plans for adults with a disability who have challenging behaviour.

Closing Date: Monday, 18 June 2007

Local Area Coordinator (Specified) - Programs and Community and Specialist Services Directorate (Specified) - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community).

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$58 432 - \$63 508 p.a.

VRN: DSQ1569/07

Location: Torres Strait

Key Duties: Assist people with disabilities live valued and quality lives and participate more fully in their local communities; assist families in their continued provision of care and support.

Skills/Abilities: Tertiary qualifications in any of the behaviours and social sciences and human services would be well regarded.

Closing Date: Monday, 16 July 2007

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone:

Sessional Lecturer
The University of Melbourne
please see our ad on page 51

Employment and Industrial Relations

Director (Specified) - Employment and Indigenous Initiatives (Applicants will be required to provide a reference from an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander)

Category: Management

Salary: \$115 459 - \$120 804 p.a. (Total Remuneration Value)

Location: Brisbane

VRN: IR1601/07

Key Duties: Provide strategic level policy advice to the Department, the Minister and Government and to inform strategic decision-making and planning on a range of issues affecting Indigenous workforce participation.

Skills/Abilities: Leadership in the development of strategic policy, particularly in relation to Indigenous employment and training objectives.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au or

E-mail: recruitment-services.applications@csq.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Bernie Carlon Phone: (07) 3225 2292 or

Applicant Pack Phone: (07) 3225 2268

Closing Date: Tuesday, 12 June 07

Environmental Protection Agency

Ranger - South West District, Parks Division

Category: Environment/Health and Safety

Salary: \$36 501 - \$39 000 p.a.

Location: Carnarvon Gorge

VRN: EN1647/07

Key Duties: Perform general administrative duties such as obtaining quotes for goods/materials, accurate recording and receipt of cheques/cash, cash register management/maintenance, collecting goods and banking. Implement camp booking system and associated camp enquiries.

Skills/Abilities: Undertake administrative assistance. Participate and support others in a team.

Closing Date: Friday, 8 June 2007

Ranger (Indigenous Identified) - Great Sandy District, Parks Division (The EPA has determined that it is a genuine occupational requirement, welfare measure and Equal Opportunity Measure that an Aboriginal person fill this position.)

Category: Environment/Health and Safety

Salary: \$36 501 - \$39 000 p.a.

Location: Fraser Island

VRN: EN1817/07

Key Duties: General estate development duties e.g. construction of walking tracks/fencing/recreational facilities. General estate maintenance duties e.g. maintaining roads/firebreaks, grounds/walking tracks/buildings, plant/equipment.

Skills/Abilities: Communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal peoples and possess an understanding of the contemporary issues/or protocols affecting Aboriginal people.

Closing Date: Monday, 18 June 2007

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Phone: (07) 3238 3998 or

E-Mail: jobvac.epa@csq.qld.gov.au

Project Support Officer - Indigenous Engagement, Northern Region (Indigenous specified position - Applicants are required to nominate an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island community referee.)

Category: Environment/Health and Safety

Salary: \$42 640 - \$47 552 p.a.

Location: Cairns

VRN: EN1683/07

Key Duties: Provide advice/assistance, liaise with staff to facilitate delivery of support/services associated with Indigenous issues.

Skills/Abilities: Knowledge/ability to acquire knowledge of relevant legislation. Show specialist skills relating to mainland/estuarine/island environments. Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Phone: (07) 4057 3310 or

E-Mail: recruitment.cms@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 8 June 2007

State Library of Queensland

Principal Policy Coordinator - Indigenous Library Services

Category: Policy, Planning and Research

Salary: \$75 020 - \$80 441 p.a.

Location: South Brisbane

VRN: SLB416/07

Key Duties: Analyse, coordinate and implement strategic intent of Indigenous Library Services through development of corporate policy options and provision of input and advice on policy and strategic planning, funding and sustainable development initiatives.

Skills/Abilities: Experience in development, implementation and review of policies and strategies aimed at affecting outcomes amongst specific target groups and/or the wider community.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au or

Phone: (07) 3842 9340 (Position Description Hotline)

Enquiries: Robert Barty Phone: (07) 3842 9481

Closing Date: Monday, 25 June 2007



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The duties of position 07-187 will involve the implementation of policy or programmes relating to Indigenous Australian people, and/or involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities. You will need an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and have an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

Contact Officer: Elizabeth Tchacos, State Manager, on (03) 9920 4548.

Applications Close: 14 June 2007

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.

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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Legal Officer

Grade I-III, Criminal Law, Dubbo Regional Office, Permanent Full Time.
Position No: CL07/053

Total remuneration package valued to \$87,266 pa (\$53,338 - \$79,081) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

This position is responsible for conducting criminal law matters in the Local, Children's and District Courts, determining applications for legal aid and providing advice in criminal law matters.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Legal qualifications and possession of or immediately eligible to hold current NSW Solicitor's Practising Certificate issued by the Law Society of NSW.
- Knowledge of criminal law and capacity to acquire knowledge of any specific area of law as required and a capacity to represent legal aid clients and undertake an advocacy role before Courts or Tribunals.
- Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work environment.
- Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written materials.
- Ability to understand Legal Aid Commission policies and procedures to determine applications of legal aid and advise clients about eligibility or the capacity to rapidly acquire such knowledge.
- Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload.
- Demonstrated computer skills.
- Current drivers licence, and a willingness to travel to Regional and Remote areas, including the possibility of overnight stays.

NOTE: In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1979, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Common Selection Criteria also apply.

Inquiries: Graham Lamond on 6885 4233

Information Packages: Kim Bromhead on 6885 4233

Applications to: jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to employment@legaid.nsw.gov.au or to Jennifer Jackman, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238

Closing date: Monday 18 June 2007

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Application kits may be obtained from
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au or the Application Kitline
on (02) 4985 3272 or email jobs@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Apply
on-line www.easuite.net.au/ob/hnt/HNTRegistry/default.cfm
Eligibility lists may be created

NURSING / ALLIED HEALTH

Aboriginal Health Worker

Aboriginal Health Unit, Population Health, Karuah

Temp Full Time Position No: 54201

To work with General Practitioners, Community Health, Aboriginal Health, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and other government and non-government organisations to ensure primary health services are delivered in line with the Regional Health Services Program Service Delivery Plan and are available to the towns of Karuah, Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest in the priority health areas of:

- Alcohol and Other Drugs - prevention and early intervention
 - Child and Family Health - resilience in families
 - Chronic Diseases - Pre-diabetes, Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease
 - Mental Health - promotion and early intervention
- The position is identified for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act.
- Enquiries: Nell Angus, 0428 105 924,
lynne.angus@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 22 June 2007

POPULATION HEALTH

Program Manager - Identified Position

Hunter New England Population Health

Expressions of Interest

Temp Full Time until December 2010

Position No: 53127

Located at Tamworth or Newcastle

The Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) is currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) and Curriculum Vitae (CV) from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons seeking employment within Population Health (PH), for a Program Manager Position. HNEPH is responsible for the delivery of population health services to the people of the Hunter New England Region. Population Health services seek to improve the health of the entire population, or groups within it, rather than providing care on an individual basis.

Population Health is committed to improving the health status of vulnerable communities with a particular focus on Aboriginal communities.

To ensure that Population Health services are appropriate and effective for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities it is vital that Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons contribute to and are involved in the planning and implementing of services. To support HNEPH's commitment to the delivery of appropriate and effective services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities PH is seeking the employment of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons to fill a number of vacant positions. The program manager will lead and manage the development and delivery of evidence-based health promotion projects that address the prevention of chronic disease, obesity, HIV/AIDS and related diseases and injury risks in the Hunter New England population. These projects will integrate other Population Health services, the broader health system, and strategic partners.

A key role of the position will be to increase the appropriateness and effectiveness of Population Health services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Persons with relevant experience in the following are encouraged to submit an expression of interest:

- Relevant tertiary qualification in health or social science-related discipline, or extensive equivalent experience.
- Commitment to addressing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community needs.
- Demonstrated successful experience in the leadership and management of health promotion programs with a particular focus on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate, consult and negotiate effectively with senior executives, management and staff of health and other government agencies, non-government agencies and indigenous and non-indigenous community groups and organisations.
- Demonstrated successful experience in staff, resource and financial management.
- Knowledge, understanding and commitment to OH&S and EEO principles and priorities.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin: Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted in the community as such. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

EOIs and CVs can be submitted marked confidential to the Program Director, Kids Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Program, Colin Bell on (02) 4924 6398 via email at colin.bell@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au or by post to Program Director, Locked Bag 10, Wallsend NSW 2287.

EOIs need to be no longer than 2 pages and should state your interest in working with HNEPH, any relevant experience, and two listed professional referees.

Position Descriptions will be forwarded to short-listed EOIs. Persons forwarded position descriptions will be provided with the opportunity to participate in an information session designed to assist applicants in applying.

Further information regarding the HNEPH can be obtained at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/hneph/
Closing Date: 29 June 2007

Hunter New England Health Promotes the Values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage, Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and provides a smoke-free environment. Successful applicants will be expected to abide by the Code of Conduct and be committed to ethical practices. Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Criminal record checks will be undertaken on recommended applicants. Provision of documented evidence of protection against specified infectious diseases is required. Salary and conditions are in accordance with relevant award/enterprise agreements.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DIVISION

EDUCATION OFFICER

Professional Officer Grade 1-4, Yanco, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 07/51095MS. Total remuneration package valued to: \$94,393 p.a. (\$44,538-\$85,540).

Prepare & present training in rural industries & organisational management, to part-time & short course students, student assessment, and keeping records. **Selection Criteria:** Degree or equivalent. Excellent communication, interpersonal and cross-cultural skills. Practical rural experience or demonstrated commitment to rural communities and industries. Interest in and demonstrated commitment to Aboriginal vocational education and training. Ability to work unsupervised and as a team member. Current drivers licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a temporary position up to 31 July 2009.
Inquiries: John Collins on (02) 6951 2632 or Email: john.collins@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: John Collins on (02) 6951 2632

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Employee Services Officer (Recruitment), NSW Department of Primary Industries, Locked Bag 21, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 15 June 2007.

Looking for a Sea change?

The Consortium of Neighbourhood Centres Far North Coast is seeking to employ a PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR, located at the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre (MRNC) in Evans Head, NSW.

Evans Head is located in the picturesque Far North Coast of NSW, approximately 45 minutes South of Byron Bay. Evans Head is situated on the edge of the Bundjalung National Park and offers a sub-tropical climate, rainforest areas, access to thriving regional centres, such as Lismore and Ballina and world class beaches.

The Consortium of Neighbourhood Centres, Far North is a regional strategic alliance that strengthens the resource base of Neighbourhood Centres in the Northern Rivers and to provide a mechanism for Neighbourhood Centres to build and increase capacity in local communities by applying a regional approach to addressing issues of mutual concern. The Consortium is supported regionally by the Local Community Services Association.

The Regional Family Development Program is a newly established early intervention service funded by the NSW Department of Community Services under the Brighter Futures Program (refer www.community.nsw.gov.au).

The Program will deliver integrated services, from a number of outlet locations, to targeted families in the Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Clarence Valley LGAs and the Project Co-ordinator will have the integral role of the implementation and co-ordination of the Program, building networks and providing support and supervision to a team of Family Development Workers.

The Project Co-ordinator will have tertiary qualifications in Human Services or a related discipline and/or substantial professional experience in this field.

Salary: NSW SaCS CSW Gr 5, 38 hours per week. A fully maintained vehicle is provided for the purposes of carrying out this position, as travel is a requirement.

The Consortium is committed to staff development - this position provides the successful applicant with the opportunity to enhance their range of skills and knowledge, and the opportunity to salary package. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a Working With Children Check and a Criminal Record Check. MRNC is an EEO employer. ATSI applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications close 18th June, 2007.

Enquiries to: Gretchen Young, General Manager MRNC, (02) 6682 4334 gm@mrnc.com.au



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Indigenous Services Officer

APS 3 & 4

Centrelink Band 2

Salary Range \$42673 - \$53047

Area West Vic
Metropolitan Melbourne

Duties: The main duties of this position are in consulting and liaising with Indigenous communities, providing information to the agency on the impact of programs on Indigenous people, assisting departmental officers in their dealings with Indigenous customers and contributing to the support, retention and induction of Indigenous staff.

This is an identified position: An identified position is one in which part or all of the duties involve the development of policy or programs relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, including service delivery. In order to perform these duties efficiently and effectively, the occupant needs to have an understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

Applicants must hold a current valid motor vehicle licence

Applications should be forwarded to Kevin Williams, Indigenous Services Unit, Centrelink Area West, PO Box 312, Sunshine, Vic 3020, or email kevin.k.williams@centrelink.gov.au

The closing date for applications is 21 June 2007

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CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4

Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Area Central Coast - Toronto/Gosford/Wyong
Various Positions
Temporary Full-Time

Position No. DOH-07-00691

Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 per annum (Salary \$47,127 pa - \$54,520 pa). Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: The Client Service Officer is responsible for the effective provision of a variety of housing services to a diverse range of clients and will be expected to be committed to providing quality service in the context of complex and difficult social issues.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse clients and community groups to assess their needs and provide appropriate services.
- Sound decision making, problem solving skills and demonstrated negotiation and interviewing skills.
- Effective interpersonal, oral and written communication skills and demonstrated capacity to work as an effective team member.
- Strong organisational and administrative skills with the ability to manage competing priorities.
- Computer literacy and capacity to manage computer based information systems.
- Sensitivity to the needs of diverse client groups and in particular, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Commitment to the principles of social housing.
- Current Drivers Licence.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: Various temporary full-time positions are available, located at Toronto, Gosford and Wyong. Appointment will be in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period of up to twelve months. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Information package: Available online at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink telephone: (02) 4960 4635.

Inquiries: Neal Silkman (02) 4352 9661

Applications to: Apply online as per link in Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309 or email to: HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 15 June 2007

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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

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Boat Harbour, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-220. Total remuneration package valued to: \$58,335 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 facilities and grounds including buildings, roads, fire trails and fencing. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. **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 ability to drive 4wd vehicles. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: There are four positions available. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. 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. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Electronic applications must be MS Office 97 compatible.

Inquiries: Phil Peacock (02) 4984 8255 0429 144 883 Email: phil.peacock@environment.nsw.gov.auInformation Packages: (02) 4984 8209 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 by e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 15 June 2007

GA176491

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker - Bamaga Primary Health Care Centre, Torres Strait Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52,431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41,777 - \$45,954 p.a., employer contribution (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$41,156 - \$49,037 p.a. (T02) (Temporary position until 30 June 2008) JRN: H07T0049.
Duties/Abilities: Provide and supervise the provision of quality essential primary health care services in the Bamaga Community, including Seisia, New Mapoon, Umagico, and Injinoo when required involving primary clinical care, community education and health promotion, and administration of the community health centre in a culturally appropriate and acceptable manner so as to ensure consistency in health care practice and continuity of care to clients. Work together with other clinical care, special health care and community care services, which will enhance greater access to and utilisation of such services by community members. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld), it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.
Enquiries: Stephen Christian (07) 4069 3200.
Application Kit: (07) 4069 0202 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Tuesday, 26 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.

TWR 06/07/07

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Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker (Indigenous) - Remote Area Mental Health Service, Cairns Integrated Mental Health Service, Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52,431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41,777 - \$45,954 p.a., employer contribution (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$41,156 - \$49,037 p.a. (T02) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JRN: H07CN5219. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide culturally appropriate child and youth mental health interventions and advice on the social and cultural aspects that are relevant in the mental health assessment and treatment of Indigenous young people. Represent the team in a range of community development and networking activities to enhance the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, youth and families. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000) requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.
Enquiries: Judy Skalicky (07) 4046 8556.

Application Kit: (07) 4050 6753 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Tuesday, 19 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.

TWR 06/07/07

INDIGENOUS ADVISERS
NOWRA FAMILY
RELATIONSHIP CENTRE

Nowra Family Relationship Centre will provide services to strengthen family relationships, help families to stay together and assist families through separation. The main service centre will be in Nowra with staff also being sought from Ulladulla, Eurobodalla and Bega for outreach to these locations.

Indigenous Advisors will assist Indigenous people on the NSW South Coast to access Family Relationship Centres and other services and to develop the capacity of Nowra Family Relationship Centre to provide effective services to Indigenous families. ANGLICARE welcomes enquiries from both men and women. Applicants will need to have experience in working effectively with Indigenous families.

These positions would suit people sympathetic to Christian values.

These positions are in child related employment. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection Act for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Police checks will be conducted.

For information package and selection criteria please phone 4229 7911 or email klanton@anglicare.org.au. Written applications should be forwarded by 18th June 2007 to: Community Care Manager, ANGLICARE Shoalhaven, PO Box 900, Nowra 2541.

For more information:

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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

Property Management Officer

APS Level 4

\$44,612 - \$47,703 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a person, who with limited supervision, can take responsibility for bank reconciliations, debtors and creditors register and associated training. Plan and coordinate annual stocktakes. Maintain the company's assets manual and computerised assets register. Assist with the development of associated policies and guidelines. Administer and maintain the Project Management System to control acquisitions associated with the company's new works and hostel maintenance programs.

Further inquiries: Luke Sakalaki

Telephone No: 02 6212 2051

Selection documentation: Hazel Tishkronis

Telephone No: 02 6212 2078 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 22 June 2007 and should be sent to: Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606.

Melbourne

Melbourne Regional Office

Corporate Services
Administrative Officer

APS Level 3

\$39,613 - \$42,546 pa, plus superannuation

Under general direction, be responsible for ensuring that Regional Office financial and/or personnel and payroll processes and records are managed and maintained in compliance with legislation and AHL policies and procedures.

William T Onus 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.

Shepparton

Shepparton TYMP Hostel

House Manager

APS Level 3

\$42,880 - \$45,503 pa, plus superannuation

Assistant 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 two motivated people to fill the positions of House Manager and Assistant House Manager. The successful applicants will be required 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.

Drivers Licence is desirable.

Further inquiries: Rita Stewart

Telephone No: 03 9642 2775

Selection documentation: Charlene Allen

Telephone No: 03 9642 2775 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 22 June 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the six month probation period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions. The successful applicants will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

These are identified positions.

www.ahl.gov.au



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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North Coast Institute

Temporary TAFE Teacher Administration Services

Kempsey Campus

Job Reference No: 07/058/NCI (Temporary Appointment from 16.07.07 to 19.07.08)

Total remuneration package of up to \$79,952 pa, including salary (\$61,685 pa - \$72,454 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Duties: The successful applicant will be delivering administration services programs to a mix of Aboriginal and non-aboriginal students.

As part of our Aboriginal Employment Plan, we have a commitment to improving opportunities for Aboriginal people and our Aboriginal students, and therefore at this time, we are only accepting applications from Aboriginal people for this position.

This is authorised under section 21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977.

Information Package: Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download www.ncitafe.edu.au

Applications (quoting JRN 07/058/NCI) to: Workforce Planning & Recruitment Officer, TAFE NSW North Coast Institute, PO Box 528, Port Macquarie NSW 2444.

Closing Date: 15th June, 2007.



The University of Newcastle is one of Australia's leading universities with exceptional achievement in research and an international reputation for innovative approaches to teaching and learning. It is situated in the Hunter, Central Coast and North Coast Regions of NSW.

Faculty of Business and Law School of Business and Management ADMINISTRATION TRAINEE (12 MONTH CONTRACT)

Position No. 708

The successful applicant will provide general clerical and administrative assistance to the Team Leader and academic staff based in Newcastle.

The position is targeted to employment of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and is authorised by the University's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the New South Wales Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

The position is available on a full-time fixed term basis for 12 months and is based within the Newcastle Graduate School of Business situated at University House, Auckland Street, Newcastle.

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 20th 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.parish@newcastle.edu.au or

W www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment

The University of Newcastle values equity and diversity.



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www.newcastle.edu.au

QCOSS

Queensland Council of Social Service Inc.
Working for a Fair Queensland

QCOSS Child Care Indigenous Professional Support Unit

PROJECT OFFICER - PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT OSHC

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply

Are you an experienced coordinator or team member of an Outside School Hours Care service looking for a career challenge?

Would you like to share your skills and knowledge with others?

IPSU is currently seeking applications from experienced Outside School Hours Care professionals to join its team providing professional support to Indigenous Children's Services across Queensland.

The Indigenous Professional Support Unit is a project of QCOSS and is funded by the Department of Families, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) to provide eligible Indigenous-run Child Care services in Queensland with quality professional support, in-service training and advice.

For a position description please access either www.qcoss.org.au or apply to Lyn Jenkins at lynj@ipsu.com.au or on 1800 110 869. This position is for 4 days per week and is located in the IPSU Townsville office and will require regular travel throughout Queensland.

Further information is available by contacting the QCOSS - IPSU Manager on (07) 4723 4088

Closing Date: C.O.B. 12th June 2007



Queensland Government
Queensland Health

For application kits and to apply online, visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Mental Health

Advanced Health Worker - Future Families, Child and Youth Mental Health Service, Brisbane North (including Pine Rivers), Royal Children's Hospital Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52 431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 777 - \$45 954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (T02) or Salary between \$41 156 - \$49 037 p.a. (T02) (Applications will remain current for six months) JRN: H07RCH96. **Duties/Abilities:** Assist Child and Youth Mental Health Service clinicians to engage with Indigenous families and young people in a range of settings including community and detention. Co-work with Future Families team members and clinicians to ensure optimal and culturally appropriate interventions are delivered to infants, children, young people and their families. Help the teams understand the cultural factors which may be present in Indigenous young people's presentation with mental health and/or substance abuse problems and liaise with Indigenous agencies and to help non-Indigenous agencies understand the cultural factors which may feature in young people's difficulties and in the lives of families, children and young people that present to Child and Youth Mental Health Service. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000) requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Libby Morton (07) 3355 8999.
Application Kit: (07) 3636 1646 or (07) 3636 0380 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 25 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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Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Costing - Assistant Director Looking for a change?

Do you:

- Enjoy a challenge?
- Enjoy working in a fast paced environment?
- Want to be part of a friendly and flexible team?
- Want a strategic and whole of government perspective on budgetary processes and costing preparation?

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is looking for a talented and committed person who wants to make a difference.

DHS is a small and agile department where all staff have the opportunity to make a real difference. DHS was established to lead innovation and improvement in the development, delivery and coordination of social and health-related services for the Australian community. In doing this, DHS works with Centrelink, Medicare Australia, Child Support Agency, CRS Australia, Health Services Australia and Australian Hearing. Employment in DHS provides an outstanding opportunity to experience a wide range of challenging, but rewarding, work experiences which will contribute significantly to a broader career in the Australia Public Service.

The Office of Access Card, within the Department of Human Services, requires a Costing - Assistant Director, to assist in the management of the budget processes associated with the Programme. The successful applicant will be involved in input at costing preparation, including impact assessments, as well as daily management of the Programme finances.

An Australian Workplace Agreement with attractive remuneration including the potential for a performance bonus will be offered.

Please note that subsequent vacancies may also be filled from this selection process.

Eligibility:

You need to be an Australian citizen.

All positions are subject to a security assessment.

A remuneration package will be negotiated commensurate with demonstrated skills and experience.

Enquiries:

Selection Documentation may be obtained via www.humanservices.gov.au or by emailing Kathleen Hogan dhs-recruitment@humanservices.gov.au 02 6223 4547.

For more information or to discuss how your skills may fit the current vacancy, call Ms Tyna Keane on (02) 6223 4734 or via email tyna.keane@humanservices.gov.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria may be emailed to: dhs-recruitment@humanservices.gov.au or mailed to:

**The Recruitment Manager
Department of Human Services
PO Box 3959
Manuka ACT 2603**

Applications must be received by close of business Thursday 14 June 2007.

www.humanservices.gov.au

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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



INDIGENOUS WORKPLACE PREPARATION & EXPERIENCE PROGRAM 2007

The Indigenous Workplace Preparation & Experience Program (IWPEP) offers Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people employment and training opportunities with The Australian National University.

There are 12 or more traineeships and apprenticeships available in a variety of areas across the university for start in July 2007.

Trainee areas include business administration, library services, information technology and others. Apprenticeships will be in either plumbing, carpentry, painting, fitting & turning or electrical.

What's in it for you?

- 1 day per week off-the-job with a training provider studying a Certificate II-IV qualification
- 4 days per week working with the University
- Salary \$14,272 - \$35,339 pa plus 17% super (depending on age, qualifications, and position)
- Employment term of 12 months (trainee) - 4 years (apprentice)

Is this you?

- Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander person
- School Certificate or 1-2 years work experience
- Good communication skills
- Basic computer skills
- Ability to work in a team
- Ability to solve basic problems
- Can demonstrate the willingness & ability to learn and apply new skills in your chosen field/s

How do I apply?

Information and application form at:
http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Recruitment/Indigenous_Employment/IWPEP.asp

Applications close: Tuesday 12 June 2007

Angela Hart, Ms. Werrington Learning CRICOS# 00120C

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy enquires:
Lindsay Stanford T: 02 6125 5981 E: Lindsay.Stanford@anu.edu.au
W: http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Recruitment/Indigenous_Employment/index.asp

Project Officer, Indigenous Arts Development

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts

Administrative Officer 6 (\$61 241 - \$68 461)

Arts NT - Alice Springs

Temporary vacancy to 30/06/2009

The Project Officer, Indigenous Arts Development will work in a small but highly motivated team that is implementing the Northern Territory's Indigenous Arts Strategy - Building Strong Arts Business. The person will have strong project management skills and be able to work collaboratively in a team and with other Arts Development programs within Arts NT to provide for effective outcomes across the Northern Territory.

The Project Officer will work with Indigenous artists, organisations and communities in the Alice Springs, Central Desert and Barkly regions to develop policies and implementation plans to deliver outcomes in line with Building Strong Arts Business. The person will develop and maintain effective working relationships and partnerships with key regional Indigenous organisations, artists, external stakeholders and Northern Territory Government agencies to identify and broker opportunities to grow the sector and to provide support and advice in relation to funding and development programs and processes.

The person will assist with research, project evaluation, data collection and policy review in relation to Indigenous arts development in the Northern Territory in order to provide high level support and assistance to the Manager Indigenous Arts Development.

For further information please contact Stephanie Hawkins, Manager Indigenous Arts Development Unit Arts NT on (08) 8999 6303.

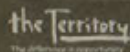
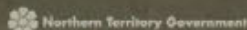
Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 23022

Closing date: 15 June 2007

Contact us now

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Email: Recruitment@nt.gov.au
Visit: www.nt.gov.au/jobs



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FREE 10 WEEK PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS

Whether you're a school leaver or thinking of a career change, consider this - it's a learning opportunity that shouldn't be missed.

If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander looking to try your hand at a trade, the EnergyAustralia Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Pre-Apprenticeship Program may be for you!

Participating in this fully funded, nationally recognised, program will set you up with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue a career in the energy industry. And one day a week you'll do work experience at our apprentice training centre - so you can try things out first hand. At the end of the course, and based on your results, you will be eligible to apply for our 2008 apprentice program.

The ten-week program starts this July and will be held at Petersham TAFE. The course will run from 8.30am and 4.30pm, five days a week (Mondays - Fridays). Work experience will be held at the EnergyAustralia Meadowbank or Silverwater Apprentice Training Centre.

For more information, please contact Karen Davies, TAFE Aboriginal Development Officer on 02 9469 8509 or Dennis Cooper, Aboriginal Development Officer on 02 9335 2355.

All appointments will be subject to a Police Record Check. All qualifications will be verified with the issuing institution's. Applicants with overseas qualifications must provide a statement of the Australian equivalent with their application. Further information on Australian equivalence may be obtained from www.energyaustralia.com.au/careers

EnergyAustralia is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to environmental excellence.





NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept. of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
16/292	Michael Edward Charlton Judith Dianne Charlton	8.92ha	64km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°32' Long 120°41'	Coolgardie
16/382	Peter Eric Blocker Garry Lewis Blocker	527.92ha	75km S'y of Menzies	Lat 30°19' Long 120°46'	Coolgardie
16/407	Centaur Mining & Exploration Ltd	833.81ha	74km S'y of Menzies	Lat 30°20' Long 120°50'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/531	Sore of Gwalia Ltd	895.16ha	70km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 120°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/590	Heron Resources Ltd	129.79ha	65km S'y of Menzies	Lat 30°16' Long 120°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/730	Border Resources NL Natural Intelligence Ltd	201.19ha	18km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°22'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/755	Hank Arthur Schreurs Robert Mitchell	163.64ha	65km S'y of Menzies	Lat 30°16' Long 120°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/863	OM3 Cawse Pty Ltd	7.31ha	65km S'y of Menzies	Lat 30°16' Long 120°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/880	Oranston Gilbert Edwards	205.71ha	71km S'y of Menzies	Lat 30°18' Long 120°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/917	Heron Resources Ltd	150.17ha	68km S'y of Menzies	Lat 30°17' Long 120°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/333	Southern Gold Ltd	399.7ha	29km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
30/129	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	0.4ha	55km SWly of Menzies	Lat 30°02' Long 120°38'	Menzies
30/135	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	4.82ha	55km SWly of Menzies	Lat 30°02' Long 120°38'	Menzies
35/401	Forsyth NL	229.58ha	9km SWly of Leinster	Lat 27°57' Long 120°39'	Leonora
36/409, 36/439-40 & 36/509-10	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	4231.29ha	14km N'y of Leinster	Lat 27°47' Long 120°44'	Leonora
36/417	Agnew Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	923.01ha	14km W'y of Leinster	Lat 27°55' Long 120°33'	Leonora
36/456-7	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	1958.21ha	22km N'y of Leinster	Lat 27°43' Long 120°37'	Leonora
36/495	Plutonic Operations Ltd	777.48ha	21km S'y of Leinster	Lat 28°06' Long 120°37'	Leonora
36/549	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	8.21ha	11km NWly of Leinster	Lat 27°49' Long 120°39'	Leonora
36/551	Plutonic Operations Ltd	25.78ha	19km S'y of Leinster	Lat 28°05' Long 120°39'	Leonora
36/574	View Gold Pty Ltd	62.18ha	78km NEly of Leinster	Lat 27°18' Long 121°04'	Leonora/Wiluna
37/708	Sundowner Minerals NL	92.69ha	53km Ely of Leinster	Lat 27°55' Long 121°14'	Leonora

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: 6 June 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 **6 September 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. 6 October 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.

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.

RANGER

Ranger Grade 1/2, Nelson Bay, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-222. Total remuneration package valued to: \$87,039 p.a. (\$43,646-\$67,415) Salary package includes base salary, an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Provide effective management of natural, historic and Aboriginal heritage conservation by undertaking, coordinating and supervising projects and field based 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). A degree or equivalent relevant to the field operations of the Department. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and ability to undertake environmental assessment. Superior communication skills both verbal and written, negotiation, community relations and liaison skills. Current Driver's Licence and ability to operate four-wheel-drive vehicles. Demonstrated organisational and project management skills and ability to work as part of a multi-function team. Willingness to fly in light aircraft and preparedness and ability to be involved in incident management duties including fire fighting. Capacity and willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Progression through the scale is dependent upon achievement of identified competencies. The position of Ranger, 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. Rangers must meet the requirements of a specific medical with a clearance to undertake the fitness test to a moderate level, and task based physical assessment in order to undertake this position. The Position Holder will need to obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Rob Gibbs (02) 4984 8256 0429 144 875 Email: rob.gibbs@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 4984 8209 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 by e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 15 June 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
EPM15896	Approx. 36 km S from Ravenshoe Centred at Lat:17°59'S Long:145°25'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Herberton	Area: 49 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1/3 x 1/3 long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1601 n, o, s, t, y, z 1673 d, e, k 1674 a, f, l, m, q, r	Montgomery John Omodei

* 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) i.e. 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 4191.

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.

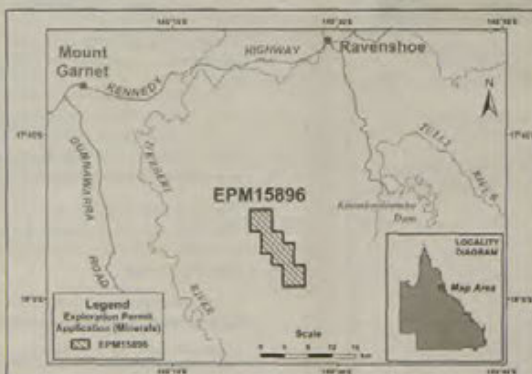
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 27 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

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Ngwala Willumbong Cooperative is looking for skilled, experienced, organised, enthusiastic and motivated people to join the team.

Ngwala Willumbong provides specialist alcohol and drug rehabilitation as well as outreach support services to Aboriginal communities in Victoria. Ngwala operates 2 residential alcohol drug rehabilitation centres in Melbourne and one in rural Victoria. Environments for positive change are created through holistic approaches.

THE CURRENT POSITIONS ARE:

Clinical Services Manager

The Clinical Services Manager will research, develop, implement, document and review efficient, legal and effective systems that reflect good practice in the provision of services to Aboriginal people affected by alcohol & drugs. Responsibility for increasing staff skills and competencies, supervision and leading the new Clinical Support Team are key to this new and interesting role.

Psychologist

The psychologist will assist in the development of systems to support appropriate and comprehensive intake, assessment and referral of clients to rehabilitation and/or other services. Undertaking assessments, provision of individual client counselling and group work as well as training and support for staff are part of this role.

Clinical Support Worker

To support the clinical services team, the clinical support worker will assist in the development, implementation, documentation and review of systems with a focus on database development and management of client record systems. An interesting and varied role for someone with excellent computer skills.

Receptionist

The Receptionist will assist in developing sound systems, focused on internal and external communication, tracking of staff and administrative processes. Provision of support for staff to provide efficient and effective services is a feature of this varied position.

Maintenance/Handyman

A maintenance / handyman is required ensure all the buildings and equipment of Ngwala are serviced and maintained to a high standard. A wide range of skills, OH&S and risk management experience will be highly regarded.

Support Workers

Day, evening and weekend support workers are required for the Gallambie Centre in Melbourne. General duties include support of clients, attending to the smooth running of the facility, transporting clients as necessary, food preparation and/or cleaning up, and advocating on behalf of residents. Current driver's licence is mandatory.

Position Descriptions are available on the Ngwala website www.ngwala.org by ringing Ngwala (03) 95103233 or by e-mailing employment@ngwala.org.

All positions close on Friday 22nd June, 2007.

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker - Sexual Health, Women's Business, Community Health Services, Cherbourg Community Health Centre, West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52 431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 777 - \$45 954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$41 156 - \$49 037 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (T02) JRN:

HO25B23. Duties/Abilities: Facilitate Aboriginal women's access to mainstream services to further the prevention and early treatment of sexually transmissible infections and other sexual health conditions. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900.
Application Kit: (07) 4162 9186 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 25 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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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
20/2008	Tanyale Resources NL	45.00ha	40km NE of Cue	Lat 27°02' Long 118°09'	Cue
20/2016	Montesuma Mining Co. Ltd	25.00ha	30km E of Cue	Lat 27°02' Long 118°10'	Cue
24/1148	Peter Romeo Gurni	4.70ha	70km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 33°19' Long 120°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/1152	Scott Water Wilson	123.40ha	50km S of Merced	Lat 30°11' Long 121°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/1174	Therese Schmitt O'Dell	5.40ha	62km S of Merced	Lat 30°14' Long 120°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1923	William George O'Donnell	200ha	20km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1924	Warranda Gold Pty Ltd	169.10ha	50km NE of Kalbarra	Lat 30°54' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1937	Clazly Resources Ltd	891.17ha	19km E of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1949 & 26/3487-71	New Hampton Goldfields Ltd	708.43ha	25km SE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°57' Long 121°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3472-4	South Kal Mines Pty Ltd	502.30ha	20km W of Kalbarra	Lat 31°01' Long 121°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3475-6	South Kal Mines Pty Ltd	541.28ha	26km S of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3483-4 & 26/3486-7	New Hampton Goldfields Ltd	509.09ha	21km SE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3486	New Hampton Goldfields Ltd	56.04ha	24km SE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1701-10	Heron Resources Ltd	611.18ha	35km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 27°53' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/1871-2	Agnew Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	231.37ha	10km W of Leonora	Lat 27°53' Long 120°54'	Leonora
26/1879	Drucke Resources Pty Ltd	12.42ha	6km W of Leonora	Lat 27°55' Long 120°58'	Leonora
26/1880	Russell Geoffrey Moringht	139.22ha	33km NE of Leonora	Lat 27°49' Long 120°58'	Leonora
26/1881	Ross Frederick Grew				
26/1882	Timor Iron Development Pty Ltd				
26/1883	BMV Properties Pty Ltd	242.00ha	10km SW of Leonora	Lat 27°55' Long 120°57'	Leonora
26/1884	BMV Properties Pty Ltd	15.00ha	15km NW of Leonora	Lat 27°51' Long 120°53'	Leonora
26/1885	BMV Properties Pty Ltd	34.70ha	15km NW of Leonora	Lat 27°51' Long 120°53'	Leonora
26/1886	BMV Properties Pty Ltd	20.68ha	14km W of Leonora	Lat 27°51' Long 120°53'	Leonora
26/1887	BMV Properties Pty Ltd	45.72ha	11km W of Leonora	Lat 27°52' Long 120°50'	Leonora
26/1888	BMV Properties Pty Ltd	21.88ha	20km NW of Leonora	Lat 27°52' Long 120°50'	Leonora
26/1889	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	39.11ha	14km W of Leonora	Lat 27°52' Long 120°50'	Leonora
26/1890	Alake Exploration NL	147.20ha	14km NW of Leonora	Lat 27°48' Long 120°57'	Leonora
26/1891	Hot Holdings Pty Ltd				
26/1892	New Australian Resources Pty Ltd				
26/1893	Alake Exploration NL				
26/1894	Hot Holdings Pty Ltd				
26/1895	Kal Australian Resources Pty Ltd				
26/1896	Hot Holdings Pty Ltd				
26/1897	Kal Australian Resources Pty Ltd				
26/1898	Alake Exploration NL				
26/1899	New Australian Resources Pty Ltd				
26/1900	Alake Exploration NL				
26/1901	Christopher Grew				
26/1902	Ross Frederick Grew				
26/1903	Urbane Minerals Ltd				
26/1904	Allied Technologies Group Ltd				
26/1905	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd				
26/1906	Allied Technologies Group Ltd				
26/1907	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd				
26/1908	Sundowner Minerals NL				
26/1909	Sundowner Minerals NL				
26/1910	Sundowner Minerals NL				
26/1911	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1912	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1913	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1914	North Mining Ltd				
26/1915	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1916	North Mining Ltd				
26/1917	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1918	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1919	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1920	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1921	North Mining Ltd				
26/1922	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1923	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1924	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1925	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1926	North Mining Ltd				
26/1927	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1928	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1929	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1930	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1931	North Mining Ltd				
26/1932	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1933	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1934	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1935	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1936	North Mining Ltd				
26/1937	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1938	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1939	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1940	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1941	North Mining Ltd				
26/1942	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1943	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1944	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1945	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1946	North Mining Ltd				
26/1947	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1948	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1949	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1950	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1951	North Mining Ltd				
26/1952	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1953	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1954	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1955	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1956	North Mining Ltd				
26/1957	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1958	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1959	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1960	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1961	North Mining Ltd				
26/1962	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1963	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1964	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1965	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1966	North Mining Ltd				
26/1967	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1968	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1969	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1970	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1971	North Mining Ltd				
26/1972	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1973	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1974	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1975	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1976	North Mining Ltd				
26/1977	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1978	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1979	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1980	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1981	North Mining Ltd				
26/1982	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1983	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1984	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1985	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1986	North Mining Ltd				
26/1987	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1988	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1989	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1990	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1991	North Mining Ltd				
26/1992	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1993	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1994	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1995	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
26/1996	North Mining Ltd				
26/1997	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
26/1998	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/1999	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
26/2000	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				



New South Wales Native Title Services Ltd (NSW NTS) is a professional body funded by the Commonwealth Government to perform the functions of a Native Title Representative Body pursuant to the Native Title Act 1993. The primary work of NSW NTS is to assist Aboriginal people of New South Wales in the appropriate protection and enforcement of their native title rights and interests in their lands and waters.

Community Facilitator

Two positions are available. The positions will be based in Sydney and Dubbo.

NSW NTS is seeking to fill the position of Community Facilitator which will form an integral part of its service delivery to the Aboriginal communities of New South Wales.

The Community Facilitator will be responsible for:

- Liaising with Aboriginal communities
- Organising and managing meetings and budgets
- Representing NSWNTS to the communities

The successful candidate will have an understanding of native title processes, experience in organising meetings, working in multi-disciplinary teams. The positions involve extensive travel. A driver's licence is required.

An essential criteria for this position is Aboriginality.

The salary range is \$40,000 to \$55,000 (plus superannuation) depending on skills and experience. An attractive Fringe Benefits plan is also included in the package.

All applications **MUST** address the selection criteria specifically which can be obtained by contacting Nakari Thorpe

A unique opportunity has arisen to join The Foundation for Young Australians, a national grant making organisation committed to developing initiatives that support and empower young Australians.

We are seeking a Team Leader to manage the delivery of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (a national scholarship and leadership programme for young Indigenous people undertaking secondary and tertiary studies), manage grant rounds, grant partnerships and support funded initiatives.

This full-time position requires a collaborative approach to working with Indigenous young people and their communities. Knowledge and experience working in secondary or tertiary education sector, and frequent interstate travel is also a requirement of this position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Position descriptions and application information is available on www.youngaustrians.org or call (03) 9670 5436.

Team Leader salary range: \$55,000 - \$62,500pa (excl. super)

Applications close: Monday 16th July 2007.

Out of Home Care Manager Position

ABRS Socialworks in partnership with our client, an Indigenous community-based organisation based in Liverpool, are currently seeking an Out of Home Care Manager.

The aim of the service is to deliver a range of services including Indigenous Out of Home Care, Indigenous community capacity building programs and initiatives and support to the Indigenous community of South West Sydney with innovative programs, advice and advocacy.

Your role will involve the development, operations and staff management of the service's Indigenous Out of Home Care Program and you will be required to exercise quality skills in leadership, people management and display an innovative approach to service development.

Salary: \$112,046 (salary package including vehicle)

To apply for this position you will require a detailed job information package which outlines the essential criteria for this role. To obtain this contact Courtney on (02) 92182354 or 0417865603 or send an email to recruit1@barnardos.org.au

Applications close: 15 June 2007.



Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health

Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health is located on the beautiful North Stradbroke Island. We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service and are seeking to fill the following positions.

Registered Nurse

Full-time

This position will be a supervisory one in which you will be responsible for the operations of the Clinic. It is desirable that the successful applicant will have nurse immunisation status and wound management. Training in these areas will be available if interested.

Remuneration is in line with the Queensland Nurses Award (State), Level 3 Doctors Rooms.

Counsellor

Full-time

This position will be a supervisory one in which you will be responsible for the operations of the Social Welfare Team. The successful applicant must have Formal Qualifications relating to a mental health field.

Remuneration is in line with Qualifications.

Health Promotions Officer

Full-time

This position is to support the health team in promoting and presenting health promotions materials and sessions within the community.

Remuneration is in line with HSUA award, Administration Officer, Grade 2, level 1.

Advanced Health Worker

Nutrition Promotion

Part-time

This position is an area specific one, which covers the whole of the Bayside Health Service District including North Stradbroke Island. The successful applicant must have Certificate IV or higher. Remuneration is in line with HSUA award, grade 3, level 1. All positions must have Open Drivers License (QLD) and also have or be willing to get the following requirements: Blue Card (working with children's check; criminal history check; first aid certificate).

Application close at Close of Business on Wednesday 20th June 2007.

Application packages are available by contacting: The Senior Administration Officer - Jan Lember on (07) 3409 9596.

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
EPC1097	Approx. 41 km WSW from Charters Towers Centred at Lat.20°10'S Long.145°53'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Darbyshire	Area: 965 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 21 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 22 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 94 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 95 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 96 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 97 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 167 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 168 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 169 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 239 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 240 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 241 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	Baradine Bay Pty. Ltd. 122 162 145
EPC1098	Approx. 52 km SW from Charters Towers Centred at Lat.20°25'S Long.145°55'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Darbyshire	Area: 882 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 275 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 109 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 110 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 111 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 112 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 113 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 114 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 182 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 183 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 184 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 185 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 186 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	Baradine Bay Pty. Ltd. 122 162 145

* 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.

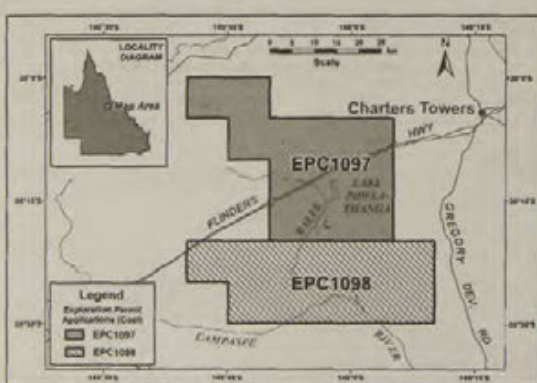
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 27 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TECHNICAL OFFICER (CONTRACTS)

Clerk Grade 7/8

RESITECH - Tamworth

Temporary Full-time

Position No: DOH-07-00739

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:

Provide leadership in construction, maintenance and upgrading works in a team environment with internal and external suppliers focussed on superior customer service and continuous improvement in service delivery.

Selection Criteria:

- Qualifications and experience sufficient to provide leadership in construction, maintenance and upgrading works.
- Demonstrated capacity to work in a team environment with internal and external suppliers focussed on superior customer service in the administration of construction, maintenance and upgrading contracts.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of Government best practice requirements in tender selection and contract management.
- Knowledge and understanding of the principles and functions of project management, along with the ability in organising priorities to deliver multiple projects within strict deadlines.
- Sound computer literacy with experience in the use of various applications such as project management tools, database files and time recording systems.
- Good oral and written communication skills with proven ability to interact in a tactful and diplomatic way with clients and peers.
- Sound analytical and problem solving skills with the ability to answer ad hoc questions and interpret facts to meet the needs of customers.
- Proven ability to negotiate agreed outcomes and resolve conflicts. Driver's licence.
- Common selection criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to two (2) years - initial period of 12 months under the terms of PSEM Act 2002. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains full details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Garry Tidyman (02) 8753 8045.

Information Packages: 1800 502 768 or email: Elise.Snelson@b2link.nsw.gov.au

Applications To: Apply on-line as per link in the Information Package or e-mail: JobsDOH@b2link.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 6, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing date: Friday 15 June 2007.



HOUSING ASSISTANT

Clerk General Scale
Southern & Western NSW HS Division
Wollongong, Dubbo & Orange
Permanent Full-Time
Position No. DOH-07-00690

Total remuneration package valued up to \$46,583 per annum (salary \$26,014 pa - \$42,214 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This role exists to support client service delivery within Client Service Teams. This is an entry position to client service work within the Department of Housing.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Ability to develop general office, administrative and organisational skills.
- Capacity to work effectively as part of a team.
- Sound interpersonal skills and an ability to communicate with all levels of staff and the public.
- Willingness to learn client service work.
- Computer and data entry skills including experience in using Microsoft Office software.
- Current Driver's Licence (or willingness to obtain within 6 months of appointment).
- **Common selection criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: There are 3 permanent full-time positions located at Wollongong, Orange & Dubbo. These positions were previously advertised as temporary vacancies, however they are now permanent positions. Previous applicants will be carried forward and need not reapply. These are entry positions to client service work for young (17-25 years) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people. A TAFE Certificate III course will be provided to successful applicants to assist them in developing knowledge & skills in a range of client service & business administration areas. This & work experience will provide a sound foundation for ongoing work in the Department or other places of employment. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification & is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package which contains full details of the position & information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: June Lowe (Wollongong) (02) 4224 5787 and Anthony Fuller (Orange/Dubbo) (02) 6841 3774.
Information Packages: (02) 6200 5820 or email: hssouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Apply on-line as per link in Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer NSW BusinessLink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email to: hssouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: Friday 15 June 2007.

GAT/MSD/07



SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER

Clerk Grade 9/10
Resource Planning
Greater Western Sydney Housing Services Division
Parramatta
Permanent Full-Time
Position No. DOH-07-00689

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 provides strategic program management services across the division in capital works program management, performance monitoring & provide services across client groups like Public Housing Services Areas, Office of Community Housing.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Practical experience in delivering significant capital new supply or improvement projects or experience in managing capital works programs.
- Knowledge of contemporary program/project management delivery models in a capital works environment with an understanding of various contract models.
- Superior analytical & conceptual skills with a capacity to review and interpret contractual documentation or performance information and deliver concise management briefing documents and reports.
- Knowledge of accountability and probity in the delivery of programs/projects within government guidelines and regulations.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in building or asset management related area, or Post Trade Certificate IV and/or extensive industry experience.
- Demonstrated leadership skills with a capacity to lead others through times of constant and dynamic change.
- Capacity to contribute strategic options to the Departmental perspective of total asset program management from project inception through to ongoing maintenance.
- Demonstrated high level of commitment as a representative of the organisation and as a leader and mentor to colleagues.
- **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 the full text version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Gary Small (02) 9891 8402
Information Package: on 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 7496, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing Date: Friday 15 June 2007

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Station Manager

The successful candidate will need to address the following criteria in their application:

- Broad experience in Community Broadcasting, Code of Conduct and Defamation Laws.
- High level oral and written communications and computer skills in both PC and Mac environments (including Word, Excel, Access & Outlook), Simian Radio Computer Programs.
- Good office and financial management skills, knowledge of MYOB an advantage.
- Experience in the preparation of funding submissions, the monitoring of grant conditions and budgets, and reporting to funding bodies.
- A commitment to Indigenous political and social movements.
- An ability to manage staffing issues.
- An ability to oversee the recruitment and training of volunteers.
- An ability to report to a board of management of a community organisation.
- An ability to provide the best outcome from scarce resources.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander persons are encouraged to apply, applications close 08:00 22nd June 2007, for more information contact Anita Wano during office hours on 07 4772 5466.



The Great Southern GP Network wishes to appoint two Counsellors to its counselling service team.

The successful candidates will be working as part of the Network's mental health and social well being programs. This includes the Bringing Them Home program which provides support services to Aboriginal people and their families who have been affected by family separation and past forced child removal practices. The other programs are headspace, Better Access and Better Outcomes.

The successful applicants will have:

- Completed or, be enrolled to complete a tertiary qualification in either social, behavioural or health sciences.
- Experience working in the area of mental health and providing individual counselling and support.
- A good understanding of contemporary issues affecting families and individuals in

Counsellor

Full time - 37.5 hours per week

- the Aboriginal community.
- Excellent communication skills.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply. Excellent working conditions and generous salary packaging are offered.

For further information please contact Adam Wolfe on (08) 9842 2797. For an application package please contact Gay Willis, telephone: (08) 9842 2797 or email gwillis@gsgpn.com.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria are to be received by close of business 20th June 2007.

Please send applications addressed to: Suzie Leavesley, Chief Executive Officer, Great Southern GP Network, via email to gwillis@gsgpn.com.au or by post to PO Box 5294, Albany WA 6332.

For more information on the Great Southern GP Network go to our website:

www.gsgpn.com.au

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:

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EPM15138	Approx. 58 km NW from Mount Surprise Centred at Lat.17°46'S Long.143°55'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge and Mareeba	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1511 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1512 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1583 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1584 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1655 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, o, p 1656 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o	Auzex Resources Limited 106 444 606
EPM15659	Approx. 28 km NE from Mount Surprise Centred at Lat.18°00'S Long.144°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge and Mareeba	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1660 a, z 1661 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1662 v, w, x, y, z 1663 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1664 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1665 v, w, x, y, z 1732 c, k, p 1733 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1734 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1735 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1736 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1737 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Denjim Pty Ltd 010 066 841

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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.

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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, 2001.

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, CORDPAROO, 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, Woollongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3894 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.

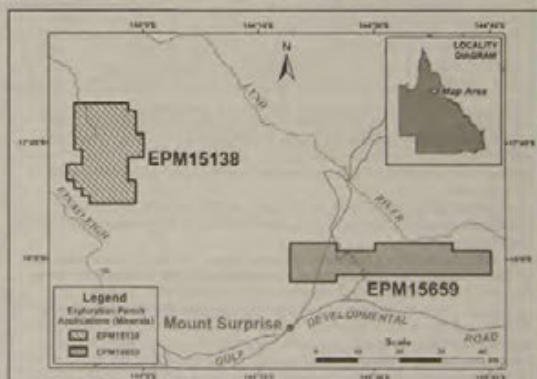
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fcdcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 27 June 2007.



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Practice Manager/Registered Nurse

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) are looking for an enthusiastic self motivated nurse with 5 years post graduate experience to join their team in Wellington as Practice Manager. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate a high level of clinical and management skills as well as possessing a clear understanding of the primary health care setting incorporating Aboriginal Health.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

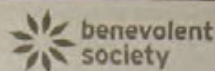
Employment will be according to WACHS recruitment policy and procedures and a very attractive salary will be offered as well as a fully maintained motor vehicle.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and child protection checks.

Enquiries: All prospective applicants will need to contact Darren Ah See on 02 6845 3545 for further information and for an information package detailing the selection criteria.

Applications should be marked confidential and sent to the CEO, Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service, PO Box 236, WELLINGTON NSW 2820.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday 22 June 2007.



Project Officers

At The Benevolent Society our purpose is to create caring and inclusive communities and a just society. We offer our team members a supportive professional team environment, competitive salary and generous salary packaging of up to \$16,050 tax free applicable to the not for profit sector. The South East Sydney Commonwealth Carer Respite and Carelink Centre has two exciting opportunities for motivated professionals to join our growing team at Brighton le Sands. Applications are invited for the following positions.

- **Project Officer**
Assessment, Information and Carer Support
- **Project Officer**
Residential Respite - Two Positions - Full time

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Both positions are fixed term until June 30th 2008. For further information, please contact Remayne Braid on 9599-0233 or visit our website. Applications close 19th June 2007.

www.bensoc.org.au

PARKS AND WILDLIFE DIVISION ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER - MARINE PARK

Clark Grade 7/8, Narooma, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-211. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,591 p.a. (\$66,796-\$73,938) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Undertake projects and provide expert advice related to consultation with the Aboriginal Community and incorporation of Aboriginal values and aspirations into management of the Batemans Marine Park.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Thorough knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal communities within the geographic area and adjacent coastal area of the marine park.
- Well developed written and oral communication skills;
- Superior negotiation, consultation, liaison, interpersonal and conflict management skills, with demonstrated ability to deal with internal and external stakeholders;
- Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing Marine Parks zoning plans;
- Current driver's licence and a willingness to fly in light aircraft and helicopters and travel offshore in vessels;
- Demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision and as part of a team;
- Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Geoff Kelly (02) 4476 4800. Email: geoff.kelly@environment.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: (02)4476 4800 or jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change, 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 15 June 2007.

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EPC1058	Approx. 46 km NW from Maytown Centred at Lat.15°44'S Long.144°00'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 445 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cook and Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 135 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cook 3025 f, g, h, i, m, q, r, v, w, x 3097 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3169 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3241 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3313 a, b, c, d, g, h, j, m, o, s, t, y Mitchell River 3096 g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3168 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3240 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3312 c, d, e, j, k, p, u, z	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669
EPC1059	Approx. 28 km WSW from Cooktown Centred at Lat.15°29'S Long.145°00'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 176 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cook Number of Sub-blocks: 53 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2820 p, u, z 2821 f, i, q, v 2892 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2893 a, f 2964 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 3036 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 3108 d, e, j, k, p, u 3109 f, l, q, v, w 3181 a, b, g	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669
EPM15175	Approx. 17 km SE from Maytown Centred at Lat.16°10'S Long.144°22'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 46 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 77 v, w, x, y, z 149 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k	Frank Josef Markert

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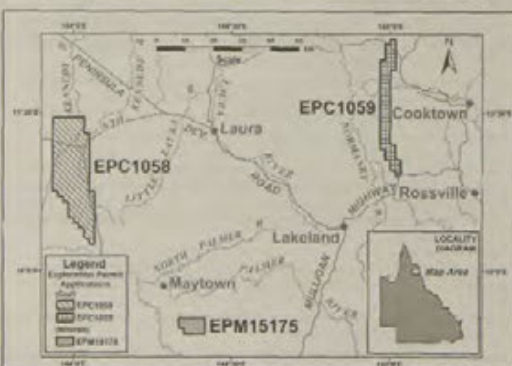
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Notification Day: 27 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

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Youth Officer & Youth Officer Transport

Creation of suitability lists for future Permanent vacancies
Casual vacancies

The Department of Juvenile Justice is seeking mature, motivated team players to join our skilled and experienced workforce as Youth Officers. **Position No: DJJ07/086.**

Youth Officers working in a Juvenile Justice Centre are responsible for safely supervising young people, providing a positive leadership role and assisting in the care, development and security of young people in custody.

The pay rates start from \$42,214 per annum or \$21.30 per hour with shift and penalty rates paid in addition.

Successful applicants will commence a 29 day paid practical induction program to develop required knowledge and skills. By completing this program, successful applicants will obtain units of competency towards the Certificate IV in Youth Work (Juvenile Justice).

The department is recruiting for lists of suitable applicants for permanent Youth Officer vacancies that may arise and casual Youth Officers. This suitability list for permanent positions will be valid for 12 months.

Applicants need to have:

- Minimum School Certificate or equivalent;
 - An awareness of the issues faced by Aboriginal young people in custody;
 - An ability to supervise and support young people with challenging behaviours;
 - Communication skills to effectively negotiate and problem solve with young people.
- The capacity to work effectively as part of a team:
- Demonstrated computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft applications; and
 - Minimum Class 'C' driver's licence (no Learner's or Provisional licences).

* Note that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are exempt from the minimum School Certificate or equivalent education qualifications.

It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. Candidates will be tested against minimum fitness standards required for the role.

It is a requirement of this position to obtain a Senior First Aid Certificate prior to commencement of duty with the department. All applicants are required to obtain an application kit. Applicants are invited to attend an information session to find out more about the position and obtain an application kit.

Contact the Juvenile Justice Centres: Reiby (Campbelltown) 02 4629 3800, Juniperina (Lidcombe) 02 8787 5000, Cobham (St Marys) 02 9523 8088, Orana (Dubbo) 02 6881 0800, Broken Hill (Broken Hill) 08 8087 1439, Riverina (Wagga Wagga) 02 6031 2811, Frank Baxter (Korumburra) 02 4340 3800, Keelung (Wollongong) 02 4271 5044.

Contact the Transport Unit on 02 9219 9446: Transport Western (Dubbo), Transport Southern (Wagga Wagga), Transport Southern (Wollongong), Transport Northern (Grafton), Transport Central Coast (Korumburra), Transport Sydney Metro (St Mary's).

Applications close on Friday 22 June 2007.

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Queensland Government
Queensland Health

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Social Worker (Indigenous Health) - Indigenous Health Service, Chermide Community Health Centre, Brisbane North Community Health Service, Chermide, Northside Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$74 012 p.a., comprising salary between \$59 298 - \$56 292 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (PO3) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JRN: H07PCH212. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide social work services to the Indigenous health community within the Northside Health Service District.

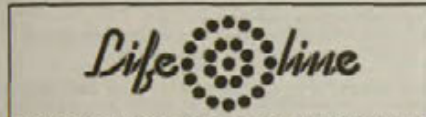
Enquiries: Barbara Matthews (07) 3139 4948.

Application Kit: (07) 3139 4972 (Voice Mail) or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Wednesday, 20 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.



INCLUSION SUPPORT FACILITATORS (ISFs)

Based in St George - South West Qld

Gamdo Jarowair - Inclusion Support Agency (ISA) is currently seeking applications for a part-time (20 hrs) Inclusion Support Facilitator position (Lifeline Community Care NAPS 2006 Level 5) based at our 138 Victoria Street, St George office, to complement and extend our existing team in Toowoomba.

The major priority of these positions is to build the capacity of child care services to create an inclusive environment for all children and families, particularly:-

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- Children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, including refugee children and Australian South Sea Islander children
- Children with ongoing high support needs, including children with a disability

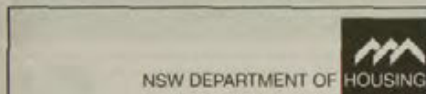
Please obtain your application package by phoning (07) 4632 9299 or emailing applications@lifelineinclusion.org.au.

Enquiries should be directed to Lynnette Pirie on 0407 621 599.

Applications will close at noon, Tuesday 19th June 2007.

All applicants are welcome to attend an **Information session** at Lifeline St George office, 138 Victoria St George, on Thursday 7th June, from 5:30-6:30pm.

APPLICANTS FROM ABORIGINAL, TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AND CALD BACKGROUNDS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.



PROJECT MANAGER

6 TIER SERVICE DELIVERY

Senior Officer Grade 1

Housing Contact Centre

Liverpool

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-07-00721

Total remuneration package valued up to \$135,505 per annum (salary \$113,961 pa - \$122,796 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This role is responsible for the research, development and implementation of the Service Delivery Framework within the Department, working with all divisions and business units to establish project management practice.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated high-level skills and track record in managing the delivery of complex, multi-disciplinary projects within agreed time and budget constraints in a human services environment.
- Experience in risk assessment within project activities and the escalation of issues and recommendation of effective action.
- Team building skills and leadership experience within team-oriented, project environments.
- Change management skills and the ability to inspire staff in relation to continuous improvement approaches to achieve high quality customer outcomes.
- Excellent oral and written communication, interpersonal and presentation skills.
- High level problem solving ability to identify risks, manage analysis of processes and develop appropriate responses.
- Ability to negotiate project delivery arrangements, which are responsible to the range of stakeholders to take into account external environment factors and different professional cultures.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated ability in identifying and acting on issues that affect the implementation of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 12 months with the possibility of extension under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full text version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Enquiries: Sharon Speller on (02) 8753 8833 or Goran Stojanovski on (02) 9612 6242

Information Packages: on 1800 502 760 or email: Elise.Snellison@buzlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To Apply on-line as per link in the Information Package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7456, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsDOH@buzlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 15 June 2007.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service - Positions Vacant

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service has the following positions vacant; application kits are available for all positions by contacting Norma Kelly on 65624919. Applications close on 22nd June 2007, applicants are invited to submit a written application for:

Dental Therapist - Full Time

The successful applicant will have proven experience and formal qualifications in providing a full range of Dental Health services and early intervention screening to the Aboriginal children of Kempsey and surrounding areas.

Clinic Health Assessment Officer

The successful applicant will have proven experience and RN qualifications in conducting Health Assessments. Care Planning and undertake a range of clinic duties to ensure a high quality of clinical care.

Healthy for Life Program Manager

The Regional Project Manager will be employed to coordinate the project and to ensure reporting requirements are completed. The position will coordinate four sites from Casino to Kempsey ensuring that individual site action plans are implemented, essential indicators are met and data available for reporting requirements.

Closing date: 22nd June 2007.

Note: The successful applicants will be required to undergo a criminal record and a working with children check.

Applicants must address the essential criteria contained in the application package. Copies of the package are available from Norma Kelly on 65624919.

Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service

(Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing)

Aboriginal Health Worker

This is a re-advertised position.

Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service is currently recruiting to the position of Aboriginal Health Worker for its newly funded service in Coonamble. Prospective applicants will need to demonstrate high level experience in Aboriginal health through either health education/promotion or direct client health service provision.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above positions and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: All interested applicants for the above position will need to contact Darren Ah See on 6845 3545 for further information or to obtain an information package detailing the Selection Criteria.

General Information: The successful applicant will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and working with children's checks.

Applications should be marked confidential and sent to the CEO, Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service, PO Box 236, WELLINGTON NSW 2820.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 15 June 2007.

No late or faxed applications will be accepted.

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
EPM13505	Part 1: Approx. 52 km S from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°33'S Long.140°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1326 l, m, n, r	Ivanhoe Cloncurry Mines Pty Limited 106 255 216
	Part 2: Approx. 60 km S from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°37'S Long.140°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 2: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1397 d, j, o, t	
	Part 3: Approx. 55 km S from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°35'S Long.140°22'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	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 1325 w 1397 b	
	Part 4: Approx. 56 km SSE from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°34'S Long.140°28'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	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 1326 x	

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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) i.e. 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

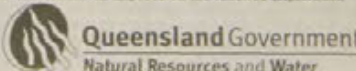
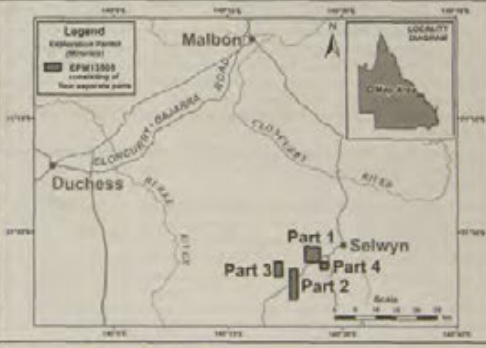
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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: 27 June 2007



Development Officer

Part-Time (3 days per week)
6 weeks annual leave
\$40-45K (inc super) pro-rata

The Clontarf Girls Academy has been established to help indigenous girls with their secondary school education at Clontarf Aboriginal College in Perth.

We are seeking a flexible and experienced person with a sporting background or interest in sport to assist the girls to achieve their best.

To be considered for this position you must have a rapport with young people, have experience in or an interest in sport and indigenous issues, be flexible in your approach and have motivation and passion to make a difference.

Successful applicants will be expected to produce a Working With Children Check, Police clearance and a 'C' class Driver's licence prior to commencement.

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

If you would like the selection criteria and further information about the position please telephone the Academy on (08) 9458 9444 or email Ricky at ricky@clontarfswa.com or Geoff at gpower@clontarf.wa.edu.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Friday, 15 June 2007



SENIOR ABORIGINAL POLICY OFFICER

Salary package up to \$91,185 pa
Permanent Full-Time, Surry Hills

Variety is a key element to this challenging role. The successful applicant will be responsible for a range of strategic policy, projects and business functions that improve driver and vehicle management outcomes for Aboriginal people throughout New South Wales.

Position Number 50065440

Applicants must obtain an information package from Irene Siu on (02) 9218 3587 or download from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Applicants can apply online or mail to Recruitment Services, PO Box 3035, Parramatta NSW 2124. Further information is available at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications close 8 June 2007



COORDINATOR HOUSING STRATEGY

Clerk Grade 7/8
Northern NSW HS Division
Area Central Coast, Wyong
Temporary Full-Time
Position No. DOH-07-00692

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: Provides strategic support & direction to Client Service Teams, including assessment of housing needs, analysing resources & assets, developing innovative, workable & cost-effective locally based housing solutions, & developing program options.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Proven high level planning, project management skills, analytical and assessment skills.
- Proven leadership skills and ability to influence others.
- Proven capacity to develop innovative, workable and cost effective solutions to problems.
- Sound knowledge of service delivery and asset management issues in a large and diverse housing portfolio.
- Proven ability to take initiative and be self-motivated.
- Experience in providing high level advice on complex issues and a commitment to customer service and excellent communication and negotiation skills.
- Capacity to co-ordinate diverse work groups and client organisations.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Social Sciences, Planning, Management or building related area, and/or extensive industry experience. Current Driver's Licence.
- **Common selection criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position located at Wyong. Appointment will be in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period up to six months with possible extension. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Information package: NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Inquiries: Karen Wilson (02) 4352 9657

Applications marked 'Confidential': Apply on-line as per link in Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309 or email to: HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 15 June 2007.

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
EPM15890	Approx. 33 km WNW from Mareeba Centred at Lat.16°52'S Long.145°09'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 72 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 22 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 662 x, y 734 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x 735 f, l, q	Denjim Pty Ltd 010 066 841
EPM15903	Part 1: Approx. 17 km W from Mount Carbine Centred at Lat.16°30'S Long.144°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 16 km SSE from Mount Carbine Centred at Lat.16°40'S Long.145°09'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area of Part 1: 337 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 115 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 301 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, z 373 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, x, y 442 e, k, p 443 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 444 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 445 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 516 d, e, k, p 517 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, y, z 518 f, l, q, v, w, x Area of Part 2: 7 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 590 d, e	Republic Gold Limited 106 399 311

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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.

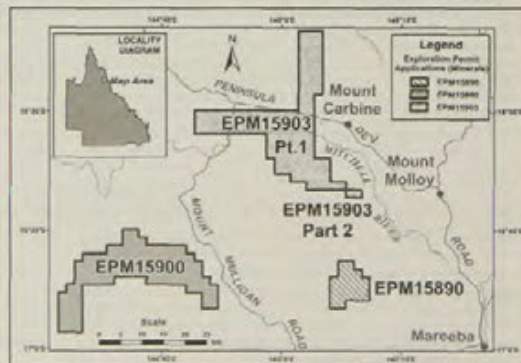
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Notification Day: 27 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



TEAM LEADER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

Clerk Grade 7/8
Operations Division
Housing Contact Centre - Head Office, Liverpool
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-07-00666

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:

The role exists to implement continuous improvement through the management and delivery of operational training and other service improvement activities.

Selection Criteria:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications and or strong relevant work experience.
- Proven track record of people management in a high volume, process and deadline driven environment.
- High level of understanding of contact centre technology and environments and ability to communicate this knowledge to colleagues and trainees.
- Ability to develop and implement ongoing coaching opportunities that motivate staff, encourage ownership of team values and adherence to procedures within a 24 hour real time environment.
- Sound problem solving analysis and decision-making skills.
- Capacity to deliver against KPI's and formulate improvement.
- Contribution to business planning and implementation of agreed business outcomes.
- **Common selection criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains full details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Jane Schwager (02) 9612 6104.

Information Packages: 1800 602 786 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 15 June 2007.

PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE (PIAC) Lawyer - Indigenous Justice Project

PIAC invites applications from lawyers to work with its Indigenous Justice Project. This is an opportunity to work in a dynamic community legal centre as a member of a professional team committed to achieving social justice.

In this challenging and rewarding position you will build and maintain links with Indigenous organisations and work with PIAC staff to identify public interest issues that impact on Aboriginal communities with a view to conducting associated legal advice, casework and advocacy.

Job information, including the selection criteria, can be found at <http://www.piac.asn.au/about/jobs.html>. Further enquiries should be directed to Alexis Goodstone on (02) 8998 6516.

Applications, which must address the selection criteria, should be sent to: PIAC, Level 9, 299 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000 by 18 June 2007. Applications will not be accepted by e-mail.

This is a position for an Indigenous person established as a special measure in order to help address disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.



Brotherhood of St Laurence
Working for an Australia free of poverty

VACANCY

POSITION: HIPPY Home Tutor - Trainee
REPORTING TO: Coordinator, HIPPY Fitzroy
LOCATION: Fitzroy
HOURS: 15 hours / week
DATE: April 2007

Home Visitor/ Home Tutor to work with Indigenous families.
Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) Fitzroy.
Interested in making a difference to the lives of children and families? HIPPY works with parents who want to learn to help their children make a good start to reading and school life.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence is seeking to employ a person from within the Indigenous community to work with Indigenous parents of pre-school children.

In accordance with our funding and licensing agreement, a parent or carer of a pre-school child, who is willing to do the program themselves with their child as they train to help others, would be desirable.

The position will commence immediately, as a Traineeship, and is funded at least until mid 2009. Enquiries welcomed from parents of three to five year olds.

See the position description at www.bsl.org.au or phone 03 9483 1351. For further information contact Susan Davies, National Manager, HIPPY Australia, BSL on 03 9483 1325 or 0406 421 967.

Enquiries are welcomed from parents of three to five year old children who may wish to participate in 'HIPPY' Fitzroy, to help them prepare them for school.

Applications should address the selection criteria in the position description and should be sent to: Penny Addison, People Work and Culture, Brotherhood of St Laurence, 67 Brunswick St, Fitzroy 3065.

Applications close 18 June 2007.

VCAT EXEMPTION NUMBER A28/2008



SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

North Coast Aboriginal Branch - Taree Outlet

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: HCS-07-00719

Total remuneration package valued to \$60,605 pa includes a salary range \$49,792 pa to \$54,920 pa, leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: Responsible for providing consistent, high quality and cost-effective services to Home Care's customers through the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of the community care needs of frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Commitment to improving quality of life for frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers and a focus on customer service.
- Effective written, oral communication skills and computer literacy.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health sciences.
- Ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system.
- Sound organisational skills, ability to supervise staff, administrative and record keeping skills and willing to undertake training.
- Driver's licence and own vehicle, and ability to travel.
- Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access and Common Selection Criteria: Knowledge and Understanding of Common Selection Criteria.

Job notes: This is a permanent full time position 35 hours per week. 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 applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries: Marvete Logan on (02) 6662 4544 or email: Marvete.Logan@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Karen Hockey on (02) 6662 4544.

Applications to: Branch Manager, Home Care Service, PO Box 156 CASINO NSW 2470 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 15 June 2007.

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NSW ATSI ECSAG Inc.

New South Wales Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Services Advisory Group Incorporated (ATSI ECSAG Inc.) sponsors the Aboriginal Early Childhood Services Support Unit, who provides support to eighty two NSW Preschool services receiving DEST IEP funding in NSW, through the provision of training, resources, advice and consultancy.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Salary package: \$65,000 plus employers' contribution to superannuation.

Essential Criteria: Aboriginality; driver's licence. **Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated management skills, demonstrated research skills, expertise in policy development & implementation, excellent interpersonal, communication and liaison skills, knowledge and understanding of DoC's Centre-based and Mobile Children's Service Regulation 2004, knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood issues, understanding of Commonwealth IEP funding arrangements and reporting requirements, demonstrated understanding of O&HS, EEO, Ethical affairs priority statement (EAPS) ethical practice.

PROJECT OFFICER

Part-time 3 days per week

Salary package: \$28,000 plus employers' contribution to superannuation.

Essential Criteria: Aboriginality. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, excellent communication and liaison skills, proven ability to collate and record data, high level of computer skills, knowledge and understanding of DoC's Centre-based and Mobile Children's Service Regulation 2004, organisational skills, knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood issues, demonstrated understanding of O&HS, EEO, Ethical Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) Ethical Practice.

Please Note: All positions will be employed on a contractual basis under funding agreement with funding body.

Applicants must be prepared to submit to a "Working with Children check".

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977.

For enquiries and information package contact Damita McGuinness Phone 03 9516 4473, email admin@atsecsag.org.au

Applications marked CONFIDENTIAL and posted to: The President ATSI ECSAG P O Box 276 ENMORE NSW 2042

Closing Date: Friday 22nd June 2007.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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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:

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EPM15826	Approx. 101 km E from Normanton Centred at Lat.17°50'S Long.142°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon	Area: 508 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 156 (each 1lat x 1long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1488 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1489 a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w 1560 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1561 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1632 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1633 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 1634 q, v 1704 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, p, u, r 1705 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 1706 a, f, l, q, v	Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd 112 075 484
EPM15942	Approx. 33 km WNW from Normanton Centred at Lat.17°43'S Long.140°46'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Carpentaria	Area: 232 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 71 (each 1lat x 1long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1402 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1473 e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1474 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1545 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 1546 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017

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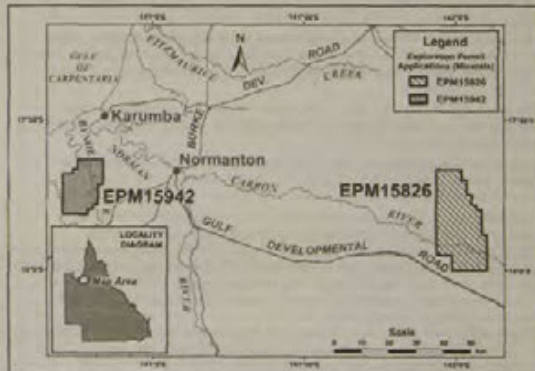
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Notification Day: 27 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

TO ADVERTISE IN THE KOORI MAIL CONTACT NAOMI OR STUART ON 02 66 222 666

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
EPM15078	Approx. 45 km WNW from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°01'S Long.144°07'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 33 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 865 k 866 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Gray's Resources Pty Limited 105 002 711
EPM15449	Approx. 46 km W from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°05'S Long.144°06'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 154 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 47 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 865 c, d, e, h, j, n, r, s, t, u, y 866 a, m, q, r 937 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 938 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, x, y, z	Ozmin Resources Pty Ltd 109 323 042
EPM15593	Approx. 32 km W from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°07'S Long.144°14'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 183 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 56 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 867 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, p, r, s, t, u, x, y 868 a, f, l, m, q, r 939 d, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 940 f, g, i, q 1011 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t	Ozmin Resources Pty Ltd 109 323 042
EPM15959	Approx. 70 km WNW from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.16°53'S Long.143°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 327 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 646 a, t, x, y 718 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 719 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, q, r, v, w 720 s, t, v, w, x, y 791 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 792 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 863 e 864 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 936 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u	Ozmin Resources Pty Ltd 109 323 042

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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 code eg. CHILLAGOE 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.

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CAMPBELL PAGE

"Our People are Our Strength"

Indigenous Traineeship

Redfern

- Community focused organisation
- Flexible work hours/ Family friendly

Campbell Page is a leading Employment, Training and Community Services provider operating throughout NSW, VIC, SA and ACT. Our Vision is to be the acknowledged leader through excellence in service to our community.

This full time Aboriginal designated traineeship will work within Campbell Page Redfern team and on the job training will be provided in all aspects of the position. Certificate III in Business Administration or Certificate III Employment Services will be completed under this traineeship.

Remember - traineeships are not just for young people, applicants of all ages will be considered.

This position is Aboriginal identified (under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW) for Aboriginal applicants only.

To apply for this position you will need to review Application Information and Address Selection Criteria listed in the Position Description.

These are available at:

www.campbellpage.com.au



**Queensland Murray
Darling Committee Inc.**

Regional Coordinator Aboriginal Program

The Queensland Murray Darling Committee Inc. (QMDC) is seeking motivated and enthusiastic individuals to be part of a Natural Resource Management (NRM) team in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin.

If you are an energetic person ready to lead and initiate activities as directed by community aspirations QMDC would welcome your resume.

The Regional Coordinator Aboriginal Program will encourage and facilitate Aboriginal participation in the whole of NRM (in particular, Landcare and Catchment Management) planning, issue prioritisation and implementation activities in the Border Rivers and Maranoa/Balonne Catchments and will actively engage with Aboriginal people to ensure they have quality access to NRM program funds and resources for land management projects.

Desirable qualifications or experience include:

- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of
 - Working with Aboriginal communities.
 - Aboriginal natural and cultural resource management issues and processes.
- Demonstrated ability to
 - Communicate effectively with Aboriginal communities in the region and knowledge of Aboriginal cultural protocols.
 - Effectively liaise with a broad range of levels within government agencies, Aboriginal organisations and stakeholder groups.
 - To write effective funding and other submissions within strict timeframes and to manage projects to completions on time and on budget.
- Proven ability to work both independently and across a multi-disciplinary team environment.

A current driver's licence is essential.

The position is full time, located in Goondiwindi, or Roma preferred but negotiable within Region.

The Position Description can be obtained from www.qmdc.org.au or by contacting Julie James at QMDC Inc on 07 4637 6201 or julie@qmdc.org.au

Closing date for submission of CVs is COB Friday 22 June 2007.



TIRKANDI INABURRA CULTURAL & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
www.tirkandi.org.au

SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER (6 MONTH SPECIFIED TERM CONTRACT)

The Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre is a residential facility that offers culturally based programs for indigenous youth, aimed at strengthening their cultural identity and resilience. It is located on 780 hectares of Crown Land near Coleambally in south-west NSW.

We are seeking to employ a highly motivated and experienced project officer to undertake a desk top audit of existing mentor training schemes and current services and support networks for indigenous families and young people within the Tirkandi Inaburra catchment area. On completion of the audit this officer will be required to develop a local data base, develop an appropriate mentoring package for volunteer community mentors, "test" the mentor training package with indigenous community members and other relevant stakeholders and revise the package as necessary. The successful applicant will also be required to train Tirkandi Inaburra staff in the delivery and implementation of the package as part of the project exit strategy and negotiate agreements with government and non government agencies for supporting Tirkandi Inaburra graduates socially, educationally or vocationally on return to their communities.

The successful applicant MUST possess a current and valid driver's license at all times.

An Applicant Package which contains more specific details of the task and the required skills and abilities may be obtained by contacting Liz Carroll on (02) 6954 4800 or email admin@tirkandi.org.au

Inquiries should be directed to the Executive Officer Colleen Murray on (02) 6954 4800. Applications should be marked "Confidential" to the Executive Officer PO Box 134 Coleambally NSW 2707 or email cmurray@tirkandi.org.au by the due date.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2007 @ 5PM.

ACTIVITY OFFICER

PART-TIME

(To work in Day Respite with clients who are frail, aged and/or disabled)

Essential Criteria: Demonstrated ability to work effectively with people who are of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Island descent; demonstrated oral and written communication skills with an outcome to prioritise and use a budget within a limited funding scope; process Certificate 3 in either Community Aged Care of Disability Services or their equivalent; possess sound computer skills; to be of male gender (this is arguable under Section 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991); possess a current MR (Medium Rigid) bus licence; demonstrated ability to plan, develop and implement respite activities and monthly schedules.

Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island persons is strongly encouraged.

For an application kit please contact our office on (07) 3208 4875 or (07) 3208 4344. Applications close 1st July, 2007.

WINDA MARA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

FORESTRY PROJECT MANAGER

South West Victoria Indigenous Forestry Project

- \$60,000 p.a. (Salary Packaging is available)
- Full Time 2 Year Contract

The Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation is seeking a Project Manager to manage and facilitate the take up of small business and employment initiatives associated with the acceleration of the hardwood (Blue Gum) forestry industry in the South West Victoria.

The position will be based in Heywood, Victoria and will involve extensive consultation across Indigenous communities, the forestry industry and small business development agencies.

The ideal candidate will have demonstrated the ability to:

- Communicate effectively with Koori people
- Communicate effectively with all stakeholders within the forest industry
- Have an understanding of small business development and employment procedures, including the ability to deal with broad range of training providers.
- Deal with different levels of government and industry groups including national associations, Small Business development agencies and existing timber related businesses.
- Possess excellent written skills, IT skills and be able to work to deadlines.

All applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria.

A complete information package, including Key Selection Criteria available from: Mr. Ken Saunders phone (03) 5527 2008, 0400 869886 or email: kensaunder@windamaracorp.com

Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and posted to: Denis Rose, Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 42, Heywood VIC 3304 Or emailed to denisrose@windamaracorp.com

Applications close Monday 18th June 2007.

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker - Sexual Health, Women's Business, Community Health Services, Cherbourg Community Health Centre, West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52 431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 777 - \$45 954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (12.5%) (004) or Salary between \$41 156 - \$49 037 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (12.5%) (102) JRN: 1075B23. Duties/Abilities: Facilitate Aboriginal women's access to mainstream services to further the prevention and early treatment of sexually transmissible infections and other sexual health conditions. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900.

Application Kit: (07) 4162 9186 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 25 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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Publications and Copyright Officer

Position No.: 18353

Fixed term appointment commencing July 07 to December 07 - Batchelor

Remuneration Administrative Officer

Level 5B1

\$57,972 - \$60,992

This position is responsible for overseeing publications and copyright policy and procedures within the Institute. You will provide a high level professional advice in all areas of publication through leadership in development and maintenance of publication policies, standards and procedures.

Desktop Publisher

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment commencing July 07 to June 08 - Batchelor

Remuneration Administrative Officer

Level 3B1

\$43,594 - \$46,986

This position is responsible for providing high

level administrative functions and desktop publishing in a range of areas of publication within the Institute. You will work as a team member with the Resource Production and Publications Officers.

Applications close Friday 22 June 2007.

Further information, the Selection Criteria's 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) 8039 7272 or (08) 8939 7303; fax (08) 8039 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 (AIQIA 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.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin Palmerston and some rural areas.

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EPM15904	Approx. 17 km W from Doomadgee Centred at Lat.17°54'S Long.138°41'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Burke	Area: 143 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 44 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1591 p, v 1592 I, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z 1593 I, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1594 I, m, q, r, v, w 1665 h, c, d, e, j, k 1666 a, b, f, g	Troutstone Pty Ltd 118 017 244

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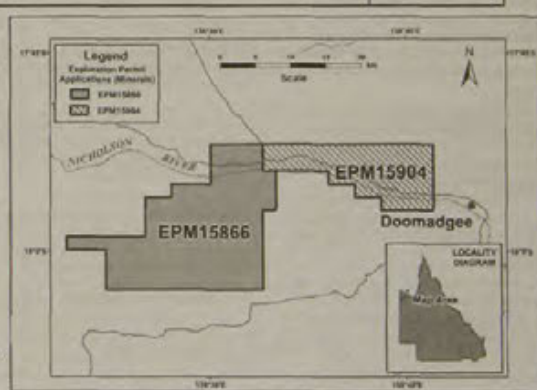
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Notification Day: 27 June 2007



POSITION VACANT

Enhance Your Career With.....

Wingecarribee Shire Council located in NSW's Southern Highlands, comprises six towns and many villages in a semi rural setting. Our 45,000 residents enjoy a combination of many modern facilities and recreational opportunities within a magnificent natural environment. Wingecarribee Shire Council is committed to best practice, staff development and customer service.

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

File No: 873/23

• Part-time Position 30 hours per week.

• Attractive Salary Package up to \$56,000 for an applicant with relevant skills and experience.

This position is responsible for the development of effective and strong links, communication and networks within the local Aboriginal community and between the Aboriginal community and Council and State and Federal Government agencies.

The continuation of this position is subject to ongoing funding by the NSW State Government. A condition of funding is the employment of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

The successful applicant will have familiarity and experience with the culture, traditions, history of the local Aboriginal communities and also have the capacity to work with communities, build relationships across agencies to facilitate the provision of services to communities. We are looking for someone with proven skills in translating community needs to organisations and converting those ideas into strategies and programs.

The applicant must be highly motivated with superior communication skills and have experience working with Aboriginal people, communities and service providers. Tertiary qualifications or equivalent in Aboriginal Studies, Social Sciences or similar is preferred but not essential.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 15 June 2007.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please obtain a Recruitment Kit from our website or by contacting Stacy Bramble on 02 4868 0761 (stacy.bramble@wsc.nsw.gov.au). For further details regarding the position please contact Mark Pepping on 4868 0851.

Applications must be addressed to The General Manager and may be emailed or posted. Please also quote the position File No. on your application.

Wingecarribee Shire Council is committed to Equal Employment Opportunity and provides a smoke free environment.

PO Box 141 MOSS VALE NSW 2577

Phone: 02 4868 0888 Fax: 02 4869 1203

Website: www.wsc.nsw.gov.au

Email: wscmail@wsc.nsw.gov.au

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
28/3248	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	74.97ha	130km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°57' Long 129°58'	Liverpool
28/3249	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	175.01ha	123km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°53' Long 129°17'	Liverpool
28/3250	Dukeston Resources Pty Ltd	21.18ha	127km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°58' Long 129°18'	Liverpool

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: 6 June 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 6 September 2007. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The prospecting licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 6 October 2007), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the prospecting licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3628.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of New South Wales

Notification day: 20 June 2007



N12006/004 Bundjalung People of Byron Bay (ILUA) 2

Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 186 hectares is located in and around Byron Bay and Broken Head, as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Byron Shire Council local government area.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Anthony Bernard Kelly, Minister for Lands for the State of New South Wales, C/- Crown Solicitor's Office, GPO Box 25, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Robert John Debus, Minister for the Environment for the State of New South Wales, C/- Director General of the Department of Environment and Conservation, PO Box A290, SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232

Lisa Corby, Director General of the Department of the Environment and Conservation, C/- Department of Environment and Conservation, PO Box A290, SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232

Linda Jane Vidler, Dulcie Nicholls, Yvonne Stewart, Stan Kay, Norman Graham & Brian Kelly on behalf of the Bundjalung People of Byron Bay and the Registered Native Title Claimants/Applicants in the Byron Bay Bundjalung People #1 (NSD6010/98) and the Byron Bay Bundjalung People #3 (NSD6020/01) native title determination applications, C/- Hinterland Legal, 43 Stuart Street, MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482

Arakwal Aboriginal Corporation, C/- Hinterland Legal, 43 Stuart Street, MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

8. Land in which Native Title (if any) is Surrendered

8.1 - The Native Title Applicants and the Bundjalung People of Byron Bay surrender Native Title, if any, in the land and waters identified as Surrendered Lands, described and mapped in Schedule G (Schedule G of the agreement provides a detailed description of the Surrendered Lands (including lot/plan references) and a map showing the location of the Surrendered Lands).

8.3 - Pursuant to sections 24EB(1)(d) and 24CG (2) of the NTA [the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)], the Registered Native Title Applicants acknowledge that the surrender of Native Title in the Surrendered Lands is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in the land or waters referred to in clause 8.1.

15. Broken Head Caravan Park Land Encroachment

15.3 - The Registered Native Title Applicants consent to the revocation of the Broken Head Caravan Park Land Encroachment from the Broken Head Nature Reserve. [Schedule M of the agreement provides a detailed description and map showing the location of the Broken Head Caravan Park Land Encroachment].

16. Future Act Regime for National Parks Land

16.7 - For the purpose of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA the Parties consent to the doing of the National Park Future Act/s in accordance with this clause.

[National Park Future Act/s means a future act/s which consists of the following]

(i) The reservation of the National Parks Land by notice published in the Gazette as Reserves in accordance with this Agreement; and

(ii) The preparation, adoption, implementation and amendment of a plan of management for the Reserves; and

(iii) The making, amendment or revocation of any Regulation under the NPW Act in relation to or applicable to the National Parks Land; and

(iv) Any other activities undertaken in accordance with or incidental to the carrying out of such activities under the NPW Act, regulations or a plan of management including the construction of Public Works and facilities for or related to the purpose of the management of the Reserves.

[Schedule O of the agreement provides a detailed description (including lot/plan references) and a map showing the location of the National Parks Land].

[Reserves means a reserve made pursuant to the NPW Act including a national park, state conservation area, a regional park, a nature reserve and an Aboriginal Area].

[NPW Act means the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)].

18. Validation of Acts after 1 January 1994

18.1 - The undertaking of any Future Acts in the Agreement Area after 1 January 1994 but before the date on which this Agreement is Registered, are valid to the extent of any invalidity that may exist by reason of the existence of Native Title if any.

19. Public Works

19.1 - Public Works constructed or established within the Agreement Area prior to the date this Agreement is Registered (other than Intermediate Period Acts), are valid to the extent of any invalidity that may exist by reason of the existence of Native Title and have wholly extinguished all Native Title in:

(i) the land or waters on which the Public Works were or are situated;

(ii) the land or waters which are or were necessary for or incidental to the construction, establishment or operation of the Public Works.

26. Right to Negotiate Not to Apply

26.1 - The Parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in subdivision P of the NTA do not apply to any Future Acts authorised in this Agreement.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 20 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, Sydney NSW 2001 by 20 September 2007.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Land Information NSW. 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, contact

Amy Barrett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

A C VIOLI FARMS PTY LTD has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 2 x BORES at/adjacent to Lots 43 & 44/751681 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 43 & 44/751681 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 20/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404768 on all correspondence.

LAWRENCE PAUL FAVERO and GIOVANNI FAVERO have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 2/1635589 in the Parish of WARBURN, County of STURT for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 2/1058042 and Lot 2/635589 in the Parish of WARBURN, County of STURT.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 06/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404758 on all correspondence.

RAYMOND GUIDO PASTRO and GLENNIS ANGELINA PASTRO have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 144/751709 in the Parish of JONDARYN, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 144/751709 and Lot 2/819577 in the Parish of JONDARYN, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 06/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404760 on all correspondence.

ANGELO MACRI and DOMENICA MARY MACRI have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 51/751681 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 51/751681 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 06/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404761 on all correspondence.

DOMENIC MICHAEL MACRI and JOSEPH MACRI have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 74/751689 in the Parish of COLCHESTER, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 74/751689, Parish of COLCHESTER, County of COOPER. Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 15/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404763 on all correspondence.

DOMENIC MICHAEL MACRI and JOSEPH MACRI have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 54/751681 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 54/751681 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 15/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404764 on all correspondence.

MENAHILLS PTY LTD has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 3/821514 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 3/821514 in the Parish of BRINGAN, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 15/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404765 on all correspondence.

ROSEMARY IERANO has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 147/751745 in the Parish of YARANGERY, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 147/751745 in the Parish of YARANGERY, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530726.

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 40WA404767 on all correspondence.

SHEEP ADVISORY SERVICES PTY. LIMITED has submitted an application for an additional work within an existing WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE SHALLOW GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 1/878218 in the Parish of NARRANDERA, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 1/878218, Lot 12/1108230, Lot 13/1108230 in the Parish of NARRANDERA, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530726.

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 40CA403870 on all correspondence.

DAVID VITUCCI & ROBERT VITUCCI has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 87/751689 in the Parish of COLCHESTER, County of COOPER, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 87 & 88/751689 in the Parish of COLCHESTER, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 20/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404779 on all correspondence.

CAMERON ANGUS HUDSON has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 2/851295 in the Parish of STANBRIDGE, County of COOPER, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 2/851295 in the Parish of STANBRIDGE, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 20/06/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404782 on all correspondence.

S.F. Webb
Licensing Manager
MURRUMBIDGEE REGION
Department of Water and Energy
PO BOX 156, LEETON, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 06/06/2007 Closing Date: 04/07/2007



NSW Government
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

AUSTRALIAN EXECUTOR TRUSTEE LIMITED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 66/751686 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER for INDUSTRIAL use at/adjacent to Lot 66/751686 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404783.

AUSTRALIAN EXECUTOR TRUSTEE LIMITED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 103/723180 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER for INDUSTRIAL use at/adjacent to Lot 103/723180 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404784.

AUSTRALIAN EXECUTOR TRUSTEE LIMITED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 88/751686 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER for INDUSTRIAL use at/adjacent to Lot 88/751686 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404785.

AUSTRALIAN EXECUTOR TRUSTEE LIMITED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 1/1056133 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER for INDUSTRIAL use at/adjacent to Lot 1/1056133 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404786.

AUSTRALIAN EXECUTOR TRUSTEE LIMITED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 80/751686 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER for INDUSTRIAL use at/adjacent to Lot 80/751686 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404788.

RIVERINA WINES PTY LTD has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 93/751746 in the Parish of YENDA, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97/751746 in the Parish of YENDA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404792.

JOSEPH JOEY and HIND JOEY have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 51/865073 in the Parish of TABBITA, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 51/865073 in the Parish of TABBITA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404789.

APOLLO VALLEY PTY LIMITED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to 3/777979 in the Parish of WARADGERY, County of WARADGERY, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 3/777979 in the Parish of WARADGERY, County of WARADGERY. Application Number 40WA404793.

RONALD FRANCIS BEER and JENNIFER KAY BEER have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 67/751730 in the Parish of TABBITA, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 67/751730 in the Parish of TABBITA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404790.

PATRICK JOHN DE MARCO has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, for a bore in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, at/adjacent to Lot 81/751686 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 2/875944 and Lot 81/751686 in the Parish of CAMAROOKA, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404791.

ROBERT JOSEPH WISEMAN and MARY LOU WISEMAN have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 97/750885 in the Parish of GIDGELL, County of BOYD, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 97/750885 in the Parish of GIDGELL, County of BOYD. Application Number 40WA404794.

SALVATORE MALLAMACE has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 188/751735 in the Parish of TUCKERBIL, County of COOPER, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 187 & 188/751735 in the Parish of TUCKERBIL, County of COOPER. Application Number 40WA404795.

VARDANEGA HOLDINGS PTY LIMITED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 76/756034 in the Parish of BAILLIE, County of STURT, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 76/756034 in the Parish of BAILLIE, County of STURT. Application Number 40WA404797.

JOHN ALEXANDER ADAMS and ANNE ADAMS have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 175/750908 in the Parish of WADDI, County of BOYD, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 175/750908 in the Parish of WADDI, County of BOYD. Application Number 40WA404714.

BENJAMIN JOHN WITHAM has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 1 x BORE, at/adjacent to Lot 51/750904 in the Parish of WADDI, County of BOYD, for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lots 2 & 51/750929, and Lots 51, 52, 54 & 55/750904, in the Parish of UGOBIT, County of BOYD. Application Number 40WA404715.

ABIGROUP PTY LTD have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the MURRUMBIDGE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, for a 150mm centrifugal pump on Murrumbidgee River on Crown Reserve 76885 (Sandy Falls Reserve) in the Parish of COOLAC, County of HARDEN for road construction and dust suppression. Application Number 40WA404787.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 04/07/2007. Please quote the application number on all correspondence.

Steve Webb
Licensing Manager
Murray/Murrumbidgee Region
PO Box 156, Leeton, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 06/06/2007. Closing Date: 04/07/2007.



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
29/593	Agrocity Resources Pty Ltd	65.43km ²	52km NE of Coe	Lat 27°06' Long 118°15'	Ore

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: 6 June 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 6 September 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 it, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 6 October 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 licence.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



PROPOSAL TO GRANT SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

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 Special Prospecting Authority with Acreage Option application applied for under the section 105 of the Petroleum Act 1967.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
SPL 506-7 AO	OFFICER BASIN ENERGY PTY LTD	21700 km ²	The application is in the Great Victoria Desert area. The area is defined by the following corner coordinates: NW corner of the Application is at Lat 27° 29' 30.015", 128° 00' 04.980" (30A94), with an easterly extent of approx 98m to the NE corner at (27° 29' 34.335", 127° 00' 04.980" (30A94) on the WA/SA State border. Then a southerly extent of approx 223m to the SE corner at (27° 29' 34.335", 127° 00' 04.980" (30A94) on the WA/SA State border, thence extending westerly approx 98m to the SW corner at (27° 29' 35.065", 128° 00' 04.980" (30A94), thence northerly again approx 223m to start point. Area is 21700 km ² is adjacent to the WA/SA State border and constitutes 288 blocks within the Officer and Eula Basins.	Leveon (Area 15717 4 km ² (7.0%), Menzies (Area 1962 5 km ² (23.0%))

Nature Of The Act: Grant of special prospecting authority, which authorises the applicant to carry on petroleum exploration operations so specified as an airborne gravity magnetics survey, in the authority area for a term not exceeding 6 months from the day on which the authority is to come into force.

Notification Day: 6 June 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 this proposed future act application. The 3 month period closes on 6 September 2007. Enquiries about becoming a prescribed body corporate native title party in relation to this notice under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth or GPO Box A30, Perth WA 6837, telephone (08) 9268 7100. Those already registered as prescribed body corporate native title parties in relation to the area affected by this notice shall receive notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993. 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.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that this act is an act attracting the expedited procedure under section 237 of the Native Title Act 1993. The special prospecting authority may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 8 October 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 permit 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 application), contact the Petroleum and Royalties Division, Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone 1800 826767 (ask for extension 23813).



Department of Planning and Infrastructure
Government of Western Australia

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan, MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. And for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order issued under Section 166 of the LAA.

Schedule

PARCEL OF LAND: LAND DESCRIPTION: 1. Part of Lot 76 on Deposited Plan 238147 shown as Lot 303 on Deposited Plan 50257, being part of Pastoral Lease 3114/470 (Dirk Hartog Island), Volume 3137 Folio 479 Area: 17,3507 hectares; 2. Part of Lot 76 on Deposited Plan 238147 shown as Lot 304 on Deposited Plan 50257, being part of Pastoral Lease 3114/470 (Dirk Hartog Island), Volume 3137 Folio 479 Area: 11,2965 hectares; 3. Part of Lot 76 on Deposited Plan 238147 shown as Lot 305 on Deposited Plan 50257, being part of Pastoral Lease 3114/470 (Dirk Hartog Island), Volume 3137 Folio 479 Area: 4,5953 hectares; 4. Part of Lot 76 on Deposited Plan 238147 shown as easement "Z" on Deposited Plan 50258, being part of Pastoral Lease 3114/470 (Dirk Hartog Island), Volume 3137 Folio 479; 5. Part of Lot 76 on Deposited Plan 238147 shown as Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 50257, being part of Pastoral Lease 3114/470 (Dirk Hartog Island), Volume 3137 Folio 479 Area: 2,465 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans 50257, 50258. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Shark Bay. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered rights and interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** 1. Grant of freehold title for lots 303, 304 and 305; 2. Grant of a lease under the Department of Environment and Conservation Act for the purpose of "Eco-Tourism" for lot 300; 3. Grant of an easement for "Private Water Supply". **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** It is proposed to grant freehold title for lots 303, 304 and 305 on DP 50257, enable the grant of a lease under the Department of Environment and Conservation Act for lot 300 on DP 50257 and grant an easement as shown "Z" on DP 50258. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Pursuant to the terms and conditions of an agreement between the State of Western Australia and the Lessee of Pastoral Lease 3114/470. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 September 2007. **DPI FILE:** 00709-2002-1590 **DPI REF:** 053216

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Foster, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5083. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 13 September 2007. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(8) of the LAA. Any application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is: 13 June 2007. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 13 September 2007. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries relating to becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 22 May 2007.

ALANNAH MACTIERNAN, MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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 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 drawntogether@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 Curry on (02) 6214 1149 or (0409) 956 225 or visit www.ausport.gov.au/women/grants

Until 29 June: 2007 Queensland Landcare Award. Entries are now open. Winners of the Queensland Awards are then considered for a 2008 National Landcare Award. National Landcare Awards finalists will be flown to Canberra to attend the gala dinner and ceremony at Parliament House. All nominations welcome. Details call (07) 3211 4409 or email enr@landcareqld.org.au or visit www.qwalc.org.au

Until 30 June: Life stories of our Elders. Fascinating life stories of Aboriginal Elders who will visit primary school classrooms to speak to the children. Free with limited bookings available. Details call Angie Kahler on (02) 9942 2502.

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 3 August: NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards now open. The Regional Achievement and Community Awards are looking for businesses that are building and sharing knowledge on combined products, services and improving the image of their local community.

Details call Teesha Straney on (02) 9643 1677.

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.amonline.net.au or visit www.australianmuseum.net.au

Until 31 October: The Young Achievement Australia Business Skills Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Through the program, participants establish a company, write and implement a business plan, sell shares, produce, market and sell goods or services. Running over a 24-week period. Co-ordinating Mentor provided. Details: Sara Hamilton on (02) 9232 3088 or email sara@yaa.org.au or visit www.yaa.org.au

Until 11 December: Koori Toastmasters Workshops. Improve communication skills in a relaxed environment with other Kooris. Learn how to run meetings, to motivate others, think on your feet speak in front of a crowd, stage craft and giving constructive feedback. Held at the Redfern Community Centre, Hugo Street, Redfern. Start 6.30pm every second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Details call Julie Welsh on (02) 9550 9964 or email

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NSW Government
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

SONYA GAIE LANE 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 3 DP253483 OR Lot 2 DP1067298, both Parish Corowa, County Hume

Purpose: Industrial (Piggery)

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 04/07/2007. Please quote the Application No. 919 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484730)

ADI 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 1 DP630170, Parish Mulwala, County Denison

Purpose: Industrial (Factory)

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 04/07/2007. Please quote the Application No. 925 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484730)

Lindsay Holden

Senior Licensing Officer

Department of Water & Energy

PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

DOUGLAS KEITH COMB has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

The application is for a 80MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP and PIPELINE at/adjacent to Lot 3865/766308 in the Parish of PIMPARA, County of WALJEERS, water supply for stock and domestic purposes.

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 70WA603348 on all correspondence (GA:524328)

LACHLAN FARMING LIMITED has submitted an application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

Application is to include additional lands for IRRIGATION

at/adjacent to Lot 5213/720998 in the Parish of HADYN, County of FRANKLIN,

at/adjacent to Lot 5214/720998 in the Parish of HADYN, County of FRANKLIN,

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 04/07/2007. Please quote the application number 70CA603352 on all correspondence (GA2:524331)

CLAUDE WILLIAM, GARRY THOMAS & JAMES SAMUEL ROBINSON, 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.

The application is for 1 x CHANNEL and 1 x DIVERSION PIPE at/adjacent to Lot 169/750146 in the Parish of CARRAWABBITY, County of ASHBURNHAM, water supply for irrigation.

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 04/07/2007. Please quote the application number 70WA603351 on all correspondence (GA2:524332).

Lyn Gorham

Senior Licensing Officer

Licensing South (Forbes)

Department of Water & Energy

PO BOX 136, FORBES, NSW 2871

Commencement Date: 05/06/2007. Closing Date: 04/07/2007.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of New South Wales

Notification day: 20 June 2007



N12006/005 Ti-Tree Lake (Taylor's Lake) (ILUA 3)

Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 58 hectares includes land known as Ti-Tree (Taylor's) Lake and is located about 6km south of Byron Bay as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Byron Shire Council local government area.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Anthony Bernard Kelly, Minister for Lands for the State of New South Wales, C/- Crown Solicitor's Office, GPO Box 25, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Robert John Debus, Minister for the Environment for the State of New South Wales, C/- Director General of the Department of Environment and Conservation, PO Box A290, SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232

Lisa Corby, Director General of the Department of the Environment and Conservation, C/- Department of Environment and Conservation, PO Box A290, SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232

Linda Jane Vidler, Dulcie Nicholls, Yvonne Stewart, Stan Kay, Norman Graham and Brian Kelly on behalf of the Bundjalung People of Byron Bay and the Registered Native Title Claimants/Applicants in the Byron Bay Bundjalung People #3 (NSD6020/01) native title determination application, C/- Hinterland Legal, 43 Stuart Street, MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482

Arakwal Aboriginal Corporation, C/- Hinterland Legal, 43 Stuart Street, MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482

The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal)

7. Future Act Regime for Agreement Area

7.8 — For the purpose of section 24EB (1) (b) of the NTA [the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)] the Parties consent to the doing of the National Park Future Act/s in accordance with this clause.

[National Park Future Act/s means a future act/s which consists of the following:

(i) The reservation of the Agreement Area by notice published in the Gazette as Reserves in accordance with this Agreement; and

(ii) The preparation, adoption, implementation and amendment of a plan of management for the Reserves; and

(iii) The making, amendment or revocation of any Regulation under the NPW Act in relation to or applicable to the

Agreement Area; and

(iv) Any other activities undertaken in accordance with or incidental to the carrying out of such activities under the NPW Act, regulations or a plan of management including the construction of Public Works and facilities for or related to the purpose of the management of the Reserves.]

[Reserves means a reserve made pursuant to the NPW Act including a national park, state conservation area, a regional park, a nature reserve and an Aboriginal Area.]

[NPW Act means the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW).]

9. Validation of Future Acts after 1 January 1994

9.1 — The undertaking of any Future Acts in the Agreement Area after 1 January 1994 but before the date on which this Agreement is Registered, are valid to the extent of any invalidity that may exist by reason of the existence of Native Title if any.

10. Public Works

10.1 — Public Works constructed or established within the Agreement Area prior to the date this Agreement is Registered (other than Intermediate Period Acts), are valid to the extent of any invalidity that may exist by reason of the existence of Native Title and have wholly extinguished all Native Title in:

(i) the land or waters on which the Public Works were or are situated;

(ii) the land or waters which are or were necessary for or incidental to the construction, establishment or operation of the Public Works.

17. Right to Negotiate not to Apply

17.1 — The Parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in subdivision P of the NTA do not apply to any Future Acts authorised in this Agreement.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by a Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 20 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, Sydney NSW 2001 by 20 September 2007.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Land Information NSW. 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, contact Amy Barrett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that GIRALIA RESOURCES NL (ABN 64 009 218 204) of Level 2, 33 Ord Street, West Perth, Western Australia 6005, mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence Application 2007/00158 when granted (or any subsequent licence granted in replacement of ELA 2007/00158) on the following land (Land):

EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 2007/00158 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The Land is located in the State of South Australia, immediately south-west of Olary, is referred to in the Exploration Licence as **Wadnaminga Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°29'S and longitude 140°13'E, thence east to longitude 140°23'E, south to latitude 32°30'S, east to longitude 140°26'E, south to latitude 32°38'S, west to longitude 140°22'E, south to latitude 32°42'S, west to longitude 140°21'E, south to latitude 32°43'S, west to longitude 140°19'E, south to latitude 32°44'S, west to longitude 140°18'E, south to latitude 32°45'S, west to longitude 140°17'E, south to latitude 32°46'S, west to longitude 140°12'E, south to latitude 32°48'S, west to longitude 140°09'E, south to latitude 32°49'S, west to longitude 140°07'E, south to latitude 32°51'S, west to longitude 140°05'E, south to latitude 32°52'S, west to longitude 140°03'E, south to latitude 32°55'S, east to longitude 140°07'E, south to latitude 32°57'S, west to longitude 140°00'E, north to latitude 32°45'S, east to longitude 140°02'E, north to latitude 32°42'S, east to longitude 140°04'E, north to latitude 32°40'S, east to longitude 140°05'E, north to latitude 32°38'S, east to longitude 140°11'E, north to latitude 32°36'S, west to longitude 140°10'E, north to latitude 32°33'S, east to longitude 140°11'E, north to latitude 32°29'S, east to longitude 140°13'E, and north to the point of commencement.

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

Area of the Land : approximately 996 square kilometres.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the Land and presence of mineralisation, which (without limiting the general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary and diamond core; downhole probing.

The proposed operations will be authorised following grant of the exploration licence under the *Mining Act 1971*: Exploration Licence Application 2007/00158, of which Giralia Resources NL is the registered applicant.

GIRALIA RESOURCES NL seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971*. If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971*, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, GIRALIA RESOURCES NL may apply *ex parte* to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operation on the Land. On such an application, that Court must make a determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent GIRALIA RESOURCES NL as follows:

GIRALIA RESOURCES NL
Level 2, 33 Ord Street
West Perth WA 6005
Telephone: (08) 9481 4440
Facsimile: (08) 9321 0070
Contact: Dennis Hawtin

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EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 2007/00159 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The Land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 20 km north-west of Olary, is referred to in the Exploration Licence as **Outalpa Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

AREA A
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°06'S and longitude 140°10'E, thence east to longitude 140°14'E, south to latitude 32°09'S, east to longitude 140°17'E, south to latitude 32°11'S, east to longitude 140°18'E, south to latitude 32°12'S, west to longitude 140°16'E, north to latitude 32°10'S, west to longitude 140°15'E, south to latitude 32°14'S, west to longitude 140°13'E, north to latitude 32°13'S, west to longitude 140°12'E, north to latitude 32°12'S, west to longitude 140°11'E, north to latitude 32°08'S, west to longitude 140°10'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°13'S and longitude 140°16'E, thence east to longitude 140°20'E, south to latitude 32°15'S, west to longitude 140°18'E, south to latitude 32°16'S, west to longitude 140°16'E, north to latitude 32°15'S, west to longitude 140°15'E, north to latitude 32°14'S, east to longitude 140°16'E, and north to the point of commencement.

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

Area of the Land : approximately 128 square kilometres.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the Land and presence of mineralisation, which (without limiting the general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary and diamond core; downhole probing.

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Calendar

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julie.welsh@worldvision.com.au or www.worldvision.com.au/birrung/

2 June-15 July: Guringai Festival, Local Focus – Aboriginal Art. A small selection of outstanding contemporary Aboriginal artworks from private collections in the Mosman area. Held at Mosman Art Gallery and Community Centre, corner Myahgah Road and Art Gallery Way, Mosman from 10am-5pm with free entry. Details call (02) 9978 4042.

6 June: Author talk with Anita Heiss. Author, poet, social commentator and member of the Wiradjuri nation of central NSW, Anita Heiss will discuss her latest novel. Held at Mosman Library, Library Walk, 605 Military Rd, Mosman from 7-9pm. Details call (02) 9978 4091 or visit www.mosman.nsw.gov.au

6-7 June: Indigenous Employment and Capacity Building Forum. For details contact (02) 9431 8755.

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 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

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 June: Children's Dreamtime performance. A performance by Matthew Doyle of Aboriginal stories, songs, dances and didgeridoo for children enrolled in Mosman Council Children's Services programs. Held from 10.30-11.15am and is free. Details call (02) 9978 4161.

12 June: Guringai Festival, Lane Cove residents for reconciliation: Aboriginal spirituality course. These courses are presented by Ainwan/Gamilaroi/Damginjung woman, Oomera Edwards. Cost: \$50 (payable in advance) Bookings essential. Held at the Senior Citizens'

Centre, 180 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove. Details call Kerrie McKenzie on (02) 9428 1197 or Cate Turner on (02) 9428 2905.

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 2,500 people across the north-western parts of South Australia. In exchange, Trevor will share parts of his family story in Pitjantjatjara 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

15 June: Mabo Oration for 2007. Expect to be challenged and informed, entertained and engaged by Professor Larissa Behrendt's views on current issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This celebrates and pays tribute to the work of Eddie Mabo, who achieved High Court recognition of the occupation of Australia prior to white settlement. Tickets \$16.50 held from 5.50-7.30pm. Details call (07) 3840 7444 or 136 246 or visit www.qpac.com.au/events/Bangarra%20Dance%20Theatre%20-%20True%20Stories

15-17 June: Aboriginal Sporting Talent Development Camp. This is a free weekend program to provide professional direction, tuition, training and skills testing for aspiring Aboriginal athletes in year 8, 9 and 10. All welcome. Held at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre, Lennox Head. Details call Tony or John on (02) 6620 3073.

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.nsw.gov.au

18-29 June: Celebrating 50 years of NAIDOC week: artwork by Shane Haurama. Shane Haurama, a local indigenous artist, will paint a mural on a large scale canvas. Held at the Foyer Exhibition Space, Willoughby City Council, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood from 10am-3pm. Details call Alison Clark on (02) 9777 7972 or email alison.clark@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

19 June: Guringai Festival, Lane Cove residents for reconciliation: Aboriginal spirituality course. These courses are presented by Ainwan/Gamilaroi/Damginjung

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woman, Oomera Edwards. Cost: \$50 (payable in advance) Bookings essential. Held at the Senior Citizens' Centre, 180 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove. Details call Kerrie McKenzie on (02) 9428 1197 or Cate Turner on (02) 9428 2905

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 9055.

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 9055.

21 June: Northern Sydney Region Reconciliation Network Public Forum: 'A Sorry State of Affairs'. In 2006 the UN released a damning report on Australia's treatment of Aboriginal Peoples. Why have governments failed and what should they do to address this situation? Held at the Dougherty Centre, 7 Victor St, Chatswood from 7-9.30pm and is free. Details call Kerrie McKenzie on (02) 9428 1197.

22 June: Circle of Understanding. Artist, Madeline Anderson, will discuss her artwork and how it relates to her experience as an indigenous artist working in the contemporary Australian art environment. Dr Pamela Johnston will be relating three stories (with visuals) about loss, grief and finally love (reconciliation). Held in the Recreation Avenue, Bancroft Park, Roseville from 6.30-9pm. Details call Judy Harris on (02) 9413 9771 or visit www.kmc.nsw.gov.au

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 Indigenous youth. Held in Cairns. Details 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: 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

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

23 June: Aboriginal Cultural Bushwalk. A journey of discovery. Easy bushwalk but some steep bush steps. Held at Mowbray Park, Chatswood from 1-3pm and is free. Details call Dianne Eva on (02) 9777 7755.

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 Islander human resource and industrial relations workshops. This course will explain basic rights and obligations

under NSW employment laws and the interaction with federal employment laws to help 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

26 June: The 11th Annual NAIDOC. Join in or just enjoy a free performance by Descendence Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance Theatre with input from Hunters Hill High School and others. Held in Lane Cove Plaza from 10-11am. Details call Faith Wieland on (02) 9911 3594 or email

twieland@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

26 June: Guringai Festival. Lane cove residents for reconciliation. Aboriginal spirituality course. These courses are presented by Airwan/Gamilari/Darrinjung woman, Oomera Edwards. Cost: \$50 (payable in advance) Bookings essential. Held at the Senior Citizens' Centre, 180 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove. Details call Kerrie McKenzie on (02) 9428 1197 or Cate Turner on (02) 9428 2905.

27 June: Kanyini Film Screening. This includes conversations with Director Melanie Hogan and Bob Randall a traditional listed owner of Uluru. Tickets \$10 includes bush tucker and wine. Held at Manly Cinemas, 25/40-43 East Esplanade, Manly from 6pm onwards. Details call Chantelle on (02) 9976 1752 or email chantelle.ryan@manly.nsw.gov.au

28 June: Kanyini Film Screening. Including conversation with Director Melanie Hogan and Bob Randall a traditional listed owner of Uluru. Tickets \$5. Held at Avalon RSL Club, 1 Bowling Green Lane, Avalon

Beach from 6.30pm. Details call (02) 9970 1169 or email ssshore@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

29 June: Kanyini Film Screening. Including conversation with Director Melanie Hogan and Bob Randall a traditional listed owner of Uluru. Held at Collaroy Cinema, 1097 Pittwater Road, Collaroy from 9.30am and costs \$5. Details call Pat Frater on (02) 9971 0735.

29 June: Senior's 'Flavours from the Bush'. Luncheon of Indigenous food and performance. Held at Mosman Senior's Centre, Civic Square, Spit Junction from 12-2pm and costs \$10 bookings essential. Details call (02) 9978 4128.

29 June: Exhibition Opening. This is an opening of Lawson Menzies Indigenous Masterworks Collection. Held at Manly Art Gallery and Museum from 6-8pm with free entry. Details call Sarah Johnson (02) 9976 1421.

29 June: Youth screening of 'Ten Canoes'

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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:

<p>Exploration Licence 25917 sought by CONARCO MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 102 750 890 over an area of 500 Blocks (1639 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the KILGOUR locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6063</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 25972 sought by FERMI URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 120 807 267 over an area of 211 Blocks (682 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the RANKEN locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6258</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 25922 sought by IAN GREGORY PARNWELL & NEW RUSH NL, ACN 066 411 952 over an area of 168 Blocks (549 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the CRESSWELL DOWNS locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6082</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 25750 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 584 over an area of 374 Blocks (1198 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the NEVRY locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4765</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 25921 sought by SANDSTONE URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 088 732 129 over an area of 130 Blocks (423 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the ROCKHAMPTON DOWNS locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5960</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 25924 sought by SANDSTONE URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 088 732 129 over an area of 184 Blocks (542 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the ARNOLD RIVER locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5765</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 25992 sought by URAMET MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 124 251 396 over an area of 61 Blocks (199 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the ROCKHAMPTON DOWNS locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5960</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 25920 sought by URANIUM CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD, ACN 123 827 485 over an area of 279 Blocks (918 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the OCTOBER locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5864</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 25923 sought by URANIUM CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD, ACN 123 827 485 over an area of 196 Blocks (646 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the TANUMBINI locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5865</p>

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 953322.

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.

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National Calendar of Events

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Young people 15-21 years, view the award winning film 'Ten Canoes' and join in a discussion group and bush tucker meal. Held at Mosman Youth Centre, 30 The Crescent, Mosman from 6-9pm with free entry. Details call (02) 9978 4013.

29 June: Award Presentation Reconciliation Writing Competition. Award winning students from Years 5 to 8 will read their entries. Topic - 'What does Aboriginal Reconciliation mean to me'. Held at Flag Court, Chatswood Mall, Victoria Ave, Chatswood from 12.30-1.30pm with free entry. Details call Malcolm McClintock (02) 9456 1460.

29 June-29 July: Indigenous Masterworks Collection. 12 masterpieces by artists who were founders of distinct painting movements. Held at Manly Art Gallery and Museum. Details call Sarah Johnson on (02) 9976 1421.

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

30 June: Stanton Library Family Fun Day. 'Corroboree, Culture, Community' celebrated through stories, displays, music, painting and bush tucker with the Bush Tucker Fella Allan Vouden. from 11am-1pm. Details call (02) 9936 8400.

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 contact Anthony Merrilees on (0412) 190 941, email info@mementoaustralia.com or visit www.mementoaustralia.com

1 July-30 September: Teacher Education Scholarships for Aboriginal people who want to become either primary or secondary teachers. The Teacher Education Scholarships provides payment of HEC's fees, financial assistance and guaranteed permanent employment on completion. Details call Janine French on (02) 9836 9263 email Janine.French@det.nsw.edu.au or 1300 301 435 or visit www.teach.nsw.edu.au

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.

2 July: The Writings of Philip McLaren. Indigenous author will speak about his international best selling novels and his life. Held at Nelson Heather Centre, corner Jacksons & Pittwater Rds, North Narrabeen from 7.30-9.30pm with free entry. Details call Lissie Landers on (02) 9918 2954.

2-18 July: Paint and Clay. An exhibition of paintings and ceramic works by children from Stewart House. There will also be a series of ceramic corroboree balls on display. Held at Foyer Exhibition Space, Willoughby City Council, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood from 9am-5pm. Details call Allison Clark on (02) 9777 7972 or email allison.clark@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

2-23 July: NAIDOC Week Children's Exhibition. School children's art, poetry and stories on the theme of NAIDOC will be on display. Held at Lane Cove Library, 139a Longueville Rd, Lane Cove during Library hours and entry is free. Details call Chris Brimble on (02) 9911 3634.

3 July: Big Ones, Little Ones. Held at

Parliament House. Details call (02) 9326 6245 or (0411) 888 501 or email gallery@amichi.com.au

3 July: Animals of the Dreaming. A visit to Taronga Zoo to view Australia from an Aboriginal perspective. Mosman Council

Vacation Care Program. Admission cost confirmed at time of booking. Details call (02) 9978 4161.

3 July: Reconciliation Film Screening. Donation welcome. Details call Dorothy Babb on (02) 9482 2994.

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.

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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
EPM15600 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 24 km ENE from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°22'S Long.147°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen Part 2: Approx. 30 km N from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°07'S Long.147°23'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area of Part 1: 226 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 71 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1123 y, z 1124 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 1194 k, p 1195 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1196 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 1266 e 1267 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1268 a, b, c, f, g, h Area of Part 2: 90 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 28 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 905 u, z 906 q, v 977 c, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 978 a, f, l 1049 a, b, c, d, e	Echo Resources Limited 108 513 113
EPM15603	Approx. 13 km N from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°16'S Long.147°22'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area: 316 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 99 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1048 j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1049 f, g, h, i, k, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1050 f, g, h, i, m, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 1120 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, w, x 1121 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1122 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o 1192 b, c, d, e, j, k 1193 a, b, f, g	Echo Resources Limited 108 513 113
EPM15778	Approx. 50 km NNW from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.20°56'S Long.147°15'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area: 67 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 21 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 760 t, y 831 b, c, d, e, k, p, u, z 832 a, b, c, d, h, j, n, o, r, v, w	Colleen Margaret Budge Alan Raney Stiff
EPM15793 This application consists of four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 24 km NNW from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°03'S Long.147°16'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen Part 2: Approx. 10 km NNW from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°17'S Long.147°20'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen Part 3: Approx. 20 km N from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°12'S Long.147°23'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen Part 4: Approx. 60 km N from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.20°50'S Long.147°22'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen	Area of Part 1: 713 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 223 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 760 u, z 761 f, j, k, l, n, o, p, q, r, t, u, v, y 830 e, k, p, u, x, y, z 831 a, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 832 e, k, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 833 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, t, u, v, z 902 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 903 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 904 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 905 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t 974 e 975 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 976 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 977 a, f, l, m, q, v 1047 d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, p, r, s, w, x 1048 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, l, m 1119 b, c, d, e, g	Wirralie Mines Pty Ltd 078 774 731

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Details call National Parks and Wildlife Service on (02) 6627 0200 or Grafton Regional Gallery on (02) 6642 3177.

5 July: Award Presentation, Reconciliation Writing Competition. Held at Willoughby City Council Chambers, Level 6, 31 Victor St, Chatswood. Free entry. Details call (02) 9777 7985.

5 July: NAIDOC Week Melody Market. Celebrating NAIDOC week with Indigenous food and entertainment. Held at Chatswood Mall, Victoria Ave, Chatswood from 11am-9pm with free entry. Details call (02) 9777 7985.

5 July: Aboriginal Heritage Discovery Walk. Lane Cove Council fun family bushwalk along Lane Cove River from 10.30am-12pm with free entry. Bookings essential. Call Michelle on (02) 9911 3579.

5 July: Brass Monkey. Casey Donovan is back deadlier than ever. Good food, wine and great live music. Costs \$15 pre sale or at the door \$17. Held at the Brass Monkey, 115A Cronulla St, Cronulla. Details call (02) 9544 3844 or email gtrio@bigpond.net.au

6 July: Reconciliation Film Screening. Donation welcome. Details call Dorothy Babb on (02) 9482 2994.

7 July: Aboriginal Bush Tucker Walk. An

introduction to an array of bush tucker that can be found in our local bushland at Flat Rock Gully, Naremburn from 1-3pm and is free. Details call Dianne Eva on (02) 9777 7755.

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

8-15 July: School Students Artworks. Displays of artwork by public and private school students in the Mosman, Cremorne and Neutral Bay areas on the theme of NAIDOC Week 50 Years: Looking Forward, Looking Back. Details call Frennie Beytagh on (02) 9909 0203 or email frennie@tpg.com.au or visit www.mosman.nsw.gov.au

9-11 July: Traditional Indigenous Games Workshops. Traditional games such as boomerang throwing and animal mimicking Warringah Council's five Vacation Care Centres. Bookings essential. Details call (02) 9942 2312.

9-10 July: The 3rd National Cultural Collaborations Forum. The Forum is designed for human resource professionals across all industries in both the public and private sector and will address ways in which all cultures come together within Australian workplaces. Held in Alice Springs. Details call Bambi Gordon on (0418) 97 97 35 or email bambi@regionaleventsaustralia.com or visit www.culturalcollaborations.net.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

11-12 July: 15-19-year-olds conference. Held at the Novotel, Brighton Beach, Sydney, and will focus on learning needs and teaching strategies for retention and participation of 15-19-year-old students in education and training. Details: Kim Proctor (02) 9244 5697 or email 15-19Conference@det.nsw.edu.au

11-13 July: Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Knowledge Conference. The conference is an attempt to engage a discussion in the profession on the education and curriculum issues in Indigenous Studies areas and to support current trends to incorporate Indigenous Knowledge into the Indigenous Studies curriculum. Keynote and plenary speakers. Details call Martin Nakata on (02) 9514 1902 or visit www.isik.org.au

11 July: NAIDOC 50 Years Looking Forward, Looking Back. Town Green Celebrations and Family Fun Day. Bush tucker, free sausage sizzle, face painting, traditional and Contemporary music and dancing, hip hop workshops and many more. All welcome. Details call Jake Chatfield on (0428) 104 089.

11 July: Memorial Service. The Defence will hold a memorial service to honour Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) servicemen and servicewomen commencing 12pm at the ATSI Memorial behind the Australian War Memorial towards Mount Ainslie in Canberra. A light lunch will be served. Details call Rose Hays on (02) 6266 8690 or email Rose.Hays@defence.gov.au

12 July: Matthew Doyle Presents 'Wuruni'. Matthew Doyle will present a program for all ages, spanning traditional Aboriginal culture and contemporary dance. Young people will be invited to join him in contemporary dance and learn about Aboriginal culture. Held at Mosman Library, 605 Military Rd, Mosman at 3.45pm. Bookings essential. Details call (02) 9978 4191.

14 July: Walla Mulla Family and Support invites you to become involved in the annual NAIDOC family day of celebration, being held in Forbes Street Reserve, Woolloomooloo (between Cowper Wharf Road and Best Street). Details: Kay (02) 9368 1381 or (0422) 292 651 or email kay@wallamulla.org.au

15 July: Sydney Harbour Trust Celebrates NAIDOC. This is a free afternoon to celebrate NAIDOC week at North Head Sanctuary, Manly. Performance by 'Freshwater' starts at 1.30pm. Walking tours approximately one hour will start at 12noon and 3pm. Bookings essential for walking tours. Details call Tania Quax on (02) 8969 2100 or visit www.harbourtrust.gov.au

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<p>EPM15902 This application consists of three separate parts</p>	<p>Part 1: Approx. 14 km SE from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°28'S Long.147°27'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Bowen, Nebo and Belyando</p>	<p>Area of Part 1: 685 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 215 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <p>Block Number Sub-blocks 1122 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1192 p, u, z 1193 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1194 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1264 d, e, j, k, o, p 1265 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 1266 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1267 f, i, m, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1268 v 1337 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z 1338 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 1339 a, b, c, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 1340 a 1409 e, k 1410 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t 1411 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, i, m, n, r, s</p>	<p>Mt Coolon Gold Mines Pty Ltd 118 550 593</p>
	<p>Part 2: Approx. 39 km ESE from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°32'S Long.147°41'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Nebo and Bowen</p>	<p>Area of Part 2: 41 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <p>Block Number Sub-blocks 1340 e, k, p, v 1341 a, f, i, q, r, s, t, x, y</p>	
	<p>Part 3: Approx. 11 km N from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°17'S Long.147°22'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen</p>	<p>Area of Part 3: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <p>Block Number Sub-blocks 1121 g, m</p>	<p>Echo Resources Limited 108 513 113</p>
<p>EPM15974 Approx. 33 km W from Mount Coolon Centred at Lat.21°19'S Long.147°02'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Bowen</p>		<p>Area: 70 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 22 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <p>Block Number Sub-blocks 1117 g, h, j, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1189 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j</p>	

* 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.

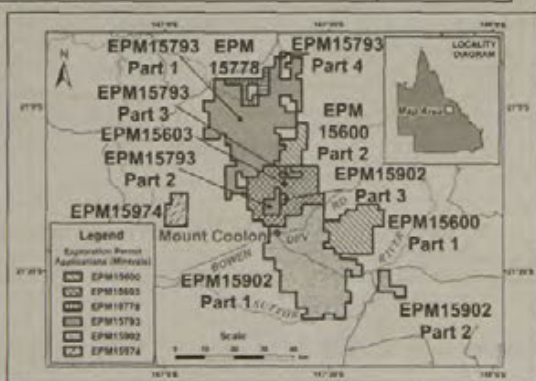
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 27 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Perth hosts launch



● PICTURE: Fremantle Dockers forward Jeff Farmer with the Nyoongar Gyangoop dance troupe at the launch of the AFL Indigenous round in Perth on 22 May.



The national launch of the Australian Football League's Indigenous round was held in Perth on 22 May at the Beedawong Amphitheatre in Kings Park to honour the high

participation rate of Indigenous players in Australian rules football.

The Fremantle Dockers were given special recognition as the club with the highest number of Indigenous players ever at the one time at an elite level.

The Dockers' eight Aboriginal players – Clayton Collard, Troy Cook, Jeff Farmer, Antoni Grover, Roger Hayden, Des Headland, Michael Johnson and Calib Mounish – all attended the official launch.

"It is an honour for us to be here to launch the Indigenous Round, the first time the AFL has dedicated a home and away round of games to celebrate the contribution of Indigenous Australian's to football," Cook said.

"We, as Indigenous Australians, have played and continue to play an important role in our great game on and off the field.

"As players we have been able to share our culture with our team mates and the community. Our role also allows us to make a contribution and have an influence in our communities. It is a role that we accept and are proud to undertake."

AFL Marketing, Communications and Public Affairs General Manager Colin McLeod paid tribute to the contribution and impact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made to the game.

"There are 87,000 Indigenous people participating in Australian football programs and this love of the game is reflected at the highest level," Dr McLeod said.

"A record 15 Indigenous players were drafted last year, bringing the current AFL Indigenous list to 71, which represents 10 per cent of the playing group and is a VFL/AFL record."

- See Page 91 for report on Indigenous AFL player No 72.
- Dreamtime at the 'G' – Page 92

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
EPM15886	Approx. 65 km SW from Coen Centred at Lat.14°15'S Long.142°42'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 106 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1920 j, k, o, p, t, u 1929 f, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, w 2001 b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z	Delminco Pty. Ltd. 010 489 924
EPM15892	Approx. 127 km SSE from Coen Centred at Lat.15°02'S Long.143°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 50 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2659 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 2660 a, f, g, l, m, q, r	Delminco Pty. Ltd. 010 489 924

* 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 approximately 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, 2001 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1 (al, 22nd August, 2001).

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.

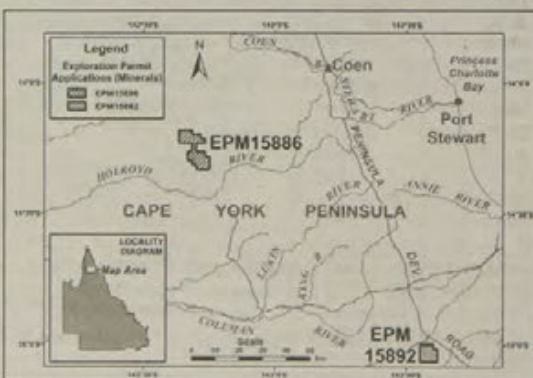
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: aldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 27 June 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Nominate now!

Organisers of the second annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball National titles in Perth are calling for entries.

The cut-off this year will be 80 teams.

The titles will start on Monday 12 November and will end on 15 November at the Perry Lakes Stadium, with the after party to follow the next evening.

Teams are urged to complete all the paperwork from the information package and pay the registration fee of \$250 as soon as possible to allow organisers time to process forms.

There will be under-14, under-16, under-18 and A-grade men's and women's divisions.

Information packages for the Nationals can be downloaded from www.atsibasketballassociation.com.au

Now he will tackle a higher level

Chris Binge Jr
in action.



ABORIGINAL teenager Chris Binge Jr has just taken another step in what promises to be a big future in rugby league.

The schoolboy from Lismore, northern NSW, has been named in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges rugby league representative Under-15 team for 2007.

The big centre will line up in the traditionally strong Catholic side to play in the Australian Schoolboys Championships in Adelaide from 24-29 June. An Australian Schoolboys merit team will be selected from the titles.

Chris, who comes from a strong rugby league family, has already attracted interest from the Brisbane Broncos.

"My selection in the Combined Catholic Colleges side has been an ambition I have held for some time," he said.

"Now I'll be looking for a place in the Australian merit side and further down the track I am hoping to play in the National Rugby League."

Funding is a major hurdle for the young player, and Chris is hoping to attract sponsors to meet the many costs associated with representative rugby league.

Those who can help may call Chris Binge on 0416 299 612.

Coach wants more runs from Gillespie



South Australia's new batting coach Kim Harris expects more from all the players under his watch - including Test cricket's most unlikely double centurion, Jason Gillespie. One of many

conundrums facing Harris as he seeks to overturn a decade of collapses and poor technique at the Redbacks is how Gillespie, who only last month notched a century for Yorkshire and who has averaged 81 for the English side in 2007, so often gets out cheaply for SA.

Between his memorable performance against Bangladesh and the Yorkshire hundred, Gillespie managed only 188 runs at a tick over 11 for SA, a figure that deflates even further when one half century is subtracted.

"Jason Gillespie's got 200 in a Test, he got a century the other week for Yorkshire, so we've got to look at that," Harris said.

"I look forward to sitting with Jason about his views on his batting, and just creating an attitude, challenging him, so when he comes in at nine, who knows how many he's going to make."

"The Australian side often goes from 6-270 to 450 - Ian Healy for instance would always make runs when they were in strife, and now Adam Gilchrist is much the same. We've got to make sure the opposition takes 10 legitimate wickets, they don't get six and the rest falls over like a deck of cards. - AAP

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD (ACN 009 758 481) of 80 Leader Street, Forestville, South Australia 5035, mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The land is located in the State of South Australia approximately 140 km north of Olary and its northernmost boundary crosses Lake Carnanto, and the land is the area bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°56'S and longitude 140°41'E, thence east to longitude 140°52'E, south to latitude 30°58'S, east to longitude 140°54'E, south to latitude 31°00'S, east to longitude 140°56'E, south to latitude 31°02'S, east to longitude 140°58'E, south to latitude 31°04'S, east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 31°10'S, west to longitude 140°46'E, south to latitude 31°20'S, west to longitude 140°40'E, north to latitude 31°05'S, east to longitude 140°41'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the stated latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated 6 October 1966; ("land").

AREA: approximately 854 square kilometres.

(The land is the area presently the subject of Exploration Licence 3153 under the Mining Act 1971.)

(The northern part of the land is part of the area presently the subject of pastoral lease H834000 B1252, the **Quinyambie Pastoral Lease**, and the rest of the land is part of the area presently the subject of pastoral lease H834800 B984, the **Mulyungarie Pastoral Lease**.)

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation, including in particular uranium mineralisation. Those operations will include reconnaissance, rotary mud drilling, downhole-probing, sampling and radiometric testing of drill cuttings, and handheld photography, and may include: gridding; mapping; aerial photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; rotary air-blast drilling; core drilling; and include all things necessarily incidental to any such operations.

The proposed exploratory operations will involve the creation of access tracks, including to and along drill lines, where such tracks do not already exist, the establishment of a temporary camp and storage site or sites on the land except where an existing such site on the land or on nearby land is suitable and can be used, and the use of all-terrain vehicles including drill trucks and other trucks, a semi-trailer truck (for fuel, water and general transport of materials), backhoe, water tanks, fuel tanks, trailers, and water pumps. The proposed exploratory operations will involve use of dam water or existing bore or well water or the sinking of a water bore or bores on the land by rotary mud drilling or rotary air-blast drilling.

Of the proposed exploratory operations, the initial operations proposed are rotary mud drilling including mud-pit, geophysical downhole-probing of the drill holes and radiometric testing of drill cuttings, with rehabilitation of the drill sites. Drill cutting samples will be taken for record purposes and laboratory analysis. The results from drilling, probing, testing and analysis will guide the conduct of further exploratory operations of the general nature set forth in this notice.

The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the following exploration authorities under the Mining Act 1971:

Exploration Licence 3153, of which INVESTIGATOR MINERALS PTY LTD (ACN 093 475 051) is the current registered holder and AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD is the current mining operator, (including any extensions or renewals of that exploration licence) and any future exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971 over the land or any part of it (including any extensions or renewals of any such exploration authority).

AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

TAKE NOTICE that if Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd and any native title party who is party to such negotiations have not reached agreement within four (4) months after the initiation of these negotiations any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a determination in relation to conducting mining operations on the land.

TAKE NOTICE that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. On such an application, that Court must make a determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd does *not* propose to rely on section 63O of the Mining Act 1971 (Expedited procedure where impact of operations is minimal).

Additional information (including a map of the land showing the planned location of the drill lines for the first drilling program on the land) is available to any person who holds or may hold native title in the land: by contacting the proponent Afmecco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd as follows:

AFMECO MINING AND EXPLORATION PTY LTD
80 Leader Street, Forestville, South Australia 5035
Telephone: (08) 8292 9300 Facsimile: (08) 8351 4500
Contact: Exploration Manager

How our stars

PETER ARGENT takes a look at how Indigenous AFL players are performing at this stage of the season

Adelaide Crows

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Andrew McLeod, Graham Johncock, Jonathon Griffin.

Andrew McLeod is continuing his reign as one of the premier players in the AFL. The silky smooth highly-skilled defender has been cutting opposition teams to ribbons and is high among Brownlow Medal favourites.

In round eight fixture against Richmond, he received automatic AFL Life Membership, playing his 300th official match at the top level. Since his debut in 1995, he had played 267 premiership matches, 25 pre-season games, one State of Origin match and six International

Rules fixtures. Mallee Park boy Graham Johncock returned after a long-term injury in the round nine clash against Carlton and will take a couple of games to find his feet.

With the Crows short of ruckmen at the start of this season, young Jon Griffin, after only limited experience in the SANFL, has filled the breach manfully.

Brisbane Lions

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Ashley McGrath, Anthony Corrie (rookie), Rhan Hooper, Chris Johnson, Jason Roe, Albert Proud, Sam Sheldon.

Ashley McGrath is enjoying one of his most productive seasons of his career. He is the club's second highest goal kicker for the season, including a five-goal haul against Fremantle in round six.

Veteran Chris Johnson has missed the

last couple of matches with a minor foot injury. This year the club co-captain has played mainly as a forward.

Jason Roe has been solid in the back half as the second-third tall defender, despite missing a couple of matches early with hamstring trouble.

Anthony Corrie is still rehabilitating from a full knee reconstruction. He has begun running at training and is expected to return later in the year.

After a frustrating start to the year, Rhan Hooper has played a handful of matches with the Suncoast Lions since returning from a quad injury and kicking three goals against Redlands a couple of weeks back.

A member of the Queensland Under 18 victorious side last year, Albert Proud has been busy and productive for the Suncoast Lions. A noted ball winner, he is providing plenty of run off half back and in the midfield.

Son of Carlton premiership player Ken, young Sam Sheldon fractured his tibia a month ago and has been sidelined since. Before this injury, he was one of the Suncoast Lions' most consistent performers in the early parts of the AFLQ season.

Carlton Blues

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Eddie Betts, Andrew Walker, Joe Anderson, Clinton Benjamin.

Andrew Walker, having just turned 21 in mid-May, is one of the Blues' most consistent players since the start of the year, despite Carlton's up-and-down form.

Eddie Betts had been a solid performer, before he received a significant hamstring injury in round eight against the Kangaroos and is expected to miss around four weeks of football. The freakish goal-kicking forward's best haul was 3.2 against the Lions in round five.

Darwin teenager with NTFL senior experience before he was drafted, Joe Anderson made his AFL debut in the round four match against the West Coast. After three games he returned to the VFL on May 12 before being promoted again in round nine against Adelaide at the MCG. He is a big part of Carlton's plans over the next five to ten years.

Former West Australian lad Clinton Benjamin return to the Northern Bullants in its round six fixture against the Box Hill Hawks, kicking three goals.

Collingwood Magpies

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Leon Davis, Chris Egan, Shannon Cox, Brad Dick, Sharrod Whellingham (rookie).

For a Collingwood side, which has played close to potential in the opening nine rounds, Leon Davis has been a strong part of a creative forward line.

In the round eight and nine matches, he kicked three goals in each outing. Charismatic footballer Chris Egan has floated between Collingwood and Williamstown, while Shannon Cox made his AFL debut in round three against the Tigers and the tall defender played the next four games.

Livewire small forward Brad Dick also played his initial game at this level against the Richmond Tigers, kicking two goals in his first outing.

In a new direction for the Collingwood Football Club, after high-profile misdemeanours last year following the match against Adelaide in round six, there was a team directive to remain in the hotel

on returning from AAMI Stadium.

Three players, Leon Davis, Shannon Cox and Chris Egan were made examples of for disregarding this instruction and consequently were informed they will not be considered for senior selection in the next round clash against Carlton.

Williamstown rookie list player Sharrod Whellington's best performance was in this side's draw with the Casey Scorpions in late April.

Fremantle Dockers

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Jeff Farmer, Antoni Grover, Roger Hayden, Des Headland, Michael Johnson, Troy Cook, Clayton Collard, Calib Mourish.

In the Indigenous round (round 9), another young Aboriginal starlet and first-year player, Clayton Collard made his debut in a critical win against St Kilda.

It has been a couple of months Jeff Farmer would like to forget for a number of reasons, making in headlines in areas he would not have liked.

After a lay off due to suspension, Michael Johnson returned in round five against the Crows and has been serviceable without being a major influence.

Des Headland had been dealing with his share on controversies as well, but has continued to be a consistent ball winner for the Dockers, while hard-working veteran small man Troy Cook has been in and out of the side.

On a positives note, Roger Hayden has agreed to terms with Fremantle Football Club to remain with the club to the end of the 2009 season. A mark of his season so far has been Hayden's consistency – in an inconsistent group. He, along with Antoni Grover, has got the job done in defence for the Fremantle combination.

A product of the Clontarf Academy in Geraldton, Calib Mourish has been playing seniors East Fremantle in the WAFL this year.

Essendon Bombers

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Courtenay Dempsey, Richard Cole, Patrick Ryder, Andrew Lovett, Nathan Lovett-Murray, Leroy Jetta, Dean Dick (rookie), Alwyn Davey.

The two Aboriginal stars under Kevin Sheedy's tutelage this year have been Patty Rider and Alwyn Davey. Ryder has been a consistent player and was the round four weekly winner of the 2007 Toyota AFL 'Mark of the Year' award, while mature age pick Davey has taken all before him in an impressive start to his AFL career.

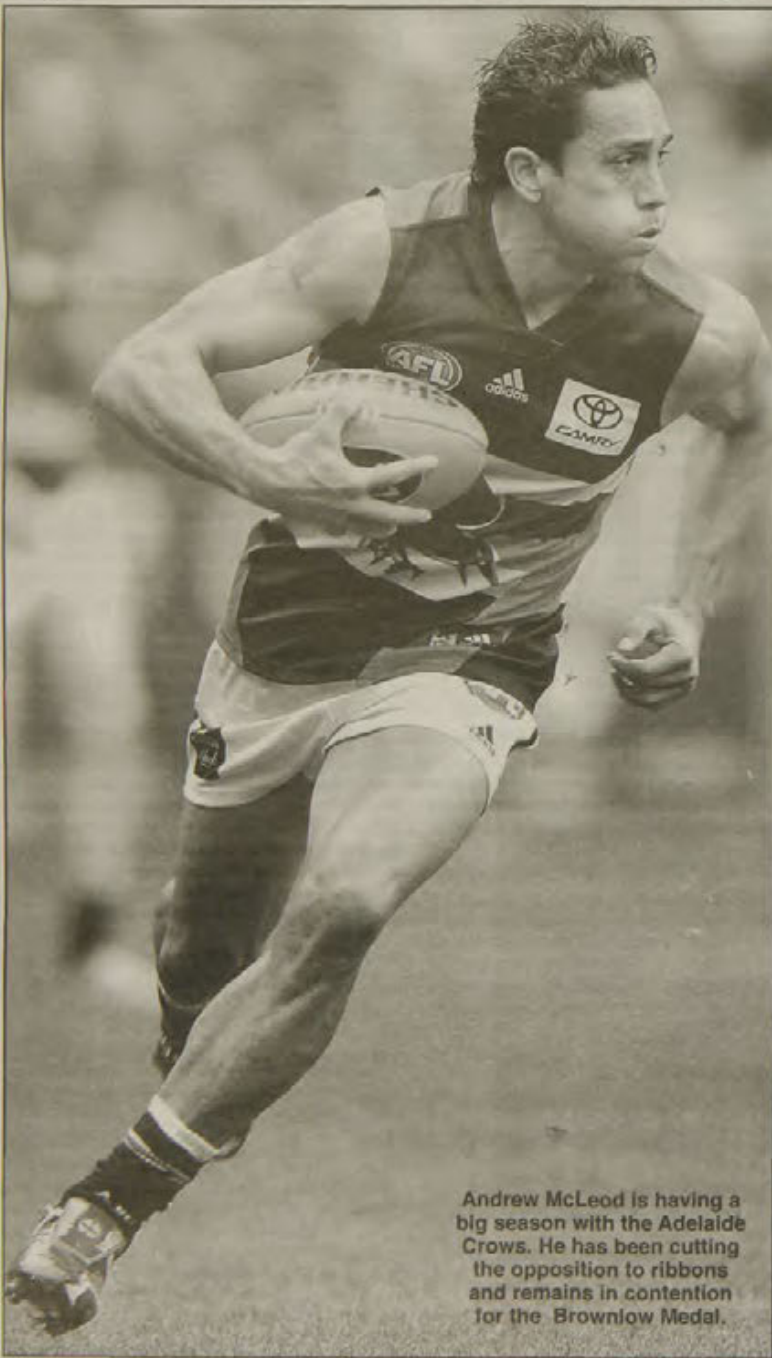
Twice he has collected the weekly AFL Army Award for a person who has shown exceptional courage, initiative and teamwork through an inspirational play. He has also excited the Bombers' faithful in all games with his blistering pace and goal kicking ability, along with superb defensive skills.

Now at his second AFL club, Richard Cole is still working towards becoming a regular selection at Essendon.

After playing the first four rounds in the first side, 18-year-old sensation Leroy Jetta returned to the Bendigo side and received a groin injury.

Over the past couple of rounds, first-choice selections Nathan Lovett-Murray (groin) and Andrew Lovett (knee) had to deal with injuries.

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Andrew McLeod is having a big season with the Adelaide Crows. He has been cutting the opposition to ribbons and remains in contention for the Brownlow Medal.

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After a stint with the Bendigo Bombers, rookie Dean Dick was promoted to the VFL senior side, playing the last three rounds.

Courtenay Dempsey has only played two VFL games this year, before succumbing to a hamstring injury.

Geelong Cats

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Travis Varcoe, Mathew Stokes, Nathan Djerrkura, Liam Bedford (rookie).

Former Central District junior Travis Varcoe is starting to find a niche for himself as a small forward as the Cats look to be real contenders this year. He grabbed three goals in the win over Richmond and is showing glimpses of his pace and ball-getting ability.

After a slow start, Mathew Stokes won a place in round four against Hawthorn and has been a significant contributor since – looking to have cemented a place on the club's best 22 players.

Darwin lad Nathan Djerrkura has been on the brink of AFL selection on a couple of occasions, selected as an emergency, and has been consistent for the Geelong Falcons in the VFL before receiving a quad strain.

Rookie Liam Bedford has played all seven games for the second-placed Falcons in the same competition.

St Kilda

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Raphael Clarke, Xavier Clarke.

Unfortunately, injuries have been a consistent companion for the Clarke boys so far this season. Raphael and Xavier have been unavailable for a number of games in the Saints' 2007 campaign. Xavier currently has a calf complaint, while Raph has been dealing with back issues. At least Xavier has played the opening seven rounds so far this year.

Hawthorn Hawks

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Lance Franklin, Mark Williams, Chance Bateman.

One of the growing stars of the competition has been smooth-moving key forward Lance 'Buddy' Franklin.

He had dominated a number of games, including a win against Essendon, and is high among the competition's leading goal kickers with 25 this season, although he has struggled with accuracy in the last couple of rounds.

The Hawks' other strong marking key forward, Mark Williams, was injured in the round four clash against the Cats. He will miss up to three months with a knee problem.

In the Indigenous round, Chance Bateman became the first Aboriginal player in Hawthorn's history to captain this AFL club.

"It's an honour and privilege to become the first Indigenous player to captain Hawthorn," Bateman said.

This match culminated in an impressive victory by the Hawks over last year's premiers, West Coast, at Aurora Stadium in Launceston, Tasmania.

Kangaroos

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Daniel Wells, Eddie Sansbury, Djaran Whyman, Lindsay Thomas, Matt Campbell (rookie).

After a modest start to the season, the Kangaroos have really taken the competition by surprise, having a winning streak of six games to round nine.

Daniel Wells has been one of the leading players in the blue and white colours until an injury in round seven meant a few weeks on the sidelines.

In a critical year for the former Central District Football Club premiership player, Eddie Sansbury has spent the last five rounds in the VFL, displaying solid form, but not being able to force his way into a winning Kangaroos side.

Djaran Whyman has played all seven games with the North Ballarat side, starting the season in a blaze of glory, but his form has levelled off over the last month.

Matt Campbell was elevated from the rookie list and has been a regular selection since his first game in round three. The lightly-framed forward kicked three goals in the club's impressive win over Sydney.

Lindsay Thomas, another member of the special group of AFL footballers from Mallee Park, has played five games in the opening nine rounds, with his best performance being in the Carrara Oval game against Carlton where he slotted through three goals.

Melbourne Demons

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Aaron Davey (64), Byron Pickett (195), Matthew Whelan (123), Isaac Weetra (0), Daniel Hayes (rookie).

One of the true Aboriginal stars of the competition despite Melbourne's winless record to round nine, after a slow start, Aaron Davey has averaged more than 20 possessions since the round four match against Fremantle, being one of the Dees' most consistent players in this period.

Matthew Whelan has had an up-and-down season, just playing five games due to a modest run with injuries.

First year player, former Whyalla boy and Port Adelaide junior Isaac Weetra is also dealing with wrist injury and is a couple of

weeks away from returning.

The less said about Byron Pickett's season, the better. Let's hope he can refocus and become a member of the AFL 200-club this year.

Port Adelaide Power

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Peter Burgoyne, Shaun Burgoyne, Daniel Motlop, Danyle Pearce, Nathan Krakouer.

It has been another frustrating year for Daniel Motlop. After working his way back into the side from an initial injury, he fractured his collarbone in the Power's demoralising loss to Geelong at AAMI Stadium in round nine.

Moving quickly towards the 200-game mark, Peter Burgoyne has been one of Port Adelaide's top performers over the past six weeks, culminating in a best-on-ground effort in the round seven fixture against the Tigers.

Surprisingly, younger brother Shaun has been in indifferent form this year, being especially flat in the past month.

Last year's Rising Star winner, Danyle Pearce also falls into this category and also had to deal with the frustrations of injury.

Having turned 19 during May, flyweight Nathan Krakouer has had one trip back to the SANFL, but has played seven of the first nine rounds. He is still learning his craft, but has huge potential.

Richmond Tigers

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Andrew Krakouer, Richard Tambling, Jarrod Oakley-Nicholls, Carl Peterson.

Nephew of the famous Krakouer brothers from the 1980s – Jim and Phil – Richmond's Andrew became the third member of this extended clan to reach the 100-game milestone. In the 'Dreaming at the G' round nine match on Saturday 26 May.

Richard Tambling is starting to display to presence expected of him at the top level. He kicked four goals in the game against the West Coast and needs to continue this progression.

Carl Peterson has missed a lot of football with a groin strain, while young talent from the west – Jarrod Oakley-Nicholls – has only received limited opportunities, playing three senior games this season.

Sydney Swans

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Michael O'Loughlin, Adam Goodes.

Last year's Brownlow Medalist Adam Goodes has been down on



Richmond has had a terrible start to the 2007 AFL season, but that hasn't stopped Andrew Krakouer – nephew of the famous Jim and Phil Krakouer – becoming the third member of the clan to reach the 100-game milestone.

2006 form and his high standards for the great majority of the first nine rounds, but was the outstanding performer in the Swans' impressive win against the Western Bulldogs at Manuka Oval in Canberra.

Paid to kick goals, the only player left from the Swans' list from the 1996 grand final campaign, Michael O'Loughlin has 18 majors this year at an average of two a game. This includes four each in the important round eight and nine wins over Port Adelaide and the Bulldogs.

Western Bulldogs

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Cameron Faulkner (17), Josh Hill (0), Malcolm Lynch (0), Brennan Stack (0), Jarrod Harbrow (rookie).

After an extended period playing with Werribee in the VFL, Cameron Faulkner was elevated to the senior side for the game in the nation's capital against Sydney. For Faulkner and the rest of the team, it wasn't a day to remember.

Murray Bushrangers player in the TAC under 18s competition last year, Jarrod Harbrow was swiftly elevated from the Rookie

list, making his AFL debut in the round four match against the Tigers and got further opportunities against Melbourne and Collingwood. Still only 18 years old, this lightly built talent has special qualities.

Longer-term prospects from the NSW/ACT Rams, Malcolm Lynch and Claremont native Josh Hill have already pushed themselves into the Werribee senior team.

After a sluggish start, Perth's Brennan Stack is starting to gain form in the reserves.

West Coast Eagles

ABORIGINAL PLAYERS: Ashley Sampl, David Wirrpanda.

Displaying his undoubted class and versatility, David Wirrpanda has been used successfully in attack by coach John Worsfold this year. He has produced a hat-trick of three-goal hauls, and a season-high four-goal effort in the win over Carlton.

After 78 matches in the Eagles' jumper, sublimely talented footballer Ashley Sampl hasn't added to his games tally this season. His form with East Fremantle in the WAFL has been modest at best.

Brunei trip follows Arafura Games success



A national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's basketball team has taken the bronze medal – and made history – at the Arafura Games.

Selected as a result of last year's first National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships, the men's side made the trip north to Darwin for the international competition.

After days of tough competition they became the first all-Indigenous team to win a basketball medal in the history of the Games, which attract teams from around Australia and South-East Asia.

The all-Indigenous side, coached by basketball titles organiser Stephen Ridgeway and managed by Nikita Ridgeway, beat Japan (105-78), the Australian Defence Force (77-76) and Queensland (83-79)

on their way to the final rounds. A loss to home side Northern Territory meant they played off successfully for bronze.

Leslie Coe was named the Indigenous team's most valuable player for the tournament.

As a result of their success, the Indigenous side has been invited to play in the Rimula Brunei Cup tournament in the sultanate of Brunei, South-East Asia, from late August.

Stephen Ridgeway says that in Brunei the side will be competing against teams from around Asia. He also has plans for the men's team to go to Indonesia next year for a major tournament.

"Our side has attracted good support to get to Brunei, but we would welcome more sponsors," he said. Those who can assist should contact Nikita Ridgeway on 0415



The Australian Indigenous basketball team at the Arafura Games in Darwin.

095 661.

Meanwhile, planning is well in hand for this year's second

National Indigenous Basketball Titles, to be played in Perth from 12-15 November.

"We've already had plenty of interest, so we are looking forward to an even bigger event."

Sense of pride

Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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It is almost stating the obvious when I say that the AFL Indigenous Round is not only a significant event for the Indigenous players, but that it is also an opportunity for all AFL fans to celebrate the relationship between the game and Indigenous communities.

I agree with Adam Goodes (I normally find that's the easiest way!) when he says it is also an opportunity to celebrate those who have gone before us and created the pathways to the many opportunities that exist today.

Some of the traditions we celebrate go right back to the creation of the modern game that is similar to traditional games played for centuries in

Indigenous communities.

It also celebrates recent traditions such as the Long Walk, which was part of the pre-match entertainment for the Richmond v Essendon clash at the MCG last week.

The Long Walk was established four years ago by former Essendon champion Michael Long.

Long is now a champion off the field and is considered a major spokesperson on black and white issues affecting all Australians.

Come together

He says the Long Walk is one way for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to come together and bring about community awareness and a better future for all of us.

As an ambassador for Reconciliation Australia, they are words that I readily relate to and are reflected by the views of other players when it comes to the Indigenous round.

Daniel Wells, from the Kangaroos, speaks for us all in congratulating the AFL on the honour of having a specific round that celebrates the Indigenous contribution to the game.

"The AFL has done much work to help the Aboriginal communities throughout Australia, and I think it is wonderful that they have a round honouring the Indigenous players' contribution to football," he said.

For Essendon Richard Cole, it was a round that allowed him to experience the strong ties his own club has with Indigenous communities.

"This game is important because it recognises the achievements of Indigenous

players," he said.

"This will be the first Dreamtime at the 'G for myself, Alwyn Davey and Paddy Ryder, and we are excited and proud to be taking part."

For Aaron Davey from Melbourne, it was all about encouraging opportunities for kids and building bridges.

"It's a great initiative. It's fantastic that the AFL wants to encourage Indigenous children to play and follow the game," Davey said.

"I'm rapt that the league is celebrating the game and recognising the growing relationship between cultures."

Carlton's Clinton Benjamin saw the round as one of celebration.

"It is a great concept and gives everyone the opportunity to celebrate our heritage through football," he said.

"I am sure it is very positive for all Indigenous Australians."

However, it was Port Adelaide's Daniel Motlop who proved he was a philosopher of the future when he reflected on the importance of the round.

Progress

Daniel can honestly say he has never been racially vilified on the football field and believes this shows how far the game has progressed and led society in this area.

He spoke happily of the recognition they now rightfully received, and paid tribute to the paths first uncovered by Michael McLean, Gavin Wanganeen, Michael Long and others.

I agree with Daniel when he speaks of recognition.

A lot of non-Indigenous Australians cannot understand the most critical issue for many

Indigenous people is a simple recognition of the past.

Put aside issues of rights and compensation and it comes down to the central issues of recognition and identity.

This is why sports such as the AFL have such a high representation of Indigenous athletes – they feel accepted and recognised.

That is why the round was particularly significant for the Power, given that Gavin Wanganeen, the Burgoyne brothers, Che Cockatoo-Collins, Shane Bond and now Motlop have had a significant impact on the early history of the club, including the 2004 premiership.

"They've got a good background with Indigenous players, served the club well, Gavin, Shane Bond, Che Cockatoo-Collins, they're just off the top of my head, so hopefully we can carry that tradition on," Motlop said.

"Michael Long and guys like Michael McLean handled that (racial) stuff pretty well and it's all been stamped out – I've never actually experienced any on the footy field so it's a credit to them, Long, McLean and Nicky Winmar, all those names."

This has allowed the likes of Motlop to become an example for Indigenous youth, just as he had watched Wanganeen, and switched allegiance from Essendon to Port Adelaide when his hero moved west in 1997.

"I watched Gavin at Essendon, when he went to Port, I started barracking for them as well, Peter's from Darwin, mainly the Northern Territory boys, Daryl White, Michael McLean, Michael Long," he said.

"Footy does a lot for

Indigenous people all over the country, so everyone that plays AFL is a leader – I feel like a leader to Nathan Krakouer and other young guys."

It is a sense of responsibility that is shared by most of the brothers playing the game and fortunately they see it not so much as a burden, but more as a source of pride.

The Crows' Andrew McLeod's composure as a player can be traced back to his idolisation of Michael McLean, a reliably cool head through stints with Footscray and the Brisbane Bears.

"He was my idol growing up, and just to be able to see him, he used to come back home a fair bit and I'd sit down with him at Christmas time and stuff," McLeod said.

"Just being able to see those guys, and that's why you see so many guys in the competition these days – everyone has a connection with different parts of Australia now and it certainly shows there's a pathway there for kids to make it."

It is a model now adopted by McLeod's team-mate, Graham Johncock.

"Coming from an all-Aboriginal team back in Port Lincoln, coming through the juniors there, all Aboriginal kids and for us, myself, the Burgoyne boys, Byron Pickett, just the smiles we put on the kids' faces back home – it makes us feel pretty good for what we've achieved," he said.

"It shows them that it can be done if they really want it."

The Indigenous round allows us all to share that vision and, as always, allows me to finish off on a note of hope.

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!

Reconciliation in action

DEANO'S LEAGUE



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As an ambassador for Reconciliation Week, I was happy and proud to support all the activities surrounding the week and to see the NRL celebrate the event through the Reconciliation Cup game between the Cowboys and the Bulldogs.

The importance of the spirit of the event should not rest with the playing of a game or a series of events.

We should not only honour those who have gone before us on special days or events.

We should honour their spirit every day and every week through a commitment to a better future for all.

That is the beauty of Reconciliation Week in that it also honours non-Indigenous Australians who worked alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, not only for recognition, but also for a stronger society to be shared by all Australians.

It is a commitment that has been exhibited by a number of athletes over the past month that gives me confidence that the spirit of these pioneers still shines today.

Two former Queensland State of Origin team-mates have been central to events that are positive examples of the spirit of reconciliation being put into action.

As the first State of Origin approached, one might have imagined that North Queensland's Carl Webb would have been in the gym working on his fitness and hoping that his jaw would heal in time to be selected.

Knowing the man, it was not surprising that instead he put his hand up to attend the Torres Strait under 12 trials that were held on Badu Island at the end of April.

The Cowboys do a great job in remote areas, so Webby was happy to accompany development staff as well as scholarship player Pat Day to the carnival.

The carnival catered for 150 students



Carl Webb, Kristian Woolf and Pat Day and the Torres Strait under 12 rugby league trials grand final teams from Thursday Island and Badu Island. Badu won 24-10.

from all over the Torres Strait, and could have been even bigger if not for the tyranny of travel costs and distances.

Overall, eight teams competed over the two days with Thursday Island, Horn Island, Badu Island, and the Northern Peninsula Area fielding separate sides while smaller islands formed cluster teams of Central (Warreber, Paruma, Yam), Eastern (Murray, Darnley, York), Top Western (Boigu, Saibai, Duan), and Near Western (Mabuiag, Kubin, St Pauls).

Thursday Island and Badu Island showed the early form, both going through the carnival undefeated to meet in the final.

After a spirited first half, Thursday Island were overcome 24-10 by a very strong and well coached side. Congratulations to Tala Nona and his side on a strong performance.

A side to represent the Torres Strait at the Peninsula trials in Innisfail was selected, featuring a large contingent of Badu boys.

The feature of Webb's involvement was that he was on hand to help sides with warm-ups and words of wisdom during the carnival, as well as to present the awards at its conclusion.

Player of Carnival was Levon Bowie, from Badu Island, with his team-mate Rittie Nona picking up Player of the Series.

Jonas Pearson (Thursday Island) and Harry Bauza (Warreber Island) received special encouragement awards from one of their heroes in Webby.

An unselfish act like that of Carl Webb comes naturally to the big man, but it should not go unnoticed.

I would also like to applaud the Cowboys club whose commitment to remote areas in recent years goes beyond promotion or game development.

Through strategies such as their 'Adopt-a-School' program, they are committed to building a better future for all.

In a similar vein, Webb's former Queensland team-mate John Doyle, along with Sydney Flames player Michelle Musselwhite, represented NASCA as part of Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds Week run in Tennant Creek in the last week of May.

This was the launch of a three-year joint initiative in the Northern Territory from five groups: The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation (ALNF), Beyond Empathy, the Blueearth Institute, NASCA (through the Athletes as Roles Models Tour (ARMTour) program) and the Coca-Cola Australia Foundation.

These groups aim to use their collective expertise and breadth of skills to help build confidence and competence within remote communities.

Their common belief is that by working together, they can influence and promote a culture of participation and enhanced respect for self and for the community.

The program aims to actively engage with local stakeholders to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of their community through participation in a range of art, music, sport, reading, writing, film-making and movement activities.

I caught up with Michelle and John upon their return and, as always, found that the athletes gained as much from the experience as the kids they visited.

"It's my first time visiting the Northern Territory," Michelle said.

"I found the kids so welcoming that I found myself opening up to them in a way that I would normally find difficult.

"I am naturally shy by nature, but these kids were so naturally accepting of us that I found it easy to share my life experiences with them."

John Doyle was equally enthusiastic. "I love events like this," he said. "The kids are great and it's also great to be part of a team that aims to bring hope to their lives."

"I have experienced and witnessed the best and worst of life for kids like these."

"The best thing you can bring them is an openness about your own experiences and a sense of hope about the opportunities that life may have for them."

"It is all about every kid having the right to dream and the opportunity to follow that dream."

One might have thought that JD was speaking the words of some of the original campaigners for the 1967 Referendum. Events like these are reconciliation in action.

The spirit lives on.

... And Griffin makes it 72

By PETER ARGENT



Appearing with fellow players Andrew McLeod and Graham Johncock in a press

conference during the week leading up to the Indigenous round, Adelaide Crows 21-year-old ruckman Jonathon Griffin acknowledged his Aboriginal ancestry.

This increased the AFL's Indigenous contingent to 72 players for the 2007 season.

"My grandfather on my mother side, James Rodney, is from the Nyoongar people in the south-west of Western Australia," the 202cm curly-headed ruckman told the Koori Mail.

"He has spent some time with West Perth, but injuries interfered with his chances."

"He was a large influence on me at under 17s level and in the WAFL under 18s with the East Fremantle Sharks."

"The boys at the club first knew about it when he (James Rodney) came to the 2006 best and fairest award."

"I am proud of my Aboriginal descent and the other boys (Graham Johncock and Andrew McLeod) were happy I was prepared to make it public."

Rodney saw his grandson play when Adelaide went to Subiaco in round five this year.

The athletic Griffin was promoted to the senior list for the 2006 season and played senior football for Central District in the SANFL last year. He has continued to show plenty of promise despite limited game time since he arrived from Western Australia as a rookie listed player at the end of 2004.

After a tough and demanding pre-season, and made his AFL debut in round one against Essendon on AAMI Stadium on Sunday 1 April.

Now on the brink of cemented his spot in the Adelaide line-up, Griffin's best performance was in the Crows' nine-point victory over Richmond in a Friday night fixture during round eight, when he was rated among Adelaide's best three players. The big man won 13 hit-outs, pulled down five marks and laid two solid tackles in an impressive display.

It seems fitting that the AFL has found a 72nd footballer of known Aboriginal heritage during this marquee Indigenous round of football.

Now, nearly nine per cent of all footballer at the top level are of Aboriginal background.



North Queensland Cowboys development officer Kristian Woolf, left, and Carl Webb passing on tips to the Torres Strait rugby league juniors.

Dreamtime at the 'G'

Famous Indigenous and other high-profile faces on stage during the Dreamtime at the 'G' celebrations.



Celebration a nightmare for Richmond



Dreamtime at the 'G' turned into an AFL nightmare for Richmond as Essendon beat them by eight points in the match billed as a celebration of Indigenous players' contribution to Australian football.

The Tigers should have scored their first win of the season, but the Bombers stormed home with the last four goals of the match to win 12.20 (92) to 12.12 (84) before 62,000 fans on 26 May at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Richmond key forward Matthew Richardson was furious when his goal late in the match was disallowed.

It would have broken the tied scores and given him his fifth goal for the game, but the umpire paid a free against Richardson for hands in the back and also awarded a 50m penalty to the Bombers.

Bombers Jason Johnson and Bachar Houli then scored behinds and their captain Matthew Lloyd kicked a goal after the siren.

Essendon veteran James Hird was named best on field.

Heartbreaking

It was a heartbreaking result for the hapless Tigers, who led by 20 points early in the last term.

Richmond looked home 17 minutes into the last term when Richardson kicked his fourth goal to give the Tigers a three-goal break.

Chris Newman had laid a brilliant tackle deep in defence on Alwyn Davey to force the turnover and Richmond took the ball down the other end of the ground, where Richardson marked and kicked a six-pointer.

Davey was helped from the field after the Newman tackle and although the Bombers speedster quickly recovered, his night was over because he did not go over the boundary line through the interchange gates.

Richardson showed great courage in

playing only a week after suffering a fractured cheekbone when team-mate Andrew Krakouer accidentally kicked him in the face during the loss to Port Adelaide.

Richmond midfielder Brett Deledio was outstanding, particularly in the third term, as Richmond kicked four goals to two for a 13-point lead at the final change.

The Bombers had plenty of chances to close the gap in the third quarter, but could only manage 2.5.

Contrasted

That contrasted sharply with Richmond's second-quarter revival.

Trailing by 19 points, the Tigers kicked four-straight goals to take the lead at the main break.

It was the first time they had been in front since early in the first term.

Daniel Jackson snapped brilliantly from an acute angle to give his side the half-time lead.

Krakouer reached two milestones, with his first of goals giving him 100 in his 100th senior match.

The Aboriginal forward's double milestone was timely as it was the second Dreamtime at the 'G' match, an annual concept by Richmond and Essendon to celebrate Indigenous players.

The game is now also part of the league's Indigenous round.

The Bombers led by 19 points when Lucas kicked his second mid-way through the second quarter, but the Tigers then went on their four-goal burst.

Richmond made one late change, with former Geelong forward Kent Kingsley making his Tigers debut after coming in for Dean Polo.

Earlier, 600 people got to be part of the Dreamtime celebrations by walking on the ground in front of 61,837 footy fans.

Before the game, the Tiwi Islands and Shepparton-based Rumbalara Football Club played a curtain-raiser, which was

televised on the big screen at Federation Square.

The pre-match entertainment started just after 7pm with Archie Roach, Iva Davies and Shane Howard and Michael Long, who performed a number of hits, along with Indigenous musicians Ron Murray and Russell Smith.

Wurundjeri Elder Joy Murphy gave a

Welcome to Country ceremony with the captains of both sides to welcome the clubs to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people.

Even the little ones were part of the action, with Indigenous children from Lake Tyers, Rumbalara, Echuca/Moama and Fitzroy Stars NAB AFL Auskick centres having a kick.

Inaugural award goes to Gilbert McAdam

By PETER ARGENT

The middle sibling of the McAdam family, of Alice Springs fame – Gilbert – has been honoured for his two decades of service to football on and off the field.

As a part of the showpiece Dreaming at the 'G' game in the AFL Indigenous round nine program, he was the inaugural winner of the Nowalenko Award – this accolade is for a retired Indigenous player who has contributed significantly to AFL football, his club and his community.

The award was judged on two key criteria – the playing record of the individual (they should have at least played at State League level) and the contribution the player made to the community, whether this is the Indigenous or the broader Australian community.

Gilbert McAdam easily fills these categories.

After following his eldest brother Greg down to North Adelaide in the SANFL, he first played league football in this State for Central District in 1988 under Neil Kerley.

In just his second year he secured the competition's top award, the Magarey Medal, being the first and to this stage the only Aboriginal player to collect this accolade.

"Kerley was a legend of South

Australian football and was the reason I went across to the Bulldogs," McAdam said.

"I had the faith in him to take me to another level – and I'm grateful for what he did for me."

The silky-smooth footballer moved on to the AFL in 1991, starting with St Kilda (53 games) and then progressed to Brisbane in 1994 (58 games), being noted for his cool attitude and phenomenal ability to read the game. Playing predominately as a winger and a half forward, other attributes include his pace off the mark and perfect judgment.

In four years of SANFL football (1988-90, 1998) he played 86 games and kicked 92 goals with the Elizabeth Oval-based club in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

"Gilbert has always had a passion for helping young kids," Central District CEO Kris Grant said.

"A quiet bloke, Gilbert was an absolute gentleman – a quality footballer and quality bloke."

McAdam has been involved in game development for more than 10 years since his playing career finished and was the first AFL KickStart Development Officer in the Northern Territory – being instrumental in getting the program

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Call-up for Williams

Promising Indigenous cricketer Worrin Williams will explore uncharted territory next season after accepting a Queensland Bulls rookie player contract for the coming summer.

Williams will become the first Indigenous player to be contracted by Queensland since batsman Daniel Payne in 2003.

But unlike Payne, who earned his contract solely through form in the Brisbane first grade competition, Williams has also benefited from his exposure through the Imparja Cup national Indigenous cricket competition.

Williams, 20, made his first grade debut for Beenleigh/Logan as a 17-year-old and has been a regular member of the Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander XI.

He was a member of the Queensland side that won a hat-trick of Imparja Cup titles and also played in last season's Queensland team which lost a thrilling final to NSW in Alice Springs.

He recently played for the Australian Indigenous XI against Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Northern Territory in Darwin after attending a national Indigenous talent camp and is the first player from the Queensland Imparja Cup team to earn a Bulls player contract.

His family is from the Mununjali tribe, from around the Beaudesert area, which is part of the Ugambah language group.

A right-arm pace bowler and useful-lower order bat, Williams claimed 27 wickets at 23.30 for Beenleigh/Logan last summer.

He made his Cricket Australia Cup 2nd XI debut in 2006-07 for the Queensland Academy of Sport.

As a rookie-contracted player for the Bulls, he will also be a scholarship holder with the Queensland Academy of Sport.

He is one of four players to hold a



Worrin Williams (above) and in action (left).

Bulls rookie contract for the 2007-08 season.

Queensland Cricket Chairman of Selectors Ray Phillips said Williams had caught the eye with his performances in grade cricket and for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander XI in their annual match against the QAS.

"It's very early days but he is certainly a young player with potential," Phillips he said.

"We've tested him at Cricket Australia Cup level and in some other games and we like what we've seen so far. We're looking at him as a bowler at this stage but we do think he has the potential to develop as an all-rounder.

"I must say that when I told him he was getting a rookie contract, he was easily the most excited player I have dealt with in my time as Chairman of Selectors."

Phillips said Williams had benefited

from opportunities to associate with the world champion Australian team during their visits to Brisbane over the past few seasons.

"He's helped out around the (dressing) rooms with the Australian side and done net bowling at practice where he was given tips and advice by the likes of Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie and Michael Kasprovicz and so you can state with confidence that he doesn't lack enthusiasm," Phillips

said.

Williams agreed with Phillips that he was surprised to receive the call informing him of his newly won status with Queensland.

"I wasn't expecting it all, that's for certain," he said.

Williams said that while his father, Gordon 'Ted' Williams, played some cricket at school, rugby league was more his passion, although he got the bug again last season when he took on the role as the first grade scorer for Beenleigh/Logan.

"I got into cricket really early but there was no real single reason why I started. I just liked it and enjoyed being able to do a few different things with batting and bowling," Worrin Williams said.

"It's been a good fun so far, but I know I've got plenty of hard work ahead of me. But I can't wait for training to start - it's going to be a great."

Gilbert McAdam wins award

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off the ground.

During this period McAdam worked throughout the Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia, including Alice Springs and Halls Creek, where his mother and father were from.

"It was a proud moment to be honoured like this, especially when you reflect on the work you've done in the Kimberleys and the desert," McAdam said.

"Sometimes I'd drive between 400 to 500 kilometres to do a clinic in the desert areas.

"Being able to pass on knowledge to young people, especially in outback areas, was a special experience."

McAdam now works in Shepparton with the Rumbalara Football-Netball Club and the Academy of Sport, Health and Education (ASHE).

He manages the NAB AFL Auskick program for Rumbalara and is a tutor for the players and the coaches.

ASHE uses participation in sport to undertake education and training within a trusted, culturally appropriate environment, particularly for Indigenous students with its foundation based on a partnership between the Rumbalara FNC and the University of Melbourne.

His role is as a sports and personal development officer, where he oversees the sports specialisation programs which include football, netball and golf, and will play a leading role in mentoring and supporting ASHE full-time students which includes more than 60 this year.

To finish his footy career, with his brothers Greg (10 games with St Kilda) and Adrian (36 games with the Kangaroos), Gilbert McAdam returned to their foundation club, South Alice Spring and played football together at the end of last century.

Alice Springs main sporting area, Traeger Park Oval, has their grandstand named the McAdam-Bowden Stand after the two families who have gone on to play football on the national stage.

"My older brother Greg was a hero of mine, being the first Alice Springs person to play elite football," Gilbert McAdam said.

"He was a pioneer and players like Lachlan Ross, our brother Adrian, Darryl White, myself and now Matt Campbell followed him into the AFL."

● FOOTNOTE: The name of the award - Nowalenko (pronounced NO-WARL-ENK-O) - comes from the Wolirru language which is the spoken word of the Wurundjeri people, whose traditional land includes the area around the MCG. The word represents a range of characteristics in line with the award winner - success on ground and the effect of contribution to club and community - brilliant, success, effect, distinction and acclaim.



GILBERT McADAM

No sign of reconciliation



Despite calls for a united NSW rugby league knockout carnival, organisers of rival carnivals are pressing ahead with their own plans.

Two major carnivals are planned for the October long weekend - one in Lismore and the other at Kempsey.

David Peachey is also expected to go ahead with a knockout carnival at Dubbo, while the Carwoola Warriors are looking at the prospect of a carnival in the south of the State - possibly at Goulburn.

Organisers of the Lismore and Kempsey events claim theirs is the legitimate 2007 Knockout.

The Kempsey event has the support of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League and Sports Inc (NSWARLSI). It says it is a properly constituted body with the support of the NSW Aboriginal community.

Spokesman Danny Thorne said the NSWARLSI had been having talks with the Australian Rugby League, NSW Rugby League and Country Rugby League regarding junior development.

He said it was likely those organisations would sanction the Kempsey Knockout.

The Lismore event will be hosted by the Merritt-Patten Redfern Rugby League Club in conjunction with Northern United.

Spokesman Phil Hall he was expecting between 35 and 50 teams to compete in Lismore. Entries already had come from the Narwin Eels, Moree Boomerangs, Redfern All Blacks and the La Perouse Panthers.

He was expecting up to 12 teams from the Northern Rivers to play.

Hall also said there had been expressions of interest from Queensland, including Brisbane, Townsville, Rockhampton and Cherbourg.

He said one of the reasons Lismore had been chosen as the venue was because no State Knockout had ever been further north of Nambucca Heads.

Hall said the Lismore Knockout would generate between \$3 million and \$4 million for the local economy.

He said the carnival was the biggest of its type in the world.

Meanwhile, Thorne said everything was going well for the Kempsey Knockout.

"I can guarantee everyone that we will have a fantastic Knockout," he said.

The NSWARLSI has decided that any team that supports a rival carnival will be banned from its Knockout for three years.

It also has decided that any team or committee that organises a rival carnival will be banned for five years.

The next NSWARLSI meeting will be held at the Kempsey Bowling Club on 8 June.

Genius at work



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An actor can prepare his lines and rehearse his moves as often as he likes, but it is only when the spotlight shines and he walks onto the stage that his performance truly counts.

So it was two weeks ago when Jonathan Thurston ran onto the stage of Suncorp Stadium in the continuing drama that is State of Origin football.

Thurston really has nothing to prove to his true fans but, with the

full-time retirement of Andrew Johns and Darren Lockyer inevitably heading towards the end of another illustrious career, the Queensland halfback has the opportunity to stake his claim as the dominant player in the game.

For most of the first half, however, he had to more worry about keeping Queensland in the game than his own reputation.

Down and almost out at 18-6 at half-time after a stunning try to NSW rookie winger Jarrod Hayne just before the break, Queensland rallied early in the second half to start one of the legendary Origin comebacks.

Centre-stage

Thurston was in the centre of everything, scheming and probing as he sought to find the weakness in the Blues' defence.

His task was made easier by the vintage performances of two vintage props in Petero Civoniceva and Steve Price, who proved that experience is the benefit of age as they ground their opponents into submission.

Down by 12 points after 40 minutes when very little went their way, the Maroons had to be first to score after the break.

It was another brother in Melbourne Storm's Greg Inglis who struck the first blow when he crossed wide out in the 50th minute

after Broncos team-mates Darren Lockyer and Karmichael Hunt worked their second-man play to perfection.

Thurston kicked a pressure sideline conversion to cut the Blues' lead to 18-12.

Queensland looked to have scored again four minutes later, but Justin Hodges' final pass to winger Brent Tate was ruled forward.

Hodges played strongly but was below his recent form at this level where he has staked a claim as the game's premier centre.

Confidence

This alone will give the Maroons added confidence as they head to Sydney for the second game in the series.

Thurston continued to stretch the Blues' defence as he and Lockyer combined to spread the ball to the extremities.

It was inevitable that the Blues defence would crack and so it was when prop Price scored a try that more than made up for one he was denied in the first half to get Queensland level 18-18 in the 58th minute.

Then came the moment that showed what a great leveller sport can be.

NSW debutant Haynes scored one of the great individual tries in recent Origin history just prior to half-time when he backed his skill to put his team on the path to an upset victory.

It was the exuberance of youth

as much as the display of great talent that even had Queensland supporters applauding.

He must have thought that Origin football was made for him.

Unfortunately, with 20 minutes remaining, it was an horrendous blunder by Hayne that gifted Queensland a try and a 24-18 lead.

Hayne fielded a raking Cameron Smith kick centimetres from the sideline and tossed a one-handed pass behind team-mate Anthony Minichiello, who was powerless to do anything as Lockyer swooped for his seventh Origin try.

Thurston then took the game by the scruff of the neck to ensure another historic Queensland victory.

Thurston, who played all over NSW rookie Jarrod Mullen, calmly slotted a 25-metre field goal in the 69th minute.

Dominance

It was a sign of Queensland's dominance that they held NSW scoreless in the second half.

Their preparation for the next game will be critical as they bid to wrap up the series at Telstra Stadium, where the Maroons haven't been able to win in 11 attempts.

Thurston did not have the luxury of even having the time to celebrate or reflect on this victory as he had less than 48 hours to prepare for his next game for the Cowboys in the Reconciliation Cup match against the Bulldogs.

Thurston was entitled not to play in this game.

I spoke to him briefly at his hotel room on the day of the game and he was walking like a crippled crab!

His performance on the night was nothing short of outstanding.

And it was not only his attacking prowess that was on display – it was his defensive efforts that drew as much attention.

People have often questioned Thurston's defence and his physical toughness.

On Friday his desperate defence not only saved at least two certain tries, but it inspired a weakened Cowboys outfit to a special effort.

Ty Williams attributed JT's performance as his source of inspiration in a great covering defensive effort just when the Bulldogs threatened to start a comeback.

The capacity to inspire players around him is a sign that Thurston is a true champion.

And then there is his magical combination with the other Cowboys' genius in Matt Bowen.

Any true rugby league fan should take every possible opportunity to watch these two play.

They are champions in their own right, but when they play together, their chemistry produces a form of rugby league magic never witnessed before.

Imagine then playing together for Queensland... I can, but unfortunately I am not a selector!

Black ... and proud of it

The significance of the Reconciliation Cup was summed up to me by two moments that had little to do with the game itself, although I believe the first moment had a direct impact on the performance of the Cowboys.

After a pre-match entertainment program that celebrated Indigenous culture and talent, the two teams ran onto the arena to prepare for kick-off.

As creatures of habit, they immediately started to run to their end of the ground.

It was Matty Bowen who saw the ceremony had not been completed as Leah Purcell waited with the Cup and a group of special kids to sing the National Anthem prior to kick-off.

It was not Leah, however, that attracted Bowen's immediate attention.

It was the sight of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags alongside the Australian flag that caused him to point and direct his team-mates to line up for the anthem.

To many, this simple action would be hardly noteworthy and I may well be guilty of over-interpretation, but for those who know the normally quiet Bowen may share my view.

To me, it signified that the sight of his people's flag was important to him and deserved immediate respect.

It is not the first time those flags have been flown at a rugby league game, but the symbolic moment was not lost on Bowen or, I believe, his brothers in the team who were to make prominent contributions to the Cowboys' win.

Jonathan Thurston put in a

man-of-the-match performance that was exceptional given the fact he was backing up less than 48 hours after his State of Origin heroics.

It is not beyond belief that he shared Bowen's feelings about the sight of the Aboriginal flag and that this added to his professional determination to win the game.

Whatever the case, it was certainly a game that celebrated Indigenous talent as these two – along with Brenton Bowen and Ty Williams – created some magic moments to savour.

Thurston was undoubtedly the dominant figure, setting up a brilliant try for electrifying fullback Matt Bowen shortly after the half-time break to give North Queensland an 18-0 lead.

He regathered his own chip kick and off-loaded to Bowen, who showed blinding acceleration in his sprint to the line.

In the 46th minute, Thurston slipped a beautiful pass to back-rower Sione Faumuina, who handled twice before scoring a decisive try as the Cowboys skipped to a 24-0 advantage.

Thurston almost stopped a 70th minute try to Andrew Ryan but video referee Tim Mander ruled the Bulldogs skipper just grounded the ball before being taken into touch.

Bowen was outstanding, but unfortunately there appears to be no room for him in the Maroons squad given Karmichael Hunt's performance.

Thurston added a 60th minute penalty goal – his 19th straight conversion – to give the Cowboys a 20-point buffer, but the gritty Dogs fought back with tries to Andrew Emelio and Ryan, the best in a losing side.



Reconciliation rugby league style ... North Queensland Cowboys captain Jonathan Thurston with two young boys dressed in the jumpers of the teams competing for the Reconciliation Cup at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane.

The desperation of the Cowboys was on show right to the end, with winger Ty Williams covering plenty of ground to pull off a try-saving tackle on Bulldogs five-eighth Ben Roberts in the dying stages.

It was an entertaining match which rightly celebrated the significance of the Reconciliation Cup that was presented to Thurston after the match.

It was after the match that I witnessed my second special moment.

The pre-match ceremony had included a group of kids from the communities of Coen and Hopevale, the latter being the home community of the Bowen cousins.

They waited outside after the game and

were rewarded when their two heroes joined them.

It was the highlight of a week that included visits to Parliament House as guests of the Speaker and being guests at the State of Origin.

To see their excitement and hope was to witness the importance of opening up the eyes of these kids to the opportunities that were available to them if they dared to dream.

The fact that they were the kids that carried the three flags on to the ground made the game itself become almost secondary.

All our kids deserve to be able to dare to dream. That would be true reconciliation.

Gold, gold, gold!

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The Jump Start to London 4x100m men's relay team also won silver in the final.

Rodney Blair's close second in the long jump was an amazing performance. Blair, from Newcastle, finished just one centimetre behind the Fijian gold medalist. His leap of 7.26m beat his previous personal best by 60cm.

"Jumping over seven metres was a highlight but I was annoyed because I left my left hand behind and it would have won me the gold medal," the 17-year-old said.

The sprinters in the group acquitted themselves well, with Liam Gander clocking a personal best in the heat of the 100m in 10.84 seconds.

Peter Tuccandidgee, usually a 200/400m runner, ran 10.87 seconds in a very competitive

heat to finish second behind Gander, while Duan Daley ensured that all made the final by finishing third in a sub-11-second time.

In the final, Gander finished second, Tuccandidgee third and Daley fourth.

Under the watchful eye of her mum Nova, Jess Peris ran a strong race to win the under 20 women's 100m in 12.32 seconds, and then backed up to win the 200m in front of friends and family.

The future looks bright for the young Peris.

The Arafura Games were centred around Darwin's Marrara Sporting Complex, which boasts a collection of quality sporting venues in one area. The complex hosts more than 15 sports. All other Games venues were within 15 minutes travel time of Marrara.

From its humble beginnings, the Arafura Games are now recognised as a leading international sporting competition for the developing athletes of the Asia-Pacific region.

The Games began in 1991 as the Arafura Sports Festival with 1500 participants from seven countries competing in 13 sports.

Mum on hand to see Jess win

Casey Narrier, from Western Australia, on the podium at the Arafura Games in Darwin after her gold medal-winning high jump. She had to wait for more than hour before her first jump. Casey won the first gold medal for the Jump Start to London 2012 team.



Narelle Long and Tenika Demamiel in the AIS recovery pool in Canberra.



Jess Peris on the training track in New Zealand.



● LEFT: Justin Evans, winner of the under 20 800-metres final at Darwin.



● RIGHT: Rodney Blair, from Newcastle, and Liam Gander ham it up in New Zealand earlier this year.



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Dual sports Olympian Nova Peris gets a kiss from her Daughter Jess, who picked up two gold medals at the Arafura Games in Darwin and looks set to follow her mum's road to sporting fame.



Golden Games

Indigenous athletes shine on international stage



Indigenous Australians collected nine gold medals at the 2007 Arafura Games, which ended in Darwin on 19 May.

The Games are held in Darwin every two years and this year attracted 2500 athletes from 30 countries competing in 23 sports.

The Games are for emerging athletes of the Asia-Pacific region.

The Indigenous Australians were taking part as the Jump Start to London 2012 team – a collection of promising Indigenous

athletes who are considered top prospects to represent Australia in the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Two Indigenous athletes each won two gold medals at the Arafura Games.

Tenika Demamiel won the triple jump elite final with a distance of 11.48 metres, and won gold in the elite long jump with a leap of 5.09 metres.

Jessica Peris, daughter of former Olympian Nova Peris, collected gold in the under 20 100-metre sprint and under 20 200-metre final.

Other Indigenous gold medallists were

Queenslander Peter Tuccandidee (200m elite final – 21.49 seconds), Joshua Ahwong, from Mackay (under 20 400m track – 48.83 secs), Justin Evans (under 20 800m track – 1:59.37), Casey Narrier (elite high jump – 1.75m), and the men's 4x400 relay team.

Other Indigenous finalists were Rodney Blair (2nd in the elite long jump – 7.26m, 2nd in the under 20 100m – 11.01 secs, 2nd in the elite high jump – 1.91m), Sarah Mackaway (5th in the under 20 100m – 12.93 secs), Liam Gander, (2nd 100m elite – 10.84 secs, 3rd in the 200m elite final –

22.14 secs), Peter Tuccandidee (3rd in the 100m elite final – 10.92 secs), Duan Daley (4th in the 100m elite final – 10.96 secs), Peter Harrison (2nd in the 400m elite final – 50.44 secs), Ray Williams (4th in the 400m elite final – 50.74secs, 4th in the 200m elite final – 22.34 secs), Brendan Peeters (4th in the discus elite final – 37.13m, 4th in the 800m elite final – 2:09.24), and Joshua Ahwong (2nd in the under 20 800m – 2:02.04).

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Dreamtime at the MCG ... and at Suncorp Stadium



Two football codes – Australian football and rugby league – have celebrated the contribution of Indigenous Australians to their sports.

In Melbourne on 26 May, the Kevin Sheedy-coached Essendon Bombers stormed home to pip the luckless Richmond Tigers 12.20 (92) to 12.12 (84) in the Dreamtime at the 'G' before 62,000 fans at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The night before, the Townsville Cowboys ran hot in disposing of the Canterbury Bulldogs 26-16 in the Reconciliation Cup match played in front of 15,412 fans at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane.

And as if scripted, the heroes for the Cowboys were two of its Indigenous stars – halfback Jonathan Thurston and fullback Matt Bowen – who ran the Bulldogs defence ragged.

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North Queensland's Matt Bowen beats Daryl Millard during the Round 11 NRL rugby league Reconciliation Cup match against the Bulldogs at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on Friday 25 May.

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