



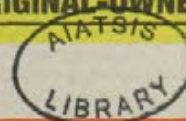
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Garma charmers



Getting down in the dirt can be lots of fun, if the expressions on the faces of these four youngsters are anything to go by. They're pictured at the ninth annual Garma Festival held at Gulkula in northeast Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory from 3-7 August.

Thousands of people attended the spectacular celebration of Yolngu Aboriginal cultural expression through dance, song, music and art. Photo by Wayne Quilliam.

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'Racist' bill on way

By DARREN COYNE



MORE than 40,000 Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory will soon be subjected to tough new laws that have been widely criticised as rushed and racist — but the Government appears intent on ignoring its critics.

In a last-ditch attempt to stall the controversial legislation, Aboriginal leaders descended on Canberra last week but with the Howard Government controlling both

Houses of Parliament, they were left with little more than hope that the Government might put some of the more controversial aspects of the legislation on hold.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough told the Koori Mail that while he would consider holding back aspects of the legislation if issues the Government had not considered were raised during a one-day Senate inquiry, he was adamant the bulk of the legislation would be in place quickly.

During its passage through the Lower House, Mr Brough told Parliament that the interventions proposed will work together to

break the back of violence and dysfunction and allow us to build sustainable, healthy approaches in the long term.

He said some measures had already gone ahead without legislation, including extra police and almost 500 health checks on Aboriginal children under 16. But he said Aboriginal children in the NT would never be safe and healthy without fundamental changes to the things that made communities dangerous and unhealthy places.

But when Mr Brough told Parliament that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

children were much more likely to be neglected or abused than other Australian children, one man in the public gallery could not contain his anger.

"Bullshit idiot," the man shouted before being ejected.

Mr Brough ignored the abuse as he detailed the legislation which introduces widespread alcohol restrictions, bans pornography, changes welfare arrangements, introduces five year leases over communal land, and removes the permit system in certain areas.

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POWDERFINGER SILVERCHAIR

ACROSS the Great Divide tour

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Yovich's star rising still

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This photo of me with my niece Chianne (my sister Angela's daughter), my mum Hilda and my daughter Chrystal was taken at Camp Coorong, outside Meningie, in South Australia's Riverland. Camp Coorong is a cultural place for us Ngarrindjeri people, a place where we share our culture with others.

I have two brothers and three sisters. Debbie is the oldest at 42, then there's brother Robbie, who died in 2002, but would have been 38, then Karen who died in 2003, but would have been 33, then Angela who is 25, and our little brother Alan who is 19.

Originally, we come from Meningie, but now we all live at Murray Bridge. Mum and our dad Robert are separated but, between them, they have 11 grandkids. My brothers and sisters and I had a good childhood. We travelled around a lot as a family. We would pile into the family car and they would lay me across the back window because I was the littlest.

Today, we're a pretty close family; we tend to stick together. I was pretty close to my brother Robbie. I can't tell you in front of Mum some of the stuff we used to get up to! Nah, just kidding, it was just the normal naughty kids' stuff.

Robbie committed suicide in 2002 and so did our sister Karen about a year later. They were very close. Karen's partner Mal also suicided.

Robbie's heart was in Victoria; he spent most of his younger years over there. He played a guitar and would pull into all the people's homes along the way. He'd sing them a song and always left them with a smile on their face.

Karen was a traveller, too. She was the family joker and would torment people, but she was also very caring and had a sixth sense when something had happened.

To us, Robbie, Karen and Mal are still here because we see a lot of them in the kids. Life isn't always easy but not keeping going would be like putting them out the



From left, Sonya Newchurch, 37, Chianne Edwards, 4, Hilda Day, 59, and Chrystal Newchurch, 13.

door. Karen left four children behind. I'm raising three of them and Mum cares for the fourth.

We have lots of birthday parties for the little ones. It always ends up being at my place because it's big and they say I have the best food. So, with Karen's three, me and my husband Reggie have six children in all: Reggie, 16, Simon, 15, Chrystal, 13, John, 15, Courtney, 12, and Robert, 10. I hope that my lot all get an education and do whatever they can be and are proud of it. I tell the kids that all the time.

Hilda: My husband was a pastor and us and the kids travelled a lot to other churches over the border and all around the Riverland area.

In a way, I think we're a remarkable family; we have shocked a lot of people. We have had an extra heavy load of tragedy and grief and people sometimes say 'How do you go on? Why aren't you in a mental institution?'

But it's the kids and grandkids who keep us going. We look at them and think

'If we don't, who will look after them?' I'd like for all of them to be kind, generous and respect others.

To them and other people, I say, be strong and face each day as it comes; it's the only way. Never give up. We would like other people to be helped by our strength.

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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@koorimail.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



Maurice Conway and Keenan Richardson gave a big 'thumbs up' to a family day held at the Undoonoo Child Care Centre at Woorabinda, in Queensland, as part of National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day on 4 August. Activities were held around the country to celebrate the identity and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children everywhere. The theme for the day was *Raise children strong in culture. Pathways to healing and revival.* Activities in Woorabinda included a barbecue, a children's Dress Ball which centered around cultural dress themes, a photo day and cultural arts and crafts.

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Big Nona event



Badu man first Torres Strait Islander to win big art prize

Story and photo by
SOLUA MIDDLETON

Indigenous artist Dennis Nona is one of the 50 most collectable artists for 2007 as named by the

Australian Art Collector magazine, and he is now one of the most prominent artists in the Torres Strait.

The Badu Islander has just taken out Australia's richest Indigenous art prize – the Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, scoring himself \$40,000.

His winning highly intricate cast bronze, *Ubirikubiri*, – depicting a crocodile with a man on its back, measures 3.5 metres and weighs 600kg.

Ubirikubiri is the crocodile which was given as a juvenile to a young girl by her father. After the father neglected to feed *Ubirikubiri*, the crocodile took revenge by killing the man, placing him on *Ubirikubiri*'s back and heading off to Mai Kusi, a river on the western coast of Papua New Guinea.

The daughter traced *Ubirikubiri* to Mai Kusi, but the crocodile refused to hand over her dead father.

While the story is actually from Papua New Guinea (PNG), Mr Nona said that before there were national borders, PNG maintained relationships with the islands of the Torres Strait through trading and ceremony.

"Well, if you look at the

Torres Strait, our ancestors came from Papua New Guinea and a lot of our stories and dances have been adopted from them through ancestral things," he said.

"Before white man came, there were things there and practised ... but the stories were there.

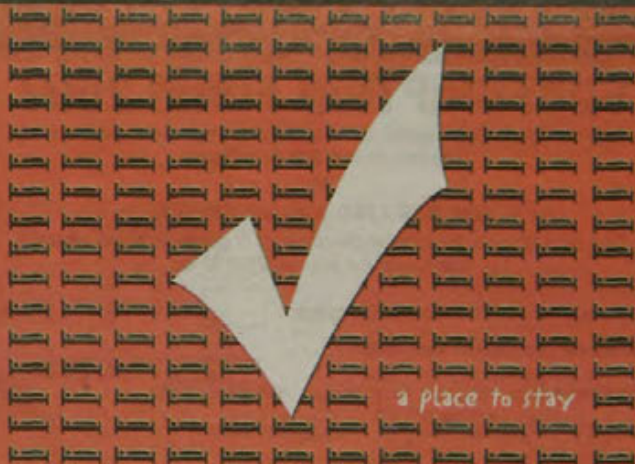
"There are a lot of stories, not only on our island, but on other islands.

"We know that our ancestors came from New Guinea. Before there were borders, ceremonies were held and artifacts were traded."

Mr Nona has just completed his Masters in Fine Arts degree at James Cook University, Cairns. He is now working on a bigger sculpture – this time of a shark.

Dennis Nona and his winning sculpture, *Ubirikubiri*. The sculpture won first prize in the Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.
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Artists face problems over new laws



Thousands of Aboriginal artists will have their livelihoods threatened by the abolition of the permit system and Aboriginal work-for-the-dole, says their representative body.

The Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA) asked NT Arts Minister Marion Scrymgeour to pass on their concerns when she gave evidence before a Senate inquiry into the Federal Government's intervention legislation in Canberra in Friday.

Draft laws to underpin the Federal Government's crackdown on child abuse were debated in the Senate last week after passing the Lower House on Tuesday, and were to be further debated this week.

They include scrapping the permit system that restricts the entry of non-Indigenous

people onto Aboriginal land.

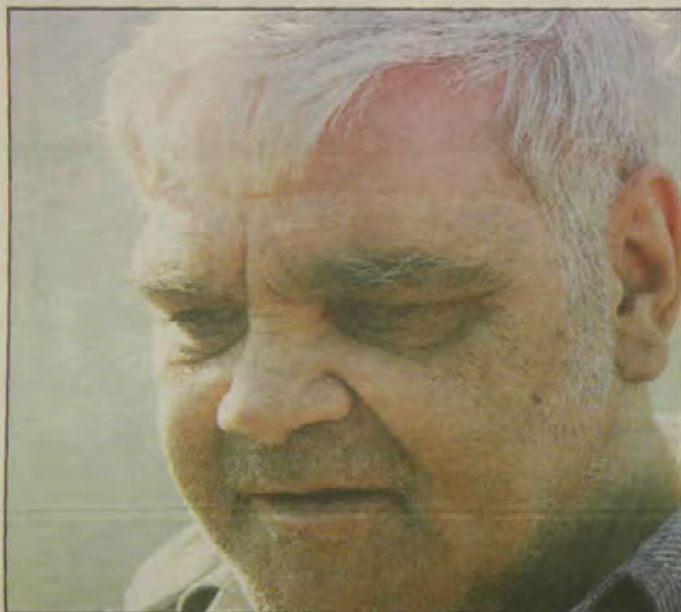
In another plank of the intervention, the Aboriginal 'work-for-the-dole' scheme CDEP will be abolished with 2000 people to be moved off the scheme and into 'real jobs, training and mainstream employment programs'.

Following a meeting in Darwin on Wednesday, ANKAAA – which has more than 2500 members and represents 41 art centres – slammed the Federal Government for its heavy-handed approach and lack of consultation with Indigenous people.

"Why, when our sector is so often referred to by government as a model success story that significantly contributes to the wider economy, are they removing the very things that have supported our achievements?" asked ANKAAA Chair Richard Birrinbirrin, from Bulabula Arts at Ramingining.

New hope for Aust's

Judge finds South Australian Government breached duty of care, liable for compensation in landmark Trevorrow case



Successful Stolen Generations claimant Bruce Trevorrow: "One chapter closes and another one opens...I think the book will have a happy ending, with my family around me, a very different ending to what it might have been."

Story and photos by
KIRSTIE PARKER



Bruce Trevorrow waited half a century for justice. When it finally arrived, in the shape of a landmark decision by the South Australian Supreme Court, he was stunned and lost for words.

He soon found his voice again, though, in the media and public frenzy that followed his 1 August win against the South Australian government over his forced removal, as a baby, from his loving natural family.

That he chose to speak from the country that had been denied to him for much of his life - Ngarrindjeri country in SA's Riverland - was a sign that he was finally ready to come home.

Mr Trevorrow celebrated the decision with a traditional smoking ceremony at Camp Coorong near Meningie with his brothers, sisters and other family members, inviting ancestors to join in their happiness.

Duty of care

The ruling by Judge Thomas Gray that the State of SA had breached its duty of care, illegally imprisoned Mr Trevorrow and was liable to compensate him has given hope to other Stolen Generations members.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma hailed the ruling as a 'watershed moment for all members of the Stolen Generation'.

"It sends a powerful message to other states and territories that compensation is rightfully owed to the victims of these policies which were in place across Australia for most

of the 20th century, and impacted badly on generations of Indigenous Australians," Mr Calma said.

With help from Adelaide's Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM), Mr Trevorrow sued the SA Government for pain and suffering, claiming he had lost his cultural identity, suffered depression, became an alcoholic and had an erratic employment history after being taken as a child from his family.

During the ten-year case, the court heard the now 50-year-old was depressed due to chronic insecurity and had been treated with antidepressants and tranquillisers since he was 10.

Forced removal

Justice Gray laid blame for Mr Trevorrow's problems on his forced removal from his family, and the lack of support from the government both when he was taken and when he was later returned as a child.

"I am satisfied that the conduct of the State, amounting to misfeasance in public office, together with the false imprisonment of the plaintiff, has been a material cause of the plaintiff's long-term depression," he said.

"It was this conduct that ruptured the bond between the plaintiff and his mother and natural family."

Judge Gray said that, unlike Mr Trevorrow, his siblings who remained with their natural family were able to overcome the difficulties they encountered and achieve their potential throughout life.

He awarded Mr Trevorrow \$450,000 for injuries and loss plus \$75,000 for damages for unlawful removal and false imprisonment.

However, Mr Trevorrow, who now lives in Bairnsdale in Victoria with his wife and four

children, said the case had not been just about money.

"It was for acknowledgement that they did the wrong thing by me," he said. "A lot of records for people were destroyed but my lawyers were lucky in that there were a lot of files about me there and they actually found more and more documents hidden away that showed the government did do wrong."

"I was taken away from my family, and that was a loss of my culture and anywhere I could call home. That was taken from me."

Standing in the back of the court when the judgement was handed down were two families united in their love and concern for him: his natural brothers and sisters, and the white foster brother and sister who knew him better than virtually anyone for the first decade of his life.

Surprise move

In something of a surprise move, SA Premier Mike Rann ruled out challenging Mr Trevorrow's compensation.

"He (Mr Trevorrow) has been through enough in his life...the compassionate thing to do is end any further uncertainty for him," Mr Rann said.

"I cannot think of a more tragic case, this is an appalling case of dispossession - it's an appalling treatment of a family and of a baby and this is a time for justice to be done."

The SA Government is now considering a compensation fund for the Stolen Generations, similar to one established by the Tasmanian Government last year.

Mr Trevorrow's brother Tom Trevorrow, a respected and high profile cultural educator, thanked the SA Government for not opposing the ruling in favour of compensation.

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An undated copy photo of Bruce Trevorrow (centre) with his foster brother and sister.

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Stolen Generations



Moogy Sumner performed the cleansing and healing ceremony. "All Bruce's relatives will be a part of his life from now on. He'll become stronger," he said.

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"I think governments sometimes need that pat on the back when they do the right thing," he said.

"Aboriginal people are used to losing. We were

surprised to receive this type of justice in the Australian court system and it sort of gives us a bit of an uplift and hope to carry on."

It was the first time an Australian court had awarded damages to a member of the Stolen Generations. Some believe the case has opened a potential 'can of worms' for state governments around the country, who were at the forefront of policies to remove Indigenous children from their parents between the 1930s and 1970s.

But Mr Trevorrow said he wouldn't recommend to others that they put themselves through similar legal battles.

"I wouldn't like to see anyone go through what I went through," he said.

"The court case has taken its toll on me. I ended up in hospital a couple of times from the stress of it.

"I worry that my case could give people false hope. And there's a lot about governments that I still don't trust."

Mr Trevorrow's lawyer Joanna Richardson said the decision came as something of a surprise.

"It was a legal process and outcomes are according to law and not necessarily according to 'justice', therefore I was hopeful but not certain of the outcome we got," she said.

However, Ms Richardson said the case was largely won on the basis of records that backed Mr Trevorrow's statement of claim, records which were not available in all Stolen

Generations cases.

"It was done absolutely on the records so that the dispute about fact was minimised," she said. "That certainly enhanced the ability for the events that happened to come out in court."



Above: Hilda Day clasps her 'baby' brother Bruce's hand.

Below: Bruce Trevorrow's namesake nephew, Bruce R Carter. "I can't imagine the pain and loss that Uncle has suffered, not knowing where you come from, where your roots are."



Davy, who already had two children of their own but had been looking to adopt.

Mr Trevorrow says he was well cared for by the Davys and treated much like his foster brother Glynn and foster sister Carol.

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Jubilant, Bruce Trevorrow (front) flanked by his brothers and sisters, from left, Rita Lindsay, Tom Trevorrow, Alice Abdullah, George Trevorrow, and Hilda Day.

A family's love

Bruce Trevorrow hasn't actually seen his mother's letters to the Aborigines Welfare Board but he knows what's in them and the contents are a source of both sadness and comfort for him.

They make him angry about the lies told to his mother but he admits that knowing that his mother looked for him for ten years reminds him that he was loved.

The extent of his family's continuing love for him was clear during a healing smoking ceremony held for him at Camp Coorong a few days after the judgment that changed his life.

Bruce's brother Tom told those gathered that the Ngarrindjeri nation had been waiting for Bruce's return.

"Bruce has said many times to us, he didn't think he'd live to see this day. He said 'I'll be dead before my verdict is handed down'."

"Now, he never (did). He's here and we're here so it shows you that perseverance and maintaining on something in the end you can get a positive result. Bruce is our family, our blood, our brother."

Sister Hilda Day kept her comments short, preferring to let her actions speak for her.

"I thought I would never be here to see this day too," she said, fighting back tears. "My last memory of my little brother

was this (clasping Bruce's hand tightly). He won't remember this but I was 9 years old and he was 15 months and we held hands at the Three-Mile. That's my memory of him."

Bruce's eldest sister Rita Lindsay was 16 when he was taken. She said it took 'nine long years' to find out from welfare authorities where he really was.

"I went and saw him...but I didn't know how to get on, you know, kiss him, because he was very shy," she said.

"It just shows what the white man can do, the damage to our children. I am not very pleased how they could do a disgusting thing like what they did to my brother."

Mr Trevorrow's namesake nephew Bruce R Carter, 26, said the day was about victory but also sadness.

"We can all just feel that power of Uncle being brought home to us, that's justice right there."

"(But) I can't imagine the pain and loss that Uncle has suffered, not knowing where you come from, where your roots are."

Bruce's brother George Trevorrow said other Ngarrindjeri families had lost children who would probably never come home.

"I don't think there's any hope of finding them because we lost so many of our old

people so quickly after the white people came and a lot of the stories and circumstances have been lost," he said.

"There are people out there who we believe will never ever come back. But I would say to them, it is never too late. If you have an inking, if you have a feeling, anything that can bring you home, try and find your way home. You'll have family who want to see you again."

Ngarrindjeri dancers, led by Major 'Moogy' Sumner performed the smoking ceremony to welcome Bruce home.

"Now he can get on with his life, learn more about his country. Learn about life as a Ngarrindjeri man. All Bruce's relatives will be a part of his life from now on. He'll become stronger."

Bruce Trevorrow told gathered media that he felt welcome back on his Ngarrindjeri country 'but its something we've got to work on. Over time, we'll become closer and closer as a family'.

"All my life, I never had a culture to connect to. By being a part of this, it has given me some of my culture back. I can start learning it and pass it on to my kids. I've still got to pinch myself that it has happened."

"Hearing everyone speak today made me feel very proud that there has been some acknowledgement that I was done wrong by."

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Representatives from the Stolen Wages Working Group, from left, Peter Guivarra, Aunty Ruth Hegarty, Bob Weatherall, Yvonne Butler and Alfred Lacey. Photo taken in July 2004.

Claimants label consultations a waste of time

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Cairns.



Stolen wages consultations, promised by the Queensland Government in Cairns late last month have been

labelled a 'waste of taxpayers money' by a claimant after attending a follow-up meeting with department representatives in Brisbane last week.

Aunty Ruth Hegarty, who attended both the Cairns and Brisbane meetings, said department representatives had already told them Cabinet was unlikely to accept the option of a total payout of leftover money from the Government's \$55.6 million Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations scheme.

But late last week a spokesperson for Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Warren Pitt said consultations 'were not a waste of taxpayers money at all' and that there may

have a misunderstanding about the intention of what was said.

"The Minister is not willing to put only one option before Cabinet," the spokesman said. "Cabinet is unlikely to accept only one option being placed before it, they would likely ask for more options."

He also said the government would be criticised if the consultations didn't take place.

The *Koori Mail* reported on 1 May that representatives for the Stolen Wages Working Group (SWWG) campaign had been thrown a 'lifeline' after meeting with Mr Pitt.

The Minister, who was presented with options for spending the leftover \$35 million, gave an undertaking that he would fund a joint consultation with communities by the end of September and predicted he would be in a position to put a proposal to State Cabinet in November.

After the Cairns meeting Mr Pitt said he would ensure the opinions of people were 'well and truly put

in front of my Cabinet colleagues for their consideration'.

"I have a responsibility as Minister to make sure I canvass all opinions and provide options for Cabinet to consider," he said at the time.

But Mrs Hegarty said the meeting in Brisbane had specifically been told that Cabinet was unlikely to support the option that all of the leftover money be paid out, which would amount to an extra \$5-7000 for individual claimants.

"After telling us that, one of the options put was that only some of the money be paid out, amounting to not more than \$2000-3000 each, with the rest of it being used to set up some sort of legacy or foundation for the benefit of the whole community," she said.

"I can't understand the reasoning behind that, it's really not good, it's really knocked me right back down."

Palm Island SWWG member Alf Lacey, who attended the meeting in Cairns, said Palm Island claimants had already had a community meeting on the

issue.

"The strongest suggestion was that they'd prefer Cabinet agreed to pay out the remainder of the money to all the claimants and the children of deceased claimants," he said.

Brisbane SWWG member Tige Bayles, who wasn't able to attend the meeting in Cairns, said the feeling he had from the Brisbane meeting was that the government was strong on wanting to invest the leftover money.

"The other side of that is how a trust or investment would be set up to be acceptable to the community, which hasn't even come into it yet - how is it going to be managed?" he said.

Earlier this month SWWG member Peter Guivarra, who attended the Cairns meeting for his community of Mapoon, told Mr Bayles on 98.9FM that there was a strong feeling within the SWWG that the government should come up with another bucket of money for investment to include those not covered by the original offer.

He also said there was 'robust' debate at the Cairns meeting

about what should happen with the leftover money.

"There was talk of paying out all the money, there was talk of investments but at the end of the day the general consensus was that the leftover should be paid out to the people who were successful claimants," he said.

"We presented that to the Minister the next day but reading between the lines they are heavily favoured towards investing for the future."

"There is still that 'untrust' with the government because of what happened, the word 'trust' doesn't ring too well in any of these recipients' ears."

Last week Mr Guivarra told Koori Mail he would not give up on the fight for closure and recognition for everyone affected by stolen wages.

"I don't know what more I can say except that I'm never going to give up and my kids and grandkids will never give up," he said.

New hope for Stolen Generation members

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During that foster period, his natural mother Thora Lampard continued to write letters to the authorities, appealing to them for news of her youngest child.

Letters

In a letter dated July 1958, she wrote: "I am writing to ask if you will let me know how baby Bruce is and how long before I can have him home as I have not forgot I got a baby in there."

The court heard the Aborigines Welfare Board lied to her, telling her that her son was 'making good progress' but was not fit enough for him to go home.

In time, struggling with severe feelings of confusion and insecurity, Bruce rebelled against

his foster family and developed behavioural problems that made him increasingly difficult to control.

Questions to his foster parents about his darkening skin met with claims that there were 'dark' cousins somewhere in the family line overseas.

These lies, although perhaps well-intentioned, served to heighten the shock ten years later when the State changed its policy on removed children and he was returned to his Aboriginal mother and siblings for good. His father Joe had died during his absence.

Mr Trevorror's return was not an especially happy one. He had difficulty fitting in and was in and out of institutional care.

"I had had nothing to do with Aboriginal people while I was in foster care," Mr Trevorror

explained to the *Koori Mail*. "I was still having problems identifying and I thought 'I'll just run away from home'."

No connection

"I did that when I was in my late teens, probably because I just didn't fit in here. I hadn't been able to build that connection with my family."

"I hitchhiked, jumped trains, and stole cars. I used to move around, break into cars and steal money. I think the aim behind it all was to try to connect with someone."

"I drank a lot of alcohol to sort of numb my feelings. I felt happy when I was drunk so I kept on getting drunk. I was depressed; I actually cut myself a few of times. I didn't feel good about myself or

where I came from."

Remarkably, Mr Trevorror bears no malice towards his foster parents whom he believes were also lied to, something backed up by his foster sister Carol.

"He was just our brother," she told media after the judge's decision was handed down. "We were told that he had been abandoned, which was a lie, but we didn't know that, of course. He was just a person who needed a home."

Judge Gray's ruling has prompted widespread calls for measures to a national compensation scheme, rather than lengthy and costly litigation in Stolen Generation cases.

Compensation calls

Mr Calma called for all

governments to 'collegially establish a national reparations and compensation scheme', in line with the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home Report*.

"Australian governments have cherry-picked recommendations from the Report, but we are still waiting for an accessible, fair and just national compensation scheme, as well as the all-important, and long-overdue, national apology from the Australian Parliament," he said.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) National Director Gary Highland echoed Mr Calma's calls. "The experience of Bruce Trevorror was repeated tens of thousands of times over across Australia," he said on 2

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Delegates rush to Canberra to protest

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Under the tough new regime, fines of up to \$75,000 and up to 18 months in prison could be imposed on people caught smuggling alcohol to remote communities. There would also be a general ban on people having, selling, transporting and drinking alcohol in prescribed areas.

Permits would no longer be required to visit larger public townships and the roads that connect them, with Mr Brough arguing that the removal of permits would only apply to a fraction of the Aboriginal land in the Territory.

The bills would also allow the government to acquire five-year leases over townships and take over town camps, so it can 'begin the process of improving housing and infrastructure dramatically'.

The legislation bans the possession of hardcore pornography, and imposes regular audits on publicly funded computers to stop sexually explicit material being accessed through the Internet.

Mr Brough said the scheme would cost \$587 million in its first year, but critics are saying much of that money would be spent on bureaucracy, government business managers, extra police and one-off health checks, but not on any long-term programs aimed at preventing child abuse or providing welfare and family services.

Under the reforms, welfare recipients will have half of their payments quarantined for essential items such as food and bills, and CDEP programs in the bush will be scrapped.

Meanwhile, Mr Brough and Prime Minister John Howard refused to meet with a delegation of Aboriginal leaders, who arrived in Canberra in a last-ditch lobbying effort. The delegates had travelled from the Garna Festival, which was being held at Gulkula in northeast Arnhem Land.

Mr Brough later said a meeting was offered and rejected, although delegates maintained that the time offered was unsuitable because important delegates had not arrived.

Led by former Northern Territory Labor MP John Ah Kit and Pat Turner of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations of the NT, the delegates delivered message sticks and appealed via the media and by letter to Mr Brough and the PM to reconsider the legislation.

"This is about the beginning of the end of Aboriginal culture, it is in some ways genocide," Mr Ah Kit said.

"What is being pushed through Parliament in the next couple of days is something that will go down in history as one of the bleakest days in the history of the country," Mr Ah Kit said.

"We all agree that there needs to be changes in the Territory but we need to be involved in the consultation process."

During an interview later with The Koori Mail, Mr Brough was unrepentant.

"And I don't call them Indigenous leaders either ... no I don't," Mr Brough said.

"The people this legislation is supposed to give expression and hope to are not them, it's supposed to be the people on the ground that I've been dealing with."

"All of the ideas that came out of this came out of actual one-on-one encounters with people who gave me, basically, directions as the Minister such as: 'Can you get rid of the grog? Can you reduce the



Deputy Chair of the Central Land Council, Maurie Ryan Japarta of Gurinda, Harry Jagamara Nelson (Warlpiri), a member of the CLC, Gilbert Corbett of Murray Downs, also with the CLC, Francis Jupurrula Kelly of the CLC and Pat Turner of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations of the NT discuss ways to halt the passage of the legislation.

disposable income? Can you make our communities safe? Can you treat us like white-fellas, meaning in that the kids are going to school ... all those sort of things."

Mr Brough rejected Mr Ah Kit's genocide comments, saying they were part of a campaign of misinformation being spread about the legislation.

"But it's not going to stop me doing what I know that these people on the ground desperately want and that's (establishing) a safe community."

National Native Title Council chairman



Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough

Brian Wyatt said, however, that the Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and associated bills must be defeated 'on the basis of the real and potential human rights abuses they contain'.

"It has been forgotten that the Aboriginal people who the government seeks to protect are also citizens of a democracy," Mr Wyatt said.

"Yet their rights and interests would be wrenched from them in a spectacularly cavalier manner should these bills pass into law."

Of major concern was the proposed suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act*, 1975 which had implications for human rights and compensation.

The bills target the NT, but all Australian states should be concerned about the precedent they set, he said.

While maintaining its bi-partisan support for the intervention, the ALP attempted to make some amendments to the legislation regarding the permit system and the suspension of the RDA, but were defeated on party lines. Mr Rudd has promised to visit the Territory in the next few weeks.

The legislative package also allows for the scrapping of Aboriginal work-for-the-dole, with some 2,000 people to be moved off CDEP and into real jobs, training and mainstream employment programs.

And while aspects of the bills have drawn harsh criticism from Aboriginal leaders, academics, lawyers, health care professionals, independent and minor party politicians have also joined the fray.

Independent MP Peter Andren described the bills as 'the most racist legislation introduced into Federal Parliament since the shameful days of the so-called Aboriginal protectorate acts early last century', while Greens leader Bob Brown

presented a legal opinion that the bills would be rejected by the High Court.

Meanwhile, Olga Havnen, a board member of the Australian Council of Social Services and coordinator of the response by the Combined Aboriginal Organisations of the NT, said many people did not realise just what was at stake.

"The Minister says he has consulted people about this but who in the Northern Territory has come out in support of this?" she asked.

Ms Havnen said it was telling that the Minister found time to meet with members of the Eros Foundation, which represents the adult porn industry, but 'could not spare five minutes to meet with the delegates from the leaders forum held at the Garna Festival'.

Pat Turner, a co-leader of the delegation, said the Federal Government had shown contempt for Aboriginal leaders and their fellow parliamentarians by presenting the 500-pages of legislation with no time for proper review.

"It's unfair not only on their fellow parliamentarians but also on Aboriginal people. There has been no consultation whatsoever by the Minister with the Aboriginal people most directly effected in the Northern Territory. In fact he spends more time with Noel (Pearson) in the Cape, and he's got a \$48 million package which is a trial for Cape York, for 4000 people, as opposed to 40,000 people where it's being made compulsory."

"This legislation takes away the rights of people, including the right to an external review if they don't agree with what's happening with their welfare payments. This is going back to before the mission days. It's ridiculous that Aboriginal people are being discriminated against so fully."

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Liberal Senator Bill Heffernan and delegation leader John Ah Kit face off outside Parliament. Mr Heffernan was criticised for interrupting a media conference being held by Pat Turner. The Aboriginal Land Council's NSW chair Bev Manton called on Senator Heffernan to apologise to Ms Turner. He didn't. AAP Image.

No respect shown

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"Kevin Rudd has agreed to come to the NT in the next couple of weeks and we would like the same courtesy paid to us by the PM. He is hardly acting as the father of the nation here," she said.

"When the PM was first elected, he said he would govern for all Australians but it doesn't appear he is doing that for Aboriginal people, the first Australians.

"The sad fact is that the Government has the majority in both houses. Unless it listens to evidence from the Senate Committee and is prepared to make changes then they're probably going to shove it through. Heed the warning. Never elect the same party to control both houses because it leads to an absolute abuse of power."

"In order for them to make changes to the Social Security Act they're calling it a special measure under the Racial Discrimination Act ... the government is trying to argue that this will be beneficial. I don't think so and I hope the lawyers take a very hard look at it.

"They've also cut out any opportunity for judicial review and if they can do it to us, who's next? The Muslims, the Africans, the Jews?"

"Politicians speak with forked tongues. All of them. Why should Aboriginal people ever trust a politician again in terms of the way we've been treated? It's just appalling."

When told of the delegates' concerns that the laws were being rushed through, Mr Brough told the Koori Mail, "Well they don't believe children should be protected clearly in the way that I do," the Minister said.

"They don't because they haven't got any answers. I get sick and tired of people using words like genocide. What do they call children out there tonight that are going to be hurt or at the very least are going to witness violence, and serious violence.

"These are the people who don't get a voice, who actually need to be heard."

When asked whether he had considered the submission from the Combined Aboriginal Organisations of the NT, Mr Brough said like the Anderson/Wild report, it

did not go far enough.

Meanwhile, Rex Wild, QC, co author of the report that sparked the government's dramatic intervention, said he believed Mr Brough genuinely wanted to help but said his methods were 'patronising'.

Retired federal court judge Murray Wilcox said while the legislation was constitutionally valid, it was also 'extremely discriminatory'.

During submissions to a Senate inquiry held last Friday the Chairman of the Northern Land Council (NLC) John Daly again questioned the need for taking over control of land.

"We continue to question the need for

works, aquaculture projects, feral animal harvesting, carbon dioxide abatement programs, mining operations, railways, pipelines, and gas and major infrastructure facilities were proof of progress.

"The NLC also took the initiative of engaging directly with the Commonwealth to assist in resolving the national problem of safe storage of low-level nuclear waste," he said.

"The Land Rights Act has been our great strength ...

"We question the right of a government at the end of this Parliament to trifle carelessly with this iconic legislation when you have never campaigned on the matter

state authorities to justify extensions."

Mr Johnson said welfare restrictions could exacerbate tensions between parents and children or between families.

"It could be particularly difficult for Centrelink and other agencies to administer the welfare provisions in cases where families moved frequently or where parents had poor literacy," he said.

ACOSS told the hearing it feared many Indigenous parents would not have the right to appeal forced management of their payments to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

Regardless of income quarantining, people who spent their money on drugs and alcohol instead of food would not learn how to do things differently unless rehabilitation services were provided, the group said.

NT Community Services Minister Marion Scrymgour said the Territory supported many of the Commonwealth's intentions.

"In broad terms, the Northern Territory government has supported the federal government's intervention where it directly targets child abuse," Ms Scrymgour told the inquiry.

But the NT government does not like the idea of scrapping the permit system or the compulsory acquisition of Aboriginal land as neither addressed the issue of child abuse in Indigenous communities, which was the catalyst for the intervention.

Pat Anderson and Rex Wild, the authors of the *The Little Children are Sacred* report, were excluded from appearing at the Senate inquiry. But committee members were invited to a pseudo hearing where the authors were available.

Labor senators Trish Crossin and Ursula Stephens, Australian Democrats deputy leader Andrew Bartlett and Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert took up the invitation.

During that briefing, Ms Anderson, an Aboriginal health worker, said the report's recommendations were based on giving indigenous people a say in solving their own problems through consultation and negotiation.

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the totality of this package of legislation," Mr Daly said in his opening statement to the inquiry.

"In fact, we doubt that most members of the lower house had any idea of the detail of the amendments that they voted for this week."

Mr Daly said that while the NLC supported a program of assistance to Indigenous communities, it could not endorse changes to the Land Rights Act, passed by Federal Parliament on a bipartisan basis in 1976.

He said that legislation 'marks the high point of Indigenous affairs in this country'.

"We are turning our land assets into investments, businesses and jobs which will eventually replace welfare."

Mr Daly said this was a 'lengthy and challenging task' but cattle stations, timber

or had a serious dialogue about it."

More than one hundred questions raising numerous concerns about the legislation were lodged with the Senate inquiry, which was due to report back on Monday. Critics were hoping that the bills might be stalled while answers to those questions were sought.

ACOSS executive director Andrew Johnson raised concerns to the inquiry that there was no requirement in the legislation for Indigenous parents to be given an explanation as to why their welfare payments were being quarantined.

"The bill does not appear to require state authorities or Centrelink to provide affected parents with reasons for notification ... for income management," Mr Johnson said.

"The bill does not appear to limit the duration of income management or require

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Olga Havnen works at the computer while Claire Colyer, who was assisting her, speaks with Greens senator Rachel Siewert.

Lobbying effort intense as bills introduced

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"Aboriginal families and Aboriginal people do want to own this problem, they want to be part of solving it. They want it fixed, they are sick and tired of their communities being sick," she said.

"(But) if we do this top down as proposed, there's a danger of it being seen as a cynical exercise."

"There's a real opportunity here to once and for all do something We need extraordinary interventions but not at the risk of infringing our fundamental human rights."

Ms Anderson said the opportunity presented by the report had been lost.

"Like all the other reports, it's thank you very much and whack it in the filing cabinet" she said.

"We'll be doing this again in another five years."

Mr Wild said the government strategy was completely at odds with the recommendations.

"The way the government's operated in the last five or six weeks is to cut (them) out of the loop altogether," he said.

"The only way to solve these problems is to get the people involved in them and work bottom up, not to impose them in a paternalistic, patronising way."

Ms Anderson and Mr Wild also were perplexed at the government's decision to tie the land permit system to attempts to address indigenous child abuse.

"We never saw a relationship (between these two issues)," Ms Anderson said.

Also joining the chorus of criticism, the Australian Nursing Federation (ANF) released a statement saying it was 'deeply concerned' about the Government's approach and expressed alarm at the speed at which legislation had been developed and the lack of consultation from affected communities.

"While the ANF welcomes action to deal with Indigenous sexual abuse, it is deeply concerned about the impact of legislation that fails to take into account the recommendations of health and Indigenous affairs organisations," ANF federal secretary Jill Liffie said.

"We have been appealing to the Federal Government to address serious disadvantage in Indigenous communities for many years. After 11 years of neglect the ANF questions the Federal Government's haste in rushing through legislation that appears to ignore key recommendations in the *Little Children are Sacred* report."

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Olga Havnen, coordinator of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations of NT, discusses lobbying tactics with Oxfam policy director James Ensor.

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Our Club, Our Future Sporting Uniform Grants Program

Sporting clubs across Victoria have the opportunity to apply for special funding for essential sports uniform clothing and footwear.

Made possible through the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games budget savings, the Victorian Government is making \$1.5 million available to help clubs purchase sports uniforms.

Up to \$1,000 will be available to each club through the **Our Club, Our Future Sporting Uniform Grants Program**. Priority will be given to junior clubs and clubs from areas of disadvantage.

Applications close on 3 September 2007.

Applications are now open online at www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

To obtain copies of the guidelines and application forms or contact details for help with your application, please call our Grants Information Line on **1300 366 356** (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8.30am and 10.00pm (except public holidays).

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The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is calling for applications for the Rural Indigenous Engagement Pilot Programme.

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be available for innovative projects to increase the engagement of Indigenous Australians in agriculture, fishing, forest and related industries. Projects could include:

- developing communication, leadership and/or practical skills;
- encouraging interaction between Indigenous Australians and rural industry, government and community leaders;
- mentoring or coaching sessions/workshops; and
- innovative information sharing and awareness-raising activities.

Who can apply?

Non-government Indigenous organisations, and other organisations or businesses that support Indigenous participation in the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector.

Applications close 5.00pm AEST, 31 August 2007.

For further information, or to apply, visit www.daff.gov.au/advancingindustries, phone 1800 686 175 or email AAI@daff.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Local Community Grants Program Round 2 – 2007/2008

Calling on all local, non-profit organisations whose activities and initiatives help bring life to the city of villages.

The City of Sydney encourages organisations to make applications for financial assistance to help bring their ideas and vision to fruition.

Funds are available for 2007/2008 Local Community Grants - Round 2 (assistance up to \$5,000).

This program provides one-off grants to organisations based in or providing community services or cultural projects in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, for the period 1 February 2008 to 30 September 2008.

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 2 October 2007**.

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

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

A community information session will be held in the Marconi Room, Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday 21 August 2007 at 5.30 pm to provide detailed information about the program. See the City's website or call the City on 9265 9333 for more information.

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Aboriginal leaders hold a press conference outside Parliament House as part of their bid to halt the NT emergency legislation.

Opposing views

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Mr Brough told the *Koori Mail* that the report did not go far enough.

"We totally disagreed with the recommendations. We've made it clear that we agree with about the first half of the first recommendation, which says this should be a national priority for both the Territory and the Federal Government.

"We agree with that. There was not one additional policeman in 90 odd recommendations. I mean that beggars belief ... how can you be serious about saying we're going to protect people but were still going to allow this lie to be lived that you're protected by a permit. It's pathetic.

"We've said from day one that this report was accurate and stark in its findings and totally inadequate in its response and we still say that. Twelve weeks after it has been given to the Territory Government, months after the interim report was given. There hasn't been one thing done by the Territory Government ... we've acted because they haven't ... because kids are sacred if you like ... and kids deserve to have a future. ...

Sue Gordon, the magistrate chairing the Indigenous task force, backed the Government when she told the Senate inquiry that she understood concerns over a lack of consultation with Aboriginal people about the wide-ranging changes being introduced in their towns.

But the child abuse gripping the territory's remote townships called for immediate action.

"I appreciate the people's concerns for lack of consultation," Dr Gordon told the hearing.

"But ... this was an emergency, and if you have an emergency like a tsunami or a cyclone you don't have time to consult people in the initial phases. Every day that there's a delay, that means there's another child at risk."

Meanwhile, Australian Greens leader Bob Brown has claimed that the legislation would be stuck down by the high court, according to the opinion of a top lawyer.

Senator Brown said Brian Walters SC had given the opinion that the legislation proposes the acquisition of Indigenous property subject to payment of 'a reasonable amount of compensation'.

But Section 51 of the Constitution says property may only be acquired on 'just terms'.

Mr Walters said the legislation purported to authorise acquisition of property on terms other than the constitutional guarantee of just terms and would be struck down as void in any legal challenge.

Senator Brown said the NT legislation invented a new form of compensation not yet tested in the courts and deliberately different to 'just terms'.

Because it is deliberately different to just terms it will not survive in the courts," he told reporters.

"This is a very serious matter. Here we have the government treating Aboriginal land as *terra nullius*, as if

they were empty, as if they weren't of concern to anybody, as if they were something the Commonwealth can take over and justify on the terms of providing services or Commonwealth money in other forms."

Senator Brown said this was a racist, illegal and unconstitutional takeover.

Despite having reservations about the move, Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd has said a Labor government would continue with the Federal Government's intervention.

"We will, we believe this needs to be given a fair opportunity to run because these problems have been so intractable for so long," he said.

But NT Chief Minister Claire Martin said she was frustrated by the position of her Federal colleagues.

"The NT government has consistently opposed these measures because they have nothing to do with attacking the problem of child abuse," Ms Martin said.

"I'm also disappointed about the Federal Opposition's support of the land acquisition and permit provisions of the Federal Government's proposed intervention legislation."

Ms Martin said her government team had spent a lot of time talking to bush communities and the message was 'loud and clear'.

"Don't take our land or change the permit system ...

"That message was delivered by the Aboriginal delegation in Canberra and I am disappointed the message has not been heard." — with AAP



Dr Sue Gordon

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Above: Olympic champion Nova Peris is critical about the Federal Government's lack of consultation in its NT intervention strategy "You can't just walk into a community and tell them to do it, you have to work with them".

WINSTON ABRAHAM: Former AFL player Winston Abraham has been travelling with Ms Peris in WA "I talk to the Health Workers and tell them to talk to the people and encourage them to come in to the clinic".

Olympian urges more community involvement

By KEN BOASE. Photos by ALITA BOASE.



Former Olympic champion Nova Peris has criticised the Federal Government's methods in dealing with the crisis in

remote communities in the Northern Territory, saying that the strategy is not inclusive enough and will not succeed without proper community involvement.

Ms Peris made the comments at the *Healthy for Life* community open day at the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service in Perth, one of many such open days the Olympic gold medalist has attended in her role as a consultant to the Federal Health department.

Ms Peris said she had attended community open days at 26 communities around Australia encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 and over to attend their local clinic for regular health checks.

The event at DYHS in Perth was her 34th event this year with another 12 planned, and she's been accompanied in Western Australia for former Dockers and North Melbourne AFL player

Winston Abraham.

Ms Peris said that Indigenous people reacted positively to good health messages if done in the right way, but the Howard Government's approach needed to be more inclusive to achieve the required outcome.

"I'm one of many Indigenous leaders who are saying it's fantastic that the government is promoting health checks but it's the way that you do things," Ms Peris said.

"We work with the community and community leaders are always willing to talk to their communities and urge everyone to get health checks but you can't just walk into a community and tell them to do it, you have to work with them."

"There was a community I visited only two days after the intervention plan started and there was an Elder who brought all his grandchildren in with them because he heard that we were going to be there and the clinic did 57 health checks that day."

"Five of the kids had issues that needed to be dealt with straight away and the infections they had could have led to kidney failure so open days like this are very important for the communities."

"Kidney disease and diabetes is prevalent amongst numerous

communities and early diagnosis means prevention

"You have to promote the message in a culturally appropriate way, especially in communities where English is a 3rd or 4th language."

"You can't force people to have their health checked, and that's a human right for Indigenous people and everyone else."

Mr Abraham said that using Indigenous role models like him and Ms Peris was important to provide a link between the community and Health Workers at the various clinics.

"We try to make sure that parents get their kids to get health check and be comfortable doing that and so we talk to the kids and encourage them and their parents," Mr Abraham said.

"The grandparents are the ones pushing for the kids to get help and we work with the parents to make them feel comfortable about going to the medical clinics."

"I talk to the health workers and tell them to talk to the people and encourage them to come in to the clinic and get them a cup of tea and talk to them and then the next time they come in they'll look for that face and then they'll talk to the health workers."

Landmark ruling offers new hope

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August. "Many members of the Stolen Generations will now wish to seek justice following (this) ruling," said Mr Highland.

"Instead of adding to the suffering of these people, governments should negotiate a settlement with the Stolen Generations that avoids ongoing litigation."

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement CEO, Neil Gillespie applauded the SA Government's decision not to challenge the compensation awarded but said more was needed to heal the hurt for others.

"ALRM would like to see the State Government establish a form of tribunal to address any further claims through a compensation fund," he said.

Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said the judgment should serve 'as a wake-up call to the government as a whole' and he hoped positives would come from the judgment, such as an apology or monetary compensation. Mr Fraser's Co-Chair Lowitja O'Donoghue said it was now time for governments to 'accept the history of this country'.

"It does have a dark history and of course the Stolen Generations are just part of that," she said. "The history wars, they need to stop, the denials need to stop. We cannot go on spending money on court cases. With the costs of all of the cases that have been run already, compensation could already have been paid."

The National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) described the decision as a win, not only for Mr Trevorrow but also for all members of the Stolen Generations.

Democrat MP Sandra Kanck urged the Rann Government to develop a Stolen Generations compensation package, and Reconciliation Victoria CEO Frank Hytten said the SA ruling should stand as a lesson for the new Victorian Cabinet.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough quickly ruled out a Commonwealth compensation fund.

"No one has litigated against the Federal Government," he told ABC Radio. "The majority of the cases, if not all of the cases, revolved around states as well as church organisations."

"And I think that is a fairly longstanding understanding of the consequences and the circumstances, and hence the sort of litigation that has occurred has not been against the Commonwealth."

The Commonwealth's response to the *Bringing Them Home* report, tabled a decade ago, focused on counselling and link-up services for Stolen Generations members and their families.

Tom Trevorrow said his younger brother was still struggling to come to terms with his Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal side, a connection that the rest of his family had been able to take for granted.

"This day is about very mixed emotions and that's what Bruce has been putting up with for years," he said.

"This is what is affecting all the other Stolen Generations out there; that mixed emotion of where and how do they fit in? They don't fit into the white man's world and they're not fully fitting in with their Aboriginal side. They're in limbo world until something happens that allows them to feel free and to fit into their Aboriginal lifestyle."

In the maelstrom of media and public interest in his case, Bruce Trevorrow was frank but optimistic about what the future holds for him. "I still feel down sometimes. Over the years, I have had medication and I'm still on depression tablets. It's going to be a long-term thing because the doctors feel that a lot of the scarring is from years ago."

"So I have to just manage it. It's going to be all the time stress for me. It won't go away but hopefully that'll be a bit easier now that I've had this decision."

Before heading back to Balmsdale to rejoin his family, he said he saw himself as a book in chapters.

"One chapter closes and another one opens so I will just work on that chapter," he told the *Koori Mail*. "I think that book will have a happy ending, with my family around me, a very different ending to what it might have been." — with AAP.



Tom Trevorrow (closest to camera), with his brother George Trevorrow and sister Alice Abdullah.

Sculpture wins prize

Story and photos by
SOLUA MIDDLETON



A 600kg sculpture of a crocodile and a man won this year's prestigious 24th Annual Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award in Darwin last week.

Badu Islander Dennis Nona, who resides in Cairns, won the \$40,000 prize for his work, *Ubirikubin*.

Mr Nona said he was shocked to receive the award.

In addition to the Telstra Art Award, there were prizes in four other categories each worth \$4000:

- The Telstra General Painting was won by Angelina George for her work, *Near Ruined City*.

- The Telstra Bark Painting Award was won by Margaret Rarru Garrawurra for her work, *Ngarra Body Paint Design*.

- The Telstra Works on Paper was won by Alick Tipoti for his work, *Gubau Aimai Mabaigal*.

- The Wandjuk Marika Three-Dimensional Memorial Award was won by Laurie Nilsen

for his work, *Goolburris on the Bungil Creek*.

Angelina George, from north-east Arnhem Land, said she painted to encourage her children and their children to paint their Aboriginal stories.

"I do this for my children and their children and their grandchildren so they can learn this old lady didn't sit around and wait for the Government to pay her," she said.

Ms George, who turns 70 in November, said the country in her painting, *Near Ruined City*, is where Europeans would go and

shoot people, she said that in the middle of the painting there was a cave that was beautiful where the people could run away and be safe in.

Laurie Nilsen's, *Goolburris on the Bungil Creek* depicts emus made of barbed wire. Mr Nilsen said he has been making these emus since the 1990s.

"I want to highlight the emu and what happens to them when they get tangled up in the fences," he said.

"Also, we all grow up having to deal with barbed wire, getting fenced off our land, so there is all

sorts of political statements that go with it also."

For Margaret Rarru Garrawurra, this was her first art award, and she said she was very happy and proud.

Her painting is about the waterholes and the colours. There are three in the painting which represent body painting that are used for ceremony.

- The 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award is on display at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, 18 November 2007.



One of the dancers who presented the winners at the Art Award.



Vanessa Gambley from north-east Arnhem Land Yirrkala with Jeannie Chalmers of Darwin.



Performer Shellie Morris.



Francine Chinn and Ali Copley.



Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory Director Anna Malgorzewicz.



Award winner (left) Margaret Rarru Garrawurra stands with her sisters Helen Ganalmirawuy and Ruth Nalmakarra in front of her bark painting.



Rear from left Phillip McGuinness, Mary Lee, Ian Lee, Nadine Lee; front from left Tina Baum, Mikayla Earnsay and Mim Cole.



Louise Nganjmirra basket Manmileyirmiken Badjkid coloured with natural dyes.



Photographer and digital artist Jenny Fraser with award winner Laurie Nilsen.



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Northern Territory Minister for Justice and Attorney General Syd Stirling addressed the media preview.



The 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award Curator Franchesca Cubillo.



Torres Strait Island artist Dennis Nona's sculpture, *Ubirikubiri*, won the \$40,000 prize.



Shane Pickett's *Calling for Rain - the Wanyarang Suite*.



Gary Lee made the welcome to country.



Laurie Nilsen with his award winning work *Goolburris on the Bungil Creek*.



The \$4000 Telstra General Painting was won by Angelina George for her work *Near Ruined City*.



Netta Loogatha's work *Markakir*.



The crowd gathered at sunset for the 24th Annual Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

Wajemup Tentland to be replaced with a memorial



RIA Whadjuk Board member Karen Jacobs at the burial ground on Wajemup. "It will be reverted back to a public open space, but through that process we're going to involve as many of the Aboriginal community members as possible from right across the State in that re-landscaping project."



By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE.
Photo by
ALITA BOASE

The Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) has agreed to close a major tourist facility at Wajemup to make way for a memorial and interpretive centre to give proper recognition and respect to the hundreds of tribal men who perished on the island in the 19th and 20th Centuries.

The RIA has agreed to close the five-acre tourist camping area known as Tentland, where hundreds and possibly thousands of Aboriginal men are buried.

Wajemup was used as an island prison between 1838 and

1931, depriving all tribes in Western Australia of their male leadership as European settlement spread out from Goomap (Perth) after the British colony was established in 1829.

RIA Whadjuk board member Karen Jacobs said the devastation felt by Aboriginal groups all over Western Australia today can be traced back to the imprisonment of tribal leaders at Wajemup, most of whom died under terrible conditions on the island.

"We estimate that just over 4000 Aboriginal men, some as young as eight, were taken as prisoners and held in the Quod which we recognise as being the prison building," Ms Jacobs said.

"And there isn't too much information over the years to state

how many people actually left, so we're looking at roughly about 95% of the men that were imprisoned on the island lost their lives on the island and are buried throughout the whole burial ground or died trying to reach their tribal lands."

Ms Jacobs said that Tentland would be developed as a memorial to those who lost their lives, involving consultation with all tribal groups in Western Australia.

"It will be reverted back to a place of reflection and remembrance, and through that process we are involving as many of the Aboriginal community members as possible from right across the State in that re-landscaping project.

"So that through that part of the work they can actually deal with self healing and their spiritual connection to this land and their ancestors that are buried in this land."

Ground probing radar (GPR) had been used in recent years to establish the extent of the burial site.

"The last GPR was taken in 2005 which determined that the current boundary was much more extensive than what was believed to have been," Ms Jacobs said.

"So now we understand that all of Tentland, including some of the golf course and probably including some of the oval is included in that whole burial ground boundary."

Ms Jacobs said the RIA had

agreed that Aboriginal heritage issues had to be a priority for the island to continue to thrive as an international tourist destination.

"They've actually acknowledged that the Aboriginal heritage of the island is a priority and is very significant."

"They're still working through just how do we work with the Aboriginal heritage to maintain the holiday atmosphere and the ongoing economic development for the island itself."

An official ceremony will be held later this year to honour those buried on the island and to mark the beginning of the restoration of the burial ground as a place of reflection and memorial.




Funding for neighbourhood and community centres

Funding is available for neighbourhood and community centres across Queensland to undertake building upgrades and minor capital works.

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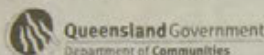
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Funding to help young offenders and their families – far north Queensland

Funding is available for a new service in far north Queensland to respond to young people who are at risk of involvement — or who are already involved — in the criminal justice system, and to support their families.

The Young Offender Community Response Service (including Bail Support Service) will be piloted in far north Queensland for four years and is expected to work closely with the Department of Communities' Youth Justice Service Centres. Phone your local regional office or visit www.communities.qld.gov.au to obtain an information package.

Funding submissions must be lodged with the department by 4 pm Monday 24 September 2007.



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Request for Tender

PROVISION OF CONTRACT SERVICES FOR A PANEL OF PROJECT MANAGERS TO MANAGE SMALL BUILDING WORKS IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

Tender No. FaCSIA/07/RFT594

The Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) invites suitably qualified organisations to tender for the provision of contract services for a panel of project managers to manage small building works in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. The project is funded by the Australian Government and is to be delivered over five years.

Tender documentation may be obtained from the AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au.

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Duration of Promotion:

The promotion commences on Wednesday 15 August 2007 and closes at 5pm on Thursday 30 August 2007.

Details of prizes and prize values:

There is a total of 16 double passes to the *Across the Great Divide* Concert Tour i.e. one double pass for each of the 16 concerts listed below. Entrants must nominate the concert/s of their choice. Entrants can nominate a maximum of two concerts but must indicate their first and second preference. The first entry drawn nominating a particular concert will win the double pass for that concert. Each double pass (valued at \$198) will constitute one entire prize. Total prize value is \$3136. Winners are responsible for travel to and from concerts. Prizes will be available from the box office or ticket office at each

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The draw will be conducted at 12 noon on Friday 31 August 2007 at the offices of legal firm Gordon Barr and Associates at 9-11 Molesworth Street Lismore NSW 2480 by a representative of the Koori Mail, in the presence of a Justice of the Peace.

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Rising star with her feet firmly on the ground



Ursula Yovich's star continues to rise, with the Northern Territory actor

taking out one of Australia's top theatre prizes last week.

At a flash ceremony at Sydney's Capitol Theatre last Monday, Sydney-based Yovich was named Helpmann Awards Best Female Actor in a Play, an honour previously bestowed on high-wattage star Cate Blanchett.

Yovich won for her role in Company B's *Capricornia*, based upon Xavier Herbert's 1934 epic novel.

Capricornia is set in the NT and explores simmering racial tensions.

Yovich's winning performance came under the director of Aboriginal director Wesley Enoch.

Yovich played a 14-year-old girl Aboriginal girl forced to live in a compound because of government removal policies.

The grounded actor and singer told the NT News that she didn't expect to win.

"I tried to convince myself I wasn't going to win," she said.

"It's all a bit of a blur. But I was in pretty good company."

In the past few years, Yovich has performed in *The Sapphires* with Deborah Mailman – for which she was also nominated for a Helpmann – and the 2006 film *Jindabyne*. Last year, she starred in the Sydney Theatre Company's production of *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie*.

Yovich is now en route to Kununurra, in Western Australia's Kimberley region, to join Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman and others on location for Baz Luhrmann's film, *Australia*.

Deborah Mailman also triumphed this year, being nominated for Best Female Actor in a Supporting Role in



Actor and singer Ursula Yovich, who was named Best Female Actor in a Play in the 2007 Helpmann Awards last week. – NewsPix Photo

a Play for her role in the Sydney Theatre Company's production *The Lost Echo*.

The Helpmann Awards, named in honour of Sir Robert Helpmann, recognise, celebrate and promote Australia's live performance industry, similar to the Tony Awards on Broadway and the Olivier Awards in London.

Previous Helpmann Award

winners include David Campbell, comedy duo Colin Lane and Frank Woodley, industry veteran Robert Grubb, Bangarra Dance Theatre (which won Best New Australian Work in 2003 for *Walkabout*) and Bangarra's Stephen Page (who won Best Choreography in a Ballet or Dance Work in 2002 for *Corroboree*).

Milestone year for human rights awards



Nominations have opened for the 2007 Human Rights Medal and Awards. The awards, started by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) in 1987, recognise

contributions made to Australian society on the issues of human rights, social justice and equality.

"The Human Rights Medal and Awards celebrate their 20th anniversary this year and provide an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of individuals and organisations by nominating them for these prestigious awards," said HREOC President John von Doussa, QC.

"You don't have to be famous or well known for your efforts to enter – the medal and awards are about celebrating the efforts of those who

work tirelessly everyday without fuss to promote and protect human rights and to overcome discrimination in Australia."

Each year HREOC receives outstanding nominations for the Human Rights Medal and award categories of Law, Community (individual and organisation), Arts Non-Fiction, Print Media, Television and Radio.

"Former winners have made an outstanding contribution within their communities or done so through the practice of law, through writing books about human rights issues or through their work in the media," said Mr von Doussa.

To nominate the achievements of an individual or organisation for the 2007 Human Rights Medal or one of the award categories, fill in the entry form located at www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards or phone 02 9284 9618 and forward supporting material by 5 October 2007.

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Request for Tender

PROVISION OF CONTRACT SERVICES FOR A PANEL OF TRADE CONTRACTORS FOR SMALL BUILDING WORKS IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

Tender No. FaCSIA/07/RFT595

The Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) invites suitably qualified organisations to tender for the provision of contract services for a panel of trade contractors for small building works in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. The project is funded by the Australian Government and is to be delivered over five years.

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The Magna Carta effect

Story by KEN BOASE
Photos by ALITA BOASE



A group of tribal descendants of the Perth region has announced the formation of an Aboriginal parliament using the 700-year-old English law document

the Magna Carta as the legal basis of the group's constitution.

While the WA legal fraternity appears split on the likely success of such a move, there is general agreement that the Magna Carta provides more legal certainty for future policy decisions for Indigenous Australians than past organisations such as ATSIC, which was based on local government boundaries.

The new group, Whadjuk Tribal Sovereign Lands, was officially launched at the Katagarup (Kings Park) lookout in Perth on 1 August, and spokesman Cedric Jacobs said it would form the catalyst for a properly constituted Aboriginal parliament to dictate policy to government.

Mr Jacobs, a Whadjuk Nyoongar Elder, said the purpose of the organisation would be to act as the formal representative body for the Whadjuk tribe of Perth and to encourage other tribes to form similar groups as joining electorates.

"What is needed is a major paradigm shift in policy development in Australia, and that will only be put in place by Aboriginal people," Mr Jacobs said.

"Bloodline descendants are moving in that direction and rather than having death wish policies developed and written by colonials, we'll write policies by our own people which will usher in a new policy foundational base.

"When death wish policies are developed, it breeds contempt and disorientation, and the only way to deal with anti-social behaviour that comes out of that is to send in the police and the military.

"That is not the way to do it."

'Should be recognised'

Mr Jacobs said the WA Government should recognise his group as the formal traditional government of the Whadjuk Nyoongar people of the Perth region, the first such group to be formed under Indigenous sovereign law.

"We have formed ourselves into the Sovereign Tribal Parliament of Whadjuk.

"It is the sovereign tribal parliament which makes us a statutory body according to Aboriginal law, which our forefathers, our grandfathers and fathers and mothers stood for and died for."

The Whadjuk group's constitutional adviser, Daniel O'Sullivan, said the group was unique in its approach because its constitution had a non-political legal basis and had agreement in principle from some of WA's top legal minds.

"In fact, they've committed themselves to the writing of a model constitution for a Nyoongar nation government, accepting the challenge

● RIGHT: Whadjuk Tribal Sovereign Lands group spokesman Cedric Jacobs: "What is needed is a major paradigm shift in policy development in Australia, and that will only be put in place by Aboriginal people."



● LEFT: The Whadjuk group's constitutional adviser Daniel O'Sullivan: "Since the Magna Carta became the law of the land in Australia as a direct consequence of the Australia Act, then Aboriginal cases for Native Title rights in the High Court have succeeded."

of writing it in a manner that will be consistent with the Australian Constitution," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"It will also be consistent with the Australia Act, with Magna Carta, with the Native Title High Court decisions, and with decisions of the High Court that recognise the sovereignty of Indigenous nations."

Mr O'Sullivan said the Australia Act of 1986 changed Australia's legal status as a colony to that of having a common law consistent with British law, meaning that the principles of the Magna Carta then had a legal basis in Australia.

"The Australia Act 1986 changed our status from what it was which was a self-administering federation of British prison colonies.

"But since then, our constitutional status is that we're sovereign, independent and federal with all of the human rights legislation and constitutional legislation of the United Kingdom," he said.

"The Magna Carta only became law in 1986 as a direct consequence of the Australia Act.

"It is essentially a peace treaty between England and Wales, after Wales was forcibly incorporated into the United Kingdom early in the 13th Century.

"Since the Magna Carta became the law of the land in Australia as a direct consequence of the Australia Act, then Aboriginal cases for native title rights in the High Court have succeeded.

"All the High Court decisions on native title have been consistent with Magna Carta. If Eddie Mabo (Koiki) had got his case to the High Court before 1986, he would have lost."

However Perth barrister Greg McIntyre, who represented Koiki in the court hearings leading up to the historic 1993 historic Native Title decision, said he disagreed with the conclusions arrived at by Mr O'Sullivan.

"The Australia Act generally had the consequence of cutting the statutory apron strings which connected the Australian States to the United Kingdom and abolishing appeals to the Privy Council," Mr McIntyre said.

"The common law which existed in Australia up until that time, as it had been inherited from Britain, continued on.

"The main result of the Australia Act was that it was no longer necessary for a State Parliament to ask, when enacting a new law, whether it would be repugnant to a law of the British Parliament."

However Mr McIntyre agreed that the Magna Carta could be a useful legal tool for all Aboriginal groups to use as a guide to writing a constitution.

"The Magna Carta was the first agreement as to the civil rights of the citizen forged with the British sovereign and provides a good traditional event from which to draw an ethos of observance of the rule of law and respect for the rights of the citizen," he said.

Govt says boozing soldiers in video just 'letting off steam'



The Federal Government has shrugged off a video of Australian troops' binge drinking, in which one recruit appears as a Ku Klux Klansman, as a case of soldiers letting off steam.

The military is conducting an inquiry into the 'abhorrent' video, shot three years ago at Darwin's Robertson Barracks and recently posted on the YouTube Internet site.

Entitled My Experience in the Australian Army, the video shot by someone no longer serving with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) shows a group of young recruits playing drinking games and vomiting.

Some were in army uniform, and an image of one dressed in a white sheet and hood like a member of the US white supremacist group the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) is flashed repeatedly through the footage.

Prime Minister John Howard urged the public not to over react.

"I have some understanding of the disposition of people in these situations to let off a bit of steam," Mr Howard said on 5 August.

"Let the military deal with those things in their own way.

"I just think people can over-react with these things. People get into a lather and sweat and so on ... let's be sensible about this."

Defence Minister Brendan Nelson took a similar line about the soldiers' behaviour.

"I suspect a lot of it is letting off steam and a bit of larkin irreverence," Dr Nelson told ABC Radio.

"I also suspect some of it has crossed the line and is quite inappropriate and the Chief of Army will deal with it appropriately."

Darwin's 1st Brigade commander Brigadier Craig Orme said the inquiry would establish what action would be taken against those involved, although a 'significant' number of those filmed had since left the service.

Brigadier Orme said the behaviour was 'not in the least' common in the defence forces, describing it as 'abhorrent and inappropriate'.

"It's a terrible thing, it reflects badly and we don't tolerate it," he said.

The video has been taken down from YouTube by the person who posted it.

Federal Labor defence spokesman Joel Fitzgibbon said the ADF had taken the correct action but the Government's remarks were offensive.

"I'm very surprised by the Minister's attempt to frivolously dismiss the incident and to defend those involved," Mr Fitzgibbon said.

"There are different ways of letting off steam, but Defence itself has made it quite clear this is unacceptable behaviour."

Australia Defence Association spokesman Neil James said that while the military could not be singled out over binge drinking, the behaviour was unacceptable.

"This type of behaviour and then being stupid enough to put it on the internet just shows some of the Diggers don't have the required self-discipline to be a good soldier," Mr James told Sky News.

It's not the first time the military has been embarrassed by amateur video and photographs being made public.

Last year, images emerged from Iraq showing personnel fooling around with weapons, including one of a soldier holding a gun to the head of a man, possibly another Australian soldier, wearing Arabian robes and head dress.

In 2004, newspapers printed a photograph showing Australian soldiers again dressed in KKK-style hoods gathered behind seated Aboriginal and other dark-skinned soldiers. — AAP

National heritage listing for Wave Hill



The sites of a defining moment in Australian history and a turning point in Indigenous relations have been given Australia's highest heritage recognition – inclusion in the National Heritage List.

Federal Environment and Water Resources Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced on Thursday that he had placed the route of the Wave Hill Station Walk-off on the list.

"The events surrounding the 19-kilometre route and camp sites established in 1966 and 1967 by striking Indigenous workers from the Wave Hill Station, in the Northern Territory became known as the Wave Hill Walk-off," Mr Turnbull said.

At the time, Wave Hill was the largest cattle station in the world. But pay and living conditions for its Aboriginal pastoral workers were among the poorest in the country.

Aboriginal pastoral workers went on strike after the March 1966 decision by the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission to delay their payment of award wages. The Gurindji people's strike from Wave Hill began as part of the campaign for equal wages, but developed as a comprehensive rejection of their second-class role in the framework of the pastoral industry.

"The Gurindji wanted to run their own affairs on their own land so they set up a new community at Daguragu on traditional lands and in 1975 the Gurindji were given a pastoral lease to 3236 square kilometres of land purchased from Wave Hill," Mr Turnbull said.

"They were the first Aboriginal community to have land returned to them by the Commonwealth Government.

"The listing pays tribute to the important role of Vincent Lingiari, the leader of the Wave Hill walk-off.

"Vincent Lingiari was a great Australian and important historic figure who combined leadership on industrial issues with high authority in Aboriginal tradition and dignity in impoverished circumstances, exemplifying the Australian notion of 'a fair go'."

In 1975, then-Prime Minister Gough Whitlam poured sand through Vincent's fingers to signify the return of Wave Hill Station to the

Gurindji people.

Vincent Lingiari's quest was immortalised in the anthemic Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody song, *From Little Things Big Things Grow*.

Each year, the Gurindji, Mudbara and Walpiri people stage Freedom Day, a commemoration and celebration of the Wave Hill Walk-off.

Mr Turnbull said the Government would provide \$100,000 through the Indigenous Heritage Program to the nearby Daguragu/Kalkaringi Aboriginal community for interpretative displays in the Kalkaringi visitor centre, to be located in the old power station.

"This will include developing an interpretive landscape feature in the Kalkaringi visitor precinct that incorporates the work of Gurindji artists," he said.

"Funding will also assist in the documentation of the old Wave Hill Station and its oral history.

For more information, go to www.heritage.gov.au



Aboriginal photographer Merv Bishop's famous photo of Gough Whitlam pouring sand through Vincent Lingiari's fingers to signify the return of Wave Hill Station to the Gurindji people.

● **ABOVE:** At the 40 Years Freedom Day Festival at Kalkaringi, near Wave Hill, last August, Kalkaringi school children joined Kev Carmody to sing *From Little Things Big Things Grow*.

— Photo courtesy of the CLC



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The Gurindji strikers at Wattle Creek in 1967. Standing, back row, left to right, Bruce Peter, Sammy Panalis, Captain Major, unknown, Vincent Lingiari and Mick Ranglari; front row, Starlight, Roger Tjaparta, Joe Randal, Jerry Rooney, Old Major (on drum), Pincher Numiyari, Horace Wellman and Tim Vincent. — Photo copyright of Brian Manning

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



Every day that there's a delay, that means there's another child at risk."

Dr Sue Gordon,
Chairperson of the NT
Emergency Taskforce
on, well, the NT
emergency
intervention

Unquote

Plenty of devil in this detail

The problem with the Howard Government's rush to ram legislation through Parliament to support its emergency intervention in the Northern Territory is that there has been almost no time to absorb the detail.

With 500-pages of what Federal Indigenous Minister Mal Brough acknowledges is the most significant legislation dealing with Indigenous affairs in decades, fellow parliamentarians and Indigenous leaders have been left scrambling to try to absorb the various measures being proposed.

It is incredible that the Government sees nothing wrong with this picture. The obvious question is how would they feel if their lives were to be fundamentally changed with 24 hours notice? Although, of course, it would be unfathomable for them to ever be subjected to such a draconian act.

Minister Brough has too easily dismissed Indigenous leaders, academics, nurses, police and other critics of the Government. He has adopted the attitude throughout that you're either with him in protecting children from child abuse, or you're against him. Things are not that simple.

As a result, long-standing leaders in Indigenous affairs have been ostracised, rudely dealt with by the Minister, or simply ignored.

And while Mr Brough maintains that he has consulted widely with people at the grassroots level, weeks after the intervention measures were announced there has been little indication of who these supposedly countless people are



who are feeding the Minister his ideas.

No one is arguing that children in the NT should not be protected from drunkenness, family violence and child abuse. Everyone would agree that they deserve an education comparable with every other Australian child ... but in lumping land tenure issues in with child abuse strategies, the Government has opened itself up to sustained criticism. It just doesn't seem to care about that criticism.

And by introducing race-specific legislation that has no instrument of appeal, Mr Brough has chosen a paternalistic, top-down approach, which many experts say is doomed to fail.

The Federal Government has been quick to lay the blame at the feet of the Northern Territory Government, but when will there be any acknowledgement of its own failures in making progress in Indigenous affairs? It's time to pause and allow a proper national debate and consultation to take place. If this doesn't happen, then the Government will forever have to wear the accusations that its intervention strategy had more to do with an upcoming election than any thoughtful, genuine desire to improve the lives of Indigenous people.

A Yarn With...



Emma Jo Johnstone, 18
Retail assistant, Myers,
Cairns, Qld

Favourite Bush Tucker?
Snake (it tastes like chicken!)

Favourite other food?
Lasagne

Favourite drink?
Water

Favourite music?
All types

Favourite movie?
The Gods Must Be Crazy

Favourite leisure/past-time?
Art, swimming and being active

Favourite holiday destination?
Warnambool, Vic (Great Ocean Road)

What are you reading?
My Body, My Enemy: My Thirteen Year Battle with Anorexia Nervosa, by Claire Beeken and Rosanna Greenstreet.

What are you watching?
Documentaries about animals

What do you like in life?
I like nature and things like sunrises, sunsets, and family.

What don't you like in life?
I don't like people who are judgmental and rude.

Who would you most like to meet?
Naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough

Who would you invite for a night around a campfire?
I would ask my sister Annie and my mum, David Attenborough and Tracey Chapman cos she's my favourite singer and she could play her guitar.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?
More employment and Aboriginal people to go into the communities to broaden their horizons, not to tell them what to do but to help them get out of this big circle that keeps revolving. They need people to go to them because a lot of Aboriginal girls I've met have really low self-esteem, they need people to come to them.

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Everything is possible

... The impossible just takes longer



Jim Hagan speaking at Darwin last month after being named NAIDOC 2007 joint Male Elder of the Year.



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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Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929-94) wife of John F. Kennedy, First Lady of the US 1961-3, once said: "If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do well - matters very much."

I support the profound words of eloquence from the former First Lady of the United States - as the actions of parents of Indigenous children, especially their child rearing practices, will have serious ramifications for us all today, and in the years to come if proven to be harmful.

If lessons are not learned, and damaged minds healed, then adverse inter-generational symptoms will continue to be played out in thousands of Indigenous homes around the nation on a regular - if not daily basis - for many of our mob.

The insidious diseases of alcoholism, drug dependency, domestic violence and paedophilia have no colour prejudice or adherence to social etiquette when afflicting its victims.

If you wish to drink and take drugs to excess and become consumed by uncontrollable

jealousy, then you're a possible candidate for the above-mentioned insidious bug.

While the symptoms are widespread - the cure is unfortunately something you can't just buy in a packet or bottle at your local pharmacy.

What I believe we need to do to assist us in addressing many of our social ills is to return to the past to find answers for the future.

Take, for example my father Jim Hagan who most definitely wasn't born into a life of comfort.

His grandmother Trella was a Kullilli lady from far south-west Queensland, whose memory of her early childhood, like her ancestors before her, was one of having no recollection of the European race.

But in her later teenage years Trella's lifestyle as she knew it changed irreversibly with the unannounced arrival of a travelling band of peculiar looking white people in unfamiliar clothing on to her country.

Included in this horde of pale-skinned invaders in search of instant riches and a new beginning was an oddly appealing fellow who became openly besotted by her - an Irishman named Joseph Hagan.

Joseph Hagan, a hard-working entrepreneurial man who turned his hand at all challenging rural pursuits, continued his affair with the beautiful Trella on her traditional country and had several children with her before returning to southern New South Wales to be with his Irish wife and their 13 children.

When Trella and Joseph's son Albert reached working age, he travelled within his vast traditional lands working from one cattle property to another before meeting and settling down with his wife Jessie, from the neighbouring Mardigany tribe, on the fringe of Cunnamulla, with a long-term goal of providing a stable education base for their expanding family.

Albert emulated his Irish father, not in the procreation stakes, but as an entrepreneur running his own grocery store in a fringe camp populated by more than 300 other displaced traditional owners who arrived in the 'Yumba' of necessity rather than choice.

Try picturing an Indigenous man, in 1937 - 30 years before the Referendum, setting up a grocery store with no electricity or running water selling non-perishables in direct opposition to the local Chamber of Commerce members two kilometres away, who frowned on him as a dumb black who was financially inept and who they

thought wouldn't last a week in that commercially challenging line of business.

Albert, who successfully managed his flourishing business for many years, wanted more than anything else to be a positive role model for his children and grandchildren.

To that end, he exceeded all expectations.

Albert's youngest son, Jim - my father - benefited from a good formal education before leaving school at 14 to be taken under the guiding arms of his mother's brother, as was the tradition, to learn the ways of the pastoral industry.

When Dad was in his early 20s, he met and later married my mother Jean Mitchell, a proud Kooma woman, on the Cunnamulla fringe camp where she lived with her parents.

It is rather ironic that both Dad and Mum's only form of income at that time was from the minimum wage earned by working cattle or toiling as a domestic servant scrubbing dirty floors, pots and pans in the sprawling homesteads of white land lords who grew fatter in wealth and girth by the hour - on the land that was once owned by our forebears.

Mum, after marriage, gave up her domestic job to raise a family while Dad continued his calling in the cattle industry.

There was no welfare income to speak of and all able-bodied men and women, who chose to, enjoyed full-time or casual work in the pastoral industry or in and around the nearby township.

In 1967 Dad sought a personal loan from his station manager for a deposit on a parcel of land in the township. With good references from the Mayor and President of the local branch of the Labor Party, he was successful with an application for a housing loan from the Commonwealth Bank.

Dad was the first Aboriginal to design and build his own house in Cunnamulla.

Following in the footsteps of his industrious father Albert, Dad also demonstrated great leadership ability in setting up crucial Indigenous housing and legal services to provide better opportunities for his people to escape the appalling conditions experienced by them in that era.

Dad went from being a humble stockman to holding the highest public office for Indigenous Australians when in 1980 he became the Chairman of the National Aboriginal Conference.

In the same year, he became the first Aboriginal to address the United Nations in Geneva when

representing the Nookambah traditional owners in their fight to stop mining on their sacred lands in Western Australia.

So what are the lessons learned today from my personal journey of discovery?

1: Housing, as it was in my grandfather and father's era, is still the principal concern for Indigenous families. Sadly, it is commonplace today for as many as 20 people from three generations of the same family to live in a three-bedroom house sharing one toilet and shower.

Possible solution: In the short term, prioritise funding for housing modelled around donga-style accommodation (two bedrooms) offered and erected quickly on mining sites to house their hundreds of workers in remote areas. As land is often not an issue, make sure they are built on a minimum of five hectares per house per family and when significant funds are available, build on the existing configuration or construct a new home.

2: Alcohol and drug dependency, although not a major problem in the past, is today out of control and is seen as the primary cause of all anti-social behaviour and rampant violence that taints communities and creates dysfunction within family units.

Possible solution: Build alcohol and drug detoxification centres outside the communities but within walking distance, fully staffed by professionals as well as appropriate community members - to wean our affected mob off their addictions. And through extensive community consultation, develop an alcohol management plan (regulating hours and sales quantity, selling low-strength alcohol only - or ban the sale of alcohol altogether). Confiscate and sell vehicles/boats of alcohol and drug runners as a deterrent and use the proceeds from crime for identified community projects.

3: Unemployment has created an idle passive group of people living within our communities who will sink further into the quagmire of despair of their own making the longer it is allowed to fester.

Possible solution: Double the old CDEP annual allocation and make work compulsory for all participants for a minimum of four days a week at the award rate (only applicable to a Labor government which can rename the project as the Howard administration has rendered CDEP defunct). Make training compulsory in plumbing, carpentry and horticulture. Create industries to enhance community and

personal wealth.

This is taking on responsibility and building community capacity. It is developing essential skills to fix issues like plumbing or basic repairs and maintenance projects that have been left dangerously unattended in rented homes for too long. The new pay scale will increase community members' personal income base which will make home ownership an affordable reality.

Every five-hectare property should have its own fruit and vegetable patch out the back as well as a dozen chickens in a special enclosure to supplement the family's diet and lessen the burden on their grocery bills.

I'd much rather see children collect eggs than empty beer bottles and cans on a daily basis.

4: Education is a major problem with most communities as most schools fail dismally to reach the national benchmarks in years 3, 5 and 7 for numeracy and literacy.

Possible solution: Place teachers in discrete communities on a base salary and remunerate them with a sizeable boost to their pay if they achieve benchmarks. If they don't reach benchmarks, don't pay them any bonuses or move them out of the community and replace them with more committed teachers. Teachers in consultation with community leaders and parents should identify smarter children for scholarships to Years 11 and 12 and then onto tertiary studies.

If you think this is all beyond the good folk living in discrete communities, think of Albert Hagan who started off with no government welfare to depend on while trying to provide for a growing family in a tin humpy with no running water or electricity in an era where Indigenous people had no rights.

Albert dared to think outside the box and began a legacy that was emulated on 13 July in Darwin when his son and grandson became the first father and son ever to win consecutive national NAIDOC awards in different categories for outstanding achievements as Person of the Year 2006 and Elder of the Year 2007.

To this day I still reflect on the triumph of the effective child rearing practices passed on through the generations from my great grandmother Trella whenever I read Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' famous quote "If you bungle raising your children I don't think whatever else you do well - matters very much."

A social program for young Indigenous people with a mild disability

is available at Holden Hill Community Centre South Australia.

If you are aged 18-25 years of age and are interested in a social program on Friday evenings 6pm-10pm contact Leona on (08) 83977215.

There will be centre based and outside venues. Transport, supper and admission to venues will be provided.

Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

Currawong Workers' Holiday Camp, Pittwater

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 14 September 2007.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing.

If you have any questions please phone Rick Shapter, Aboriginal Heritage Officer on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8567, or Bronwyn Hanna on (02) 9873 8585.

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MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

Appointment of Official Visitors to Correctional Centres

Invitation for interested persons to make application for appointment as Official Visitors

Official Visitors are required to visit the centre to which they are appointed, once a fortnight. Their role is to facilitate the resolution of complaints and inquiries made by inmates and staff. They are also required to provide regular reports to the Commissioner of Corrective Services and the Minister for Justice. Appointments are made for a term of up to 2 years.

Essential requirements: Superior communication skills; awareness of and ability to understand the needs of Aboriginal people and people of non-English speaking backgrounds; knowledge of, or experience in the use of, conciliation and mediation techniques to solve problems. Applicants will be required to undergo a criminal record check prior to appointment.

Official Visitors are paid \$104 for each official visit not exceeding one half day or \$207 for each official visit exceeding a half day. Incidental expenses incurred will be met. Inquiries may be directed to Michael O'Brien, on (02) 9228 4977.

Written applications should be forwarded to: The Minister for Justice, Attention Michael O'Brien, GPO Box 5341 Sydney 2001 by 24 August 2007.

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Bank fee traps

Last month, the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) worked with a family who were being charged \$300 per month in dishonour and over-withdrawn fees to their bank account.

These high fees resulted from several direct debit payments going haywire. The moment that there was not enough money left in the account to cover a direct debit payment, was the moment the family started experiencing problems with bank fees. Before they knew it, the family owed \$3,000 in fees alone.

The problem outlined above is not an isolated incident. Many people have felt the sting of bank fees in one form or another. Have you ever checked your bank account to suddenly find you have been charged \$20, \$30, even \$70 in fees and not even known why you were charged so much money?

There are four basic fees that you will see on your bank statements: service fees when withdrawing money, account balance fees, dishonour fees and over-withdrawn fees. It's important to understand how fees are charged to your bank account so you can keep them to a minimum and keep more money in your account.

Service fees are the amount of money you pay each time you use a 'service' offered by the bank. Every bank is different, so every bank will probably charge you a different fee for using their services. There are some standards that apply to service fees that we will look at here.

Using EFTPOS (Electronic Funds Transfer Point of Sale) is usually much cheaper than using an ATM (Automatic Teller Machine) service to take out money. EFTPOS services are usually available at your local shop and if you are making a purchase, you can take out extra money. Fees for using EFTPOS usually average around 50 to 60 cents, whereas fees for using an ATM usually depend on what type of ATM you use. For example, if you use your own bank's ATM, you will not usually be charged a fee. If you use an ATM that is a private service and not one belonging to a bank, like a 'Cash Card ATM', you will be paying for using that service. The cost of using a non-bank ATM can range from \$1 to \$2.50, on top of the fees that your bank will charge you for not using their ATM.

Account balance fees usually incur a



\$1 to \$3 fee every time you use an ATM machine that is not your own bank's. ICAN often sees fees rack up on people's accounts when they check the balance when there is no money in their account. This happens usually on pay day morning when people may be waiting for their pay to be deposited into their account.

Dishonour and over-withdrawn fees are perhaps the most expensive of all bank fees. These fees usually occur when a person has set up a direct debit facility for making payments on a regular time schedule. The dishonour fee incurs when there is not enough money left in the bank account and the payment is scheduled to be taken out by direct debit. The over-withdrawn fee occurs when there is not enough money left in the account to cover the direct debit payment and the bank lets it go through anyway, over-drawing your account. At \$20 to \$35 each, the cost of such fees is high, depending on the type of bank account you hold.

All of these fees can start to add up to a lot of money. Let's look at how you can start saving on bank fees. Here are some helpful tips to cut down on fees:

● Banks offer many different types of accounts, to suit your needs. If you use your bank account every day, you can find an account that fits with your needs. There are even fee-free accounts available for children, students and pensioners.

● Use EFTPOS to take out money

when you can.

● Use your own bank's ATM when you can. Usually this is not offered in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities, so it's best to use ATMs available there only once a week or when you really need to.

● Check your account balance sparingly. You can set up telephone or Internet banking for easy access to your bank balance. In remote communities where Internet banking may not be accessible, you can use telephone banking by calling up your bank on their 1300 number instead of using ATMs that may add high fees to your account.

● Make sure that you have money in your bank account when you have a direct debit payment agreement set up. You must have enough money to cover those payments.

Your bank can give you advice on what type of account is best suited to your needs, so you can reduce your fees. If you need help with dealing with your bank fees or would like general consumer advice, you can call ICAN at: 1300 369 878. ICAN is a free consumer advice and assistance service for Indigenous Australians nationwide. Check out the ICAN website at: <http://www.ican.org.au>

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

Testing the waters over testing

I was down at the community centre the other day for this course I am doing. It was lunchtime and everyone was in the kitchen suffocating the food.

No good, biggest mob outside too! Luckily, I sniffed out a seat and sat down.

Everyone was yarnin' to each other and people came and went as they finished their lunch. I'd finished my lunch and the conversation went quiet. I got up to go when the guy next to me asked me something about my course. We discussed that, the conversation went quiet again, and I'd get up to go. Then he would ask me something again!

After a third time I thought 'Yep. This fella was winding up to ask me something!'

When the conversation went quiet again I just sat there looking around waiting for him to yarn. After hearing about his day, his whole life story and everyone else had left the table, he slowly spoke.

He was in a new relationship with this one and things were getting serious. They both wanted to go to the next level but he'd heard these yarns around town about her (not that he cared) but he was worried about something.

We sat there thinking and yarning for a good while, when my mob was called back to class. We were gonna have to wait for afternoon to finish our yarn.



Ms KOORI LOVE

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By the end of afternoon tea I had it all sussed it out. He was worried about asking her if she'd had a STI test lately. He really didn't mind about her past, just how it could affect their future.

When you want to ask someone something personal and a little bit embarrassing, think about these things. Choose the right time and place: payday is not a good day to ask for anything except a loan.

Know exactly what you want to ask them in the least amount of words: A good question shouldn't be painful to ask. Think about how you are going to ask them: are you going to do a fast-probing Dr Phil or a gentle-gentle Oprah? Share a bit of your story and tell them why you need to know: why should they tell you anything if you are not sharing?

Forget asking when your partner had his or her last STI test. Why ask them when they could just lie anyway? A better thing to do would be to say 'Hey, let's get a STI test this

Friday, eh?'. You won't be asking them about their past, you won't be accusing them of being anything and it would be like nearly pain free.

"Sexually Transmitted Infection"

What do you think about this? Discuss at <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/aboriginalsingles/>



NSW Department of Community Services



New South Wales Government

Area Assistance Scheme 2008 Funding

Are you an incorporated, non-profit community organisation or local Council with a community project idea that requires funding?

The Area Assistance Scheme, administered by the Department of Community Services, provides funding for innovative, self-help projects and partnerships that improve social and community infrastructure.

Funding is available for the following regions: Western Sydney, Hunter/Central Coast, Illawarra/Macarthur and the North Coast.

Details are available from www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/laas. For a registration code, call the Community Project Officer at your local council or the Senior Regional Strategies Officer - Funded Programs, for your region:

Western Sydney 9354 1645

Hunter/Central Coast 4927 8799

Illawarra/Macarthur 4222 8443

North Coast 6641 2445

Applications close at 5.00pm on Wednesday, 8 September 2007

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Bruce Trevorrow (left) successfully sued the SA Government for damages relating to his forced removal from his family. Sean Burke, of Moruya, NSW, writes that he is appalled by a NineMSN poll asking the people whether the Stolen Generations should be compensated for the damage inflicted upon them by governments.

● See next page

'Letting off Steam'

It is shameful indeed that the Prime Minister John Howard can be so insensitive and dismissive in his comments concerning the video reported to show members of the Australian Army dressed as the Ku Klux Klan and drinking out of control, by suggesting they are merely 'letting off steam'.

This is the same army that he has deployed into Indigenous communities to monitor and stamp out alcoholism and abuse. You have to be kidding!

Mr Howard, you should be utterly ashamed of yourself. Your comments seriously lack any regard or respect.

Clearly, you have no understanding of how inappropriate and offensive your tactics and comments are to Indigenous people.

As a non-Indigenous person, I find your comments to be of serious concern.

Yet again, you have managed to compound the abuse. Shame on you, Mr Howard, shame!

INGA LIE
Haberfield, NSW



An image from the video posted on (and now removed from) YouTube. The incident appears to have been filmed at an Australian Defence Force property. Defence chiefs condemned the video as 'abhorrent' and have ordered an investigation of it.

However, letter writer Inga Lie is less than impressed with Prime Minister Howard's response

Playing with words

'Aborigine' dirty, guilt-ridden word for Howard Government

I would like to know why the Government has replaced the word Aboriginal with Indigenous. Indigenous appears to be collective, divisive and disempowering, which includes any Indigenous person from any country or island, divisive in separating the black and white population and disempowering to the minority of Aboriginal people.

It seems like 'Aborigine' is a dirty, guilt-ridden word for this Government that must be eliminated, but it will always be a powerful name and feeling of identity for our people.

Indigenous does not specifically mean Australian Aboriginal, and I'll be buggered if I am going to change my identity after 58 years as an Aboriginal person. It is my birthright, and I have fought for rights and anti-discrimination under that identity for most of my life.

On the east coast of Australia, many South Sea Islander people rightly call themselves Indigenous, and at the same time appear to have displaced Australian Aboriginal people from Aboriginal funding, employment, housing, education and health issues.

Nepotism and factionalism are alive and thriving in these services,

while Aboriginal people are still living in the same or worse conditions than other Indigenous or mainstream Australians.

John Howard's Government seems to be using every tactic it can to dismantle Aboriginal organisations and communities, from name changes to cuts in funding and services, to removing entry permits, and removing men and children from communities in the name of child abuse, in a desperate effort to claim land for development, uranium and dumping of wastes for the white economy that he is so proud of.

Is this another government ploy to fool us with terminology and policies, and a way of eliminating the Government's 'Aboriginal problem'? Hopefully, I'm wrong in wondering all this.

What we need is leadership - someone with the skills and knowledge to challenge this Government through a 'compulsory people's party' that many Australians can support to demand equal rights and opportunities for all people, especially Australian Aborigines.

B GRANT
Kingscliff, NSW

YOUR POETRY

Tribal Land

An old tribal warrior
Stares across his picturesque
country
Far as his failing eyes can see
Wondering what's going to
happen
To his beautiful place
Knowing what will happen to
him.

Will my tribe forget the tradition?
Our totem and our songs?
Will my land be taken away
from us?
For development grazing rights?
And venture for new mines
Where will all my tribe go?
Will they understand?

Oh spirit of my ancestral
dreaming
Guide them to keep our tribal
land
And keep on with our tradition
The lingo of my clan.

I hang my head in sorrow now
Time for me to go
I hear the didgeridoo and
clapstick
Boomerang last cooroborree.

Sadly in my heart knows
May my spirit watch over my
clan
For now I leave my tribal land.

DALE BACKO
Via Email

My inspiration

The day I met you
I knew we'd have a bond
You are the inspiration
For everything I do.

You were my favourite
And always will be
The day you passed on
I cried and cried.

You've been gone 10 years
Feels like forever
Every day that goes by
Feels like a year.

I know you've been here
To see all my achievements
And all my disappointing
moments
I just want to make you proud
In everything I do.

Please stay with me
Until we see each other again.

KALEETHA HAMILTON
Swan Hill, Vic

RIP Uncle Wade Davis
21/06/1978-13/04/1996

Halo of Injustice

Hovering atop our
Fractured humanity
A halo of injustice
Ensnares our soul.

Below we wallow
In a well of sorrow
Fearful of tomorrow
As hope is crucified.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

Aborigine ... and proud of it

I write regarding 'Gene lives on' (a letter from Leslie John Wood), and 'Darug mob get together' (a letter from Liz Lock) published in Edition 406 of the Koori Mail, 1 August 2007.

Reading these letters, the following thoughts occurred to me.

Fifty years ago, Australians concealed the fact that they

had convict forebears. Now it is a matter for boasting.

Maybe in another 50 years, Australians who have Aboriginal forebears, however remote, will be proud to acknowledge connection with the first Australians.

JANET HANSCOMB
Sydney, NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A big thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you. We try to fit in as many reader contributions as we can. You can help us by making sure that your letters are 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. We'd prefer letters and poems to be even shorter;

this will increase your chances of being published.

Also, even if sent via email, all letters and poems must be accompanied by the author's full name, home town/city and State/Territory, and a contact number so that we can verify content. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

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Govt must listen to the people

Open letter from Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation:

Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation wish to add our voice to those of Aboriginal leaders and others who have expressed concern about the Federal Government's emergency response and intervention in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

We acknowledge the commitment these leaders have to safety, peace and autonomy within their communities.

Over the past 10 years, our small, grass-roots organisation has attempted to build relationships with local Aboriginal people and communities, and from our Aboriginal friends and colleagues, we have learned many things, particularly to appreciate the importance of taking time for consultation, both to build trust and as an ethical imperative.

In this respect, we have serious reservations about the lack of consultation that has occurred in the NT and fear that by ignoring the need for involvement of Aboriginal communities in decisions that affect their lives, these interventions are not only less likely to be effective, but may in fact damage communities.

Our group is concerned that the emergency response is misaligned with the long-term nature of the problems highlighted in the Wild and Anderson report.

We also note that the response is not aligned with the recommendations made by the authors.

The issues raised require a long-term, sustainable policy approach that transcends the pressures imposed by electoral cycles. It must be based on a partnership of trust and built on the achievements and expertise of those who have been working to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal communities for decades, often with little or no government support.

We fail to see how taking control of lands and abolishing the permit system in the NT is an effective strategy for stopping child abuse.

Given that the relationship to land is central to Aboriginal law, health and well-being, and that Aboriginal cultures place great importance on respecting protocols in relation to land boundaries, we join the many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians who oppose this action. We believe that it is an attack on the rights of Aboriginal people that reflects the Government's ideological position more than its desire to protect Aboriginal children.

Shame and blame are two powerful tactics used by the Government to promote its agenda. Child abuse is not an Aboriginal-specific problem and must be seen in its broader social and historical context.

Debate over the 'emergency response' in the NT has been clouded by its presentation

as a choice between 'more talk' or 'more action,' where opponents of the Government's approach are depicted as indifferent to the rights of children to safe environments.

In fact, the Government has known about the scale of social and health problems within Aboriginal communities for many years and has itself responded with indifference.

While the Government now claims that previous approaches to Aboriginal health policy have 'failed', in fact basic primary health, education and social services in many communities have floundered with inadequate funding and support.

We call for responses based on sound evidence, that are culturally safe, which include Aboriginal people in all aspects of the decision-making process and which focus on prevention as well as crisis intervention.

Failing to do so runs the risk of further traumatising Aboriginal men, women and children. The work of reconciliation depends on redressing past wrongs, respecting cultures and supporting Aboriginal self-determination.

In practice, this requires a skill that governments tend to use only selectively: Listening.

PORT PHILLIP CITIZENS FOR RECONCILIATION
Melbourne, Vic

Appalled by Internet poll

Open letter to NineMSN:

I am absolutely appalled that NineMSN has seen fit to run a popular poll as they did on 2 August, asking the people of Australia whether the Stolen Generations should be compensated for the damage that has been inflicted upon them by the State governments of this country.

I find such a poll to be subtly racist and seemingly deliberately designed to enrage the general population against a decision made by the Supreme Court of South Australia.

Let us remember that this decision is one made on legal grounds and not a political decision that is subject to question by the general public. The prosecution in this case was required to mount a case that:

1: The action taken by the SA Government in removing this person from his family was in fact not based in law, and

2: The damage done to the victim in this case was provable in law.

The Supreme Court made a decision based on these arguments that the victim is eligible for compensation in this case.

Can you please tell me when the decision of a court of law for an individual has been the subject of a popular national vote extrapolated to the wider population as to whether the decision of the court is right or wrong for that extended group?

When a court has made a decision in the past regarding the right to compensation of a particular victim of a road accident, has the general populace been asked if all victims of road accidents should be entitled to compensation without any mention of the circumstances of the case?

When a Vietnam Veteran has been awarded compensation by the court for damage to that person's health by inadvertent acts of the Government, does NineMSN mount a campaign to ascertain public opinion



Bruce Trevorrow (seen here with his sister Hilda Day) successfully sued the SA Government for damages relating to his forced removal from his family.

as to whether all Vietnam Veterans should be compensated?

When a court or workers compensation tribunal makes a decision that a secretary working in the Department of Whatever is suffering from repetitive strain injury due to inadequate OH&S measures in place within that department, does a national television station ask viewers if secretaries should be compensated for RSI?

The answer is, of course, 'No' but this is the case of an Aboriginal man who has taken his case to the Supreme Court in the State of South Australia and proven both the illegality

and personal damage, so the people of Australia get asked 'Should this happen?'

Shame on NineMSN! And shame on every person who fell into their subtle racist trap by voting 'No' in this so-called poll. Sly political manipulation of the public towards intolerant racist attitudes in this country is unfortunately alive and well in our national media and personally, I'm disgusted.

Anyone would think that there's an election coming up!

SEAN BURKE
Moruya, NSW

YOUR POETRY

Dangerous Potions

Hey Sister Girl! Budda Boy!
What you doing?
Come have a charge with me!
And then it all starts the
brewing of dangerous potions.
I've had a few of those in my
time, many made me cry - tons
had made me shame, and a
few had even made me smile.
Now I'm starting to wonder if
it's all really worthwhile.
'Cause when you're mixing
emotions with alcohol, you
have a very dangerous potion.
Especially the potions I have
tasted and the many crazy
things they made me do.
A mixture of hate and anger is
nothing but a dangerous brew.
It ends your night with violence
and destruction or even in the
watch house until you've
thought things through.
Hurt and sorrow can also be a
mighty dangerous potion.
As one may be on their final
straw, contemplating suicide as
a possible notion.
We've lost a lot of our people to
the drink, the evil dangerous
potions.
Life means so much and
means even more, especially
when we have our friends and
family to fall back upon for
support.
But what happens to the ones
who got no-one - the loneliness
they hide behind and the daily
intake of the dangerous potions
killing their mind.
I've been there too when I lost
the last of my mums, the inner
strength that kept my heart
beating, the love which is now
gone.
Dangerous potions how can
you be so cruel, and yet be a
friend too.
It's not possible and please
don't let it be a part of your
lifestyle, take our message
seriously.
Don't let the perilous, silly
games of dangerous potions
ruin your life - a life so
beautiful, a dream very
imaginable and the hopes you
will always live by.

KERRIE WARD
Charters Towers, Qld

NT Intervention

Helping our children
Or helping yourself to our land?
Perennial paternalism
Under your command.

Planting the seeds for
The destruction of our race,
I cannot wipe the anger
Or fear from my face.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW



JONATHAN HILL

Searching for Burtons

Maori brother looking for Aboriginal cousins across the Tasman. Can you help?

I am trying to find my grandmother Mary Burton and her two sons James Burton and Ronald Burton.

Please excuse me while I name my grandfather and relatives who have passed on, and other people who may also have passed on. I do not want to breach anyone's privacy but would like to give my grandmother and her sons the option to make contact.

My grandfather, Henry (Jim) James Burton divorced my paternal grandmother in New Zealand and moved to Australia before World War II. He served in the Australian Army as a bombardier; he was an anti-tank gunner.

He was a European man who died in 1972 or 1973, he was cremated and his ashes were scattered near the Mount Thompson Crematorium (Wynnum, Queensland) according to my grand aunt, Jim's sister. Jim joined the Australian Army during WWII and he was captured in Greece.

My grandfather returned to Australia, met and married Mary Burton in the 1960s and they had two sons.

Mary and her two sons survived my grand father but relatives (his younger sister) in Australia lost touch after the funeral and now Jim's sister has died.

I have tried search electoral registers and phone books and posted a lot of

letters but with no luck.

The people I seek are: Mary Burton, James Burton (born 1965) and Ronald Burton (born 1970). Their last known address was in Wynnum, Queensland

I am Indigenous too but to New Zealand. I am a Maori who grew up in Whakatane and I now live in Palmerston North where I work at Massey University.

I can be contacted via email at J.A.Waldon@massey.ac.nz

JOHN WALDON
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New Zealand

Bugg descendants to hold reunion

I am writing to advise descendants of James and Charlotte Bugg (an Aboriginal woman of Monkerai), married in 1848 at Gloucester, NSW, that a Bugg family reunion will be held early next year (2008).

Related family names include Baker, Ward, Burrows, Relf, Graham, Tuncheon, Maytom, Ridgeway and Smith.

For more information, please phone Victoria Dobson (nee Smith) on 0404 838 605 after 7pm or leave a message on (02) 9614 6484.

You can also write to PO Box 925, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 or send an email to victoriadobs@optusnet.com.au

VICTORIA DOBSON
Baulkham Hills, NSW



The letter writer Victoria Dobson with Les Ridgeway.

YOUR POETRY Identity Intact

No matter how much you dilute
Mix, match and try to pollute
Our identity remains intact
Something you can't change
That's a fact
Our spirit is not measured by the shade of our skin
But by something stronger found within
A place you can not touch or take away
It will remain shining out
Till our dying day
We all connect with it again
No matter how far we've been.

DEIDRE CURRIE
Tweed Heads, NSW

KEEP AUSTRALIA SAFE. KEEP THE INFORMATION FLOWING.

They kept asking me questions about our security systems...
It's unusual for him to be receiving deliveries like that, especially at that time of night...

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National Security. Every detail helps.

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Every piece of information that we receive from members of the public today could prove to be invaluable in keeping Australia safe from terrorism tomorrow. It is often the details that make the biggest difference. So if you see or hear something that just doesn't feel right, please call the National Security Hotline and keep the information flowing.



Australian Government

Yalari Limited, is a not for profit company committed to the empowerment, motivation and support of indigenous children throughout Australia. Yalari is located on the Gold Coast.

Yalari has a vision of providing and supporting 250 Indigenous students from rural and remote communities access boarding schools throughout Australia. Yalari is advising Parents/Guardians and Communities that there are places available for students to apply for a scholarship under Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Education Scholarship Program in 2008. Scholarships are open to students willing to start their senior education in Year 7 in NSW, VIC and TAS. For students in QLD and SA they will begin in Year 8. Applications can be accessed on the Yalari website www.yalari.org. More information: Yalari Office 07 5570 3162. Applications close for 2008 enrolment: Friday August 31 2007.

FREE Program for Koori kids and their families in Bankstown
Free Play and Learn group for Koori kids aged 0-5 and their families is running at Bankstown Community Resource Group (BCRG).

The group is known as the 'Guring Gang' and meets every Thursday from 10:00-12:00 pm. Activities include meeting Elders, sharing stories, dancing, art & craft, painting, Koori special guests, healthy lunches and excursions. Assistance with transport to and from the group is available if needed.

If you want to come and join in the fun call Roberta or Janice on (02) 97962931 (wed-fri).



The group is funded under the Aboriginal Child Youth and Family Strategy (Docs Metro South West) and facilitated by BCRG.

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Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Economic Development Division

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER, IN030144

LEVEL 1 - \$32,497 - \$40,609 pa

The Administrative Support Officer is responsible for providing a range of administrative services, as directed by the managers and staff within the Aboriginal Economic Development Division.

Persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

To apply for the position and to learn more about the Aboriginal Economic Development Division visit www.doir.wa.gov.au. If unable to access our website, contact 9222 3555 for an application package. For job information contact Beverly Pritchard, on 9222 0932. You may apply on-line via the above website or by forwarding your application to Natasha Dimoska, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004.

CLOSING DATE: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 29 August 2007.



New South Wales
Department of
Community Services



New South Wales
Government

Expressions of Interest

Peer support service for DoCS foster carers throughout NSW

The NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) is inviting expressions of interest from government and non-government organisations, to establish and maintain volunteer driven peer support and network services for DoCS foster carers throughout NSW. The contract period is initially for three years.

The successful applicant(s) will be a carer-oriented organisation able to demonstrate an existing or proposed business model that will provide on-going peer support to DoCS foster carers.

The intended outcomes for this project are to provide DoCS foster carers with an appropriate level of support to meet their individual needs, access to current information and resources, network linkages and improved skills to increase their confidence and caring capacity. The service is intended to improve the retention rate of DoCS foster carers.

Applications that propose a statewide or regional peer support and networking service will be considered.

Organisations that have experience working with Indigenous and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities are encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants must address the selection criteria as detailed in the Invitation for Expressions of Interest documentation, which is available from the DoCS website: www.community.nsw.gov.au. For enquiries, please contact 9716 2318 or email QOHCRollout@community.nsw.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest close 5:00 pm - Friday, 7 September 2007

Important note: The act of inviting Expressions of Interest does not commit DoCS to providing funding to any prospective service provider.

Your Say

Recommendations 'a bandaid solution'



MAL BROUGH

Last night I watched Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough state on national television that to simply implement the recommendations of the Little Children are Sacred report would be a band-aid solution that would leave politicians 'feeling as if they had done nothing'.

What about the Prime Minister telling us that he would achieve better outcomes by concentrating on health, education etc rather than implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC).

What about the Prime Minister telling us that he would achieve reconciliation by implementing 'practical' measures that would work better than the recommendations put forward by any reconciliation committee.

This current rejection of recommendations is exactly the same as all of their prior rejections of recommendations.

This rejection by Mr Brough is exactly the same as, and will achieve exactly the same result as, the government's rejection of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. Let's We Forget.

M J GREEN
Yeppoon, Qld

Stepping stones to an Indigenous monarch

The name and address was withheld, yet a NSW Aboriginal man with comment (Your Say, Koori Mail, 1 August 2007) would perhaps welcome a community crime prevention program under consideration by the Attorney-General's Department in conjunction with round five of the Federal Government's National Community Crime Prevention Program.

The proposal is for Local Eldership Endorsement (Indigenous) and if co-operation is forthcoming by government and Aboriginal families/communities, then the nomination so endorsed within each State electorate would be repatriated with a \$5000 grant to cover a term of 12 months and provide something towards Local Elder visibility and mobility.

Whereby with 'consultation and proper community nomination, with adherence to cultural protocol', Aboriginal families/communities would detail their names and locality (men, women and children) and their nomination for Local Elder to the local State Member and Federal Minister for Justice and Customs

who would select in each electorate one nominee to be given State endorsement for a 12-month term.

During that time, officially-endorsed local Elders (and any other nominees) must be able to substantiate a reduction in unlawful activity among their designated community group to qualify and nominate for State Eldership Accreditation, a continuation of the small Grant Assistance, in the following year.

In layman's terms, Indigenous eldership surely equates to what was formerly the role of Justice of the Peace - they are not police, they're not a magistrate, just influence (for the sake of keeping the peace) and very much apolitical.

And with co-operation of government, the successful endeavour of Local Elder nominees and accreditation would be across potentially all areas of the nation. A just influence and leadership is assured from these Australians who surely have a God-given ability for the national good.

It is envisaged that three years of successful State Eldership Accreditation

allows for nomination for Federal Eldership Accreditation; three years of successful Federal Eldership Accreditation allowing for nomination by the Prime Minister and to be confirmed by a two-thirds majority of the Parliament in Canberra a successful appointment to the National Indigenous Council (NIC), and from among the NIC is chosen by the NIC the constitutional monarch designate and Chairperson of the Council.

So within, say, a decade not only will the life expectancy and overall well-being of the community improve, but Australia will have enabled a likely successor to its monarchy, which currently we are privileged to share with Great Britain.

An Indigenous successor of renown and integrity to be crowned as constitutional monarch of Australia for an agreed term? A pedestal with consultation and contemporary constitutional validity, Amen.

DARREN SIEMS
Quirindi, NSW

Leave artefacts where they are

I recently read an article in the Daily Telegraph about a near-tragedy involving a 10-year-old boy who became lost looking for his pet dog in the Pillaga State Forest.

The young boy had been on a barbecue excursion with his parents and eight siblings looking

for Aboriginal artefacts 25km north of Baradine, in New South Wales. He became separated from his family at 4pm when he chased after his dog, which went after a feral goat.

The boy walked 20km through the night and was spotted at 3am by a truck

driver, who reported the sighting to police. A passing motorist picked up the boy 35km outside of Coonamble and took him home.

I don't know about the Pillaga mob feel about these people taking artefacts from their ancestors' sacred land, but

the old people used to say and still do say that it is bad luck to touch them.

I hope this family takes time to heed this warning. What do other Koori Mail readers think?

JOHN BROWN
Warrenburg
Via Lighting Ridge, NSW



There was plenty of on-court action.



Action of a different sort, the pencils were flying too.



Getting down on the break dancing square.



Face painting was popular with different ages.



Mildura 3on3 a sweet success



The Vibe 3on3 swung its way into Mildura on the weekend of 28-29 July – the sixth time the popular travelling basketball and hip hop festival has visited the Sunraysia District.

Hosted by former Harlem Globetrotter Dwayne Cross and Aboriginal basketball star Claude Williams, the action-packed weekend held at Mildura Basketball Stadium featured a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music.

The festival brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for a fun weekend of basketball, dancing, music, health and culture. It encourages sportsmanship, teaches new skills and builds self-esteem as well as promoting reconciliation at a grassroots level.

Joining the Vibe 3on3 crew were champion breakdancer B Boy 2 Ezy, hip-hop group Street Warriors and dancers Rachel Kontominas and Medika Thorpe.

Also joining in was actor Luke Carroll, who spent the weekend hanging out with the locals and quizzing the young people of Mildura on their health and lifestyle knowledge as part of the Vibe Spin Out Wheel component of the competition.

More than 55 teams registered to take part in the structured dance, music, health and 3on3 basketball activities, with young people coming from the surrounding communities of Robinvale, Gol Gol, Wentworth, Dareton, Buronga and Swan Hill as well as the local Mildura area to join in the fun.

"This was the sixth time we've held the Vibe 3on3 in Mildura," said 3on3

coordinator Claude Williams, who is a fan of the region's sweet oranges.

"Once again the community has confirmed itself as one of the top locations on the 3on3 tour.

"Even though it rained on Sunday, we still had well over 50 teams competing, which included teams from surrounding areas. The kids proved to be as good as any in Australia in basketball and dancing and openly expressed themselves in all facets of the event."

The winning basketball teams on the weekend were R Vales, JJJ Champions, CYB and Cha Ching for the boys' competition.

The girls' basketball competition winners were Demon girls, MCM, Bad Tidda Girls, Heat and the Kelly Girls.

The winner of 'My Story' was Leon Handy from Robinvale.

The Vibe 3on3 is a two-day Aboriginal youth weekend event aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem. It provides an opportunity for health services and related organisations to introduce themselves to the wider community.

The Vibe 3on3 is sponsored by the Rio Tinto Aboriginal Foundation, the Department of Health and Ageing through the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts and the Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education Foundation. Local sponsors for the Mildura event were the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation, the Mildura Basketball Association and the Mildura United Soccer Club.

For more information about the Vibe 3on3, go to the website at www.vibe.com.au



Edward Williams Jnr was all up painted for the day at the Undoonoo Child Care Centre in Woorabinda in Queensland.

Raising kids with culture

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Indigenous kids across Australia celebrated their identity and culture on National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day (NAICD) held on 4 August.

Raise children strong in culture. Pathways to healing and revival was this year's theme.

Chairwoman of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) Muriel Bamblett said culture was a source of strength, resilience, happiness, identity and confidence for Indigenous children.

"Communities and families that raise their children strong in culture create many pathways to healing and revival," Ms Bamblett said. "Children develop confidence and pride in themselves, their families and their culture, and communities grow in pride and strength."

"Too often in the media, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is portrayed as the problem underlying the concerns children and families face in our communities. Nothing can be further from the truth."

"This year, Children's Day allows our

communities to highlight how important Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children are to us, and what our culture offers them."

"Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, cousins, and other carers will show children the strengths of our culture and spirituality, show pride in their cultural identity and encourage children to do the same."

This year, SNAICC was pleased that more mainstream services and schools around the country embraced the celebration.

"We welcome initiatives that highlight the importance of raising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children strong in their culture," Ms Bamblett said.

"These are significant steps in a journey of true healing and revival for all Australians."

In New South Wales, Sydney's Marrickville Council celebrated NAICD at Tillman Park Children's Centre with a 'renaming and reclaiming' of its reconciliation garden in Tillman Park at Tempe.

The council said the garden's new name of Gumbamorra Creek Reconciliation Garden symbolised a way to reclaim the place and its history.

The Council said this project reinforced this year's NAICD theme.

"Centre staff, children, families and the community have worked together for the past year to build this reconciliation garden," said Marrickville Mayor Morris Hanna.

"The project has been a way of raising children with strong cultural values and has also been a way of promoting healing with our Aboriginal community."

"This garden will become a place where people can reflect on reconciliation issues or to come to be together in peace."

In the Queensland, the Undoonoo Child Care Centre in Woorabinda celebrated with a family day, community barbecue, a children's dress ball with a theme of cultural dress, a photo day and cultural arts and crafts.

"Our main activities were based around cultural festivities and to attract families to our events which promotes positive family connections," said the centre's Director Ursula Barber.

"We had many parents involved in the activities and the children enjoyed having their parents with them enjoying the activities."



Juleen Hill and Kaliesha Daisy in Woorabinda.



Marlena Malone and Edward Williams Jnr at the Woorabinda family day event.



Children gather around for the Marrickville smoking ceremony.



Woorabinda's Carol Major and Riki-Lee McInerney.



Marrickville kids mesmerised by the fire.



Queensland premier Peter Beattie addresses a community rally outside the store earlier this year.

LEFT: High-profile Palm Islander Lex Wotton is part of the PICSAC campaign to win community control of the local Island store.

Fight for control of store

Story and photos by ALF WILSON in Townsville.



A group of Palm Island residents is mounting a campaign to have the local store placed in the hands of the local community.

The Palm Island Community Store Aboriginal Corporation (PICSAC) is one of two known main contenders for a tender to manage the store on the north Queensland Island, off Townsville, following a decision by the Queensland Government to privatise it.

PICSAC says the Government has been promising for 20 years to hand the store to community control but is now suggesting that control could be awarded to a government enterprise.

The corporation has distributed nationally a petition and open letter to the Qld

Government, and is urging Palm Islanders to join it in the tender process that will decide the store's fate by September.

Anyone wishing to take part in the tender process must have in place a developed business plan setting out how the store will be managed and run, how it will be financed and how it will benefit the community.

"The Palm Island Store is currently owned by the Queensland Government," says PICSAC's open letter. "It charges inflated prices to subsidise the transport of goods to other Aboriginal communities in Queensland."

The letter says PICSAC is one contender to manage the stores, while the other is 'a gaggle of bureaucrats and mainly non-Palm Islanders supported by the State Government'.

PICSAC says that unless the community acts now, the store will pass from one government

department to another government vehicle "and be lost to the community forever".

Over the years, residents have expressed concerns about the way the store has been managed by the State Government, with some claiming the profits from the popular store go to other communities such as Yarrabah further north.

The majority of Palm Island residents patronise the Palm Island supermarket where there is an ATM. A minority of residents travel to mainland Townsville by ferry to do their shopping.

The letter says the Qld Government is proposing giving ownership and control of the Palm Island store to a government enterprise, which will charge for its fee-based services, and directors' fees and distribute any profits remaining according to the wishes of its directors.

Its directors would be made up of two from the Federal Government, two from the Queensland Government, two from Local Government, one traditional owner, one Community representative, with an independent chairperson.

Under that model, one community member is elected and three are appointed, with five outsiders appointed. Although plans for the corporation have been made public, the PICSAC letter claims there's almost no awareness of it in the Palm Island community.

By contrast, PICSAC proposes a community vehicle to own and operate the store, with profits returned in full to the community as decided by a democratically-elected committee made up of a majority of Palm Islanders.

"We can engage a professional management company, Outback Stores (OS) Pty Ltd, which can bring

enormous buying power, and working capital," the corporation says.

OS would charge a fee of four per cent of turnover, to operate the store using local staff, and the profits would be retained within the Palm Island community.

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) has approved a PICSAC application for funding to prepare a business plan, and that work is now underway. Contacts for the corporation tender include high-profile local Lex Wotton.

Outback Stores Pty Ltd is a professional store management operator, set up by Indigenous Business Australia to assist communities to operate stores. It can operate stores for community groups, provided they are operated for the benefit of the whole community. OS representatives have visited the community twice.

SIDS campaign aims to educate parents

Story by LISETTE KALEVALD



Aboriginal and health professionals in Western Australia are launching a State-wide campaign to educate Aboriginal communities about the dangers of Sudden Infant

Death Syndrome (SIDS). SIDS, the sudden, unexplained death of a baby under one year old, is the most common cause of death in infants.

Shockingly, Indigenous babies in WA are eight times more likely to die of SIDS than non-Indigenous babies.

Telethon Institute of Child Health researcher Jane Fremantle said past SIDS awareness campaigns had not worked in Indigenous communities.

"While SIDS in the non-Aboriginal population decreased steadily since 1980 due to the success of public awareness campaigns, there has been no change at all in Indigenous populations," Dr Fremantle told the Koori Mail.

Researchers have developed educational materials specifically for Indigenous communities in areas with the highest SIDS rates, including Kalgoorlie, Esperance and Albany.

SIDS and Kids plan to train Aboriginal health workers to use the materials in



Mums and their children were a vital part of the Albany focus group, working with SIDS and Kids coordinator Sharron Yarran.

Indigenous communities across WA.

Major risk factors for SIDS are co-sleeping, when infants share a bed with their parents, and smoking during pregnancy.

Townsville Aboriginal and Islander

Health Service researcher Dr Katie Panaretto said statistics showed that 60 per cent of Aboriginal women smoked when pregnant compared to 25 per cent of non-Indigenous women.

Dr Fremantle said, "If we could stop

smoking during pregnancy we could decrease the rate of SIDS by 46 per cent in Aboriginal communities and 50 per cent in non-Aboriginal communities."

Dr Fremantle said co-sleeping did not cause SIDS but could increase the chances of it happening. Researchers are not sure why co-sleeping is a risk factor, but agree that it increases the risk.

SIDS and Kids researcher Jacinta Johnson said in some rural and remote communities the term 'cot death' was still used but was misleading.

"The term 'cot death' promotes a misconception that putting babies in cots could be dangerous, even though it is actually safer," Ms Johnson said.

Protect your baby

Safe sleeping recommendations to reduce the risk of SIDS include:

- Always sleep baby on the back from birth
- Keep baby's face uncovered whilst asleep
- Provide a cigarette smoke free environment for your baby before and after birth
- Always provide a safe sleeping environment for baby, day and night.



Island start for 2007 Croc Fest



Croc Fest is on the move after a successful first 2007 festival on Thursday Island (TI) in the Torres Strait last month and the second in Derby, Western Australia last week.

More than 1200 students from throughout Queensland took part in education and careers markets, a health-expo, sporting events, dance and other performance, visual arts and crafts, and inspirational activities on TI from 17-19 July.

The three-day drug and alcohol free extravaganza was hosted by the Tagai State College - Thursday Island State High School.

This year marks the ten-year anniversary of Croc Festival in Australia and more than 20,000 students from around 450 schools are expected participate. Around 60,000 are

expected to watch the festivities nationwide.

Croc Fest activities are designed to inspire, motivate and deliver key education messages in a fun-filled and friendly environment.

The remaining 2007 Croc Fest proposed dates and locations are as follows:

- Mullewa (WA) Tuesday 14 August - Thursday 16 August
- Port Augusta (SA) Tuesday 4 September - Thursday 6 September
- Kempsey (NSW) Tuesday 18 September - Thursday 20 September
- Dubbo (NSW) Tuesday 25 September - Thursday 27 September
- Shepparton (VIC) Tuesday 16 October - Thursday 18 October

A festival planned for Alice Springs in the middle of the four-month tour has been cancelled.



As can be seen in these photos, there was loads of fun to be had at the first Croc Fest festival for 2007 on Thursday Island, all amidst healthy and educational messages.

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Swapping classrooms for canoes

NSW Fifteen students from three small communities in western New South Wales will swap their classrooms for canoes as they undertake a three-day trip on the Barwon-Darling starting in Brewarrina next week.

The students from Goodooga, Brewarrina and Bourke will learn about water and river health issues during the trip, which is a school activity supported and funded by the Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group (ARAG).

It is a pilot project and if successful the ARAG would seek to support other schools conducting similar trips in the future.

The boys and girls will be accompanied by teachers from their schools, two trained canoe instructors and James Liego and Craig Alison from the Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

The support team will include Western Catchment ARAG member Paul Gordon, Brewarrina Elder William Trapman, Brewarrina local Brad Sleddman, and Western CMA staff Alan Holt, Barry Edwards and Blackie Gordon.

Western CMA Aboriginal Community Support Officer, Blackie Gordon, says the group will paddle approximately 15km



Western CMA Aboriginal Community Support Officer, Blackie Gordon.

per day as well as undertaking bushwalking and outdoor educational activities.

"We will be travelling downriver through Ngemba and Moorwarri country. As well as relying on the river for food and water, Indigenous people have a strong spiritual connection with the river," Mr Gordon said.

"The trip starts with a visit to the Aboriginal fish traps at Brewarrina, which highlight this interdependence and were a great inter-tribal meeting place.

"They will then begin their canoe journey, stopping along the way to monitor water quality and salinity information and plant identification, as well as learning about river health and cultural heritage aspects of river, such as scar trees.

"The group will return by bus each afternoon to their accommodation where they will analyse information from their water samples and undertake other educational activities.

"They will also visit a number of important sites, such as Yambacoon Mountain located between Brewarrina and Bourke, which is a significant Aboriginal site and was well known to local Aboriginal people as a good source of grind-stone dishes.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to allow these young people to connect with their Aboriginal culture and to learn about the natural environment," Mr Gordon said.

The Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group comprises 22 members who represent the majority of Aboriginal language groups and communities with large Aboriginal populations in the Western Catchment.

The canoe trip is one of a range of initiatives they are supporting to involve the Aboriginal community of the Western Catchment in improving natural resources.

In addition, the ARAG provides valuable advice to the Board of the Western CMA to ensure that decisions affecting the long-term sustainability of the environment are compatible with Aboriginal culture and values.

Appointment aims to reduce imprisonment

WA The West Australian Department of Corrective Services has appointed an Assistant Commissioner of Aboriginal Justice to reduce the rate of Aboriginal imprisonment.

Corrective Services Minister Margaret Quirk said the senior position would strengthen Indigenous leadership and direction within the department, and reflected the State Government's commitment to the issue.

"I am pleased to announce that Neale Fong, the former Director of the Office of Aboriginal Health, will be the first person to fill this important position," Ms Quirk said.

"Mr Fong has a long history of working proactively on Aboriginal issues. He helped set up the inaugural Kimberley Commission of Elders, assisted with the Gordon Inquiry, worked to

establish the Aboriginal Cultural Respect Framework and improved health services for Aboriginal people.

"As Minister for Corrective Services, it is unacceptable to me that 43 per cent of our prison population is Aboriginal, while they represent just three per cent of the general population.

"Part of Mr Fong's role will be to engage Aboriginal communities and other service providers to facilitate partnerships, improve lifestyle choices and change behavioural patterns in order to reduce the level of recidivism and incarceration.

"Mr Fong will also play a key role in informing policy and procedures from an Indigenous perspective."

Mr Fong would provide high-level advice on issues relating to services for Aboriginal people.



Neale Fong.

Management by single housing provider

Consultation

Housing NSW invites Aboriginal social housing tenants to attend the next **Tenant and Applicant Advisory Committee meeting**. This meeting will look at the selection criteria for the tender to select the new housing provider. A new community housing provider will be managing both the public and community housing tenancies in Broken Hill.

When: Tuesday 21 August 2007

Time: 10.00 am

Where: Centre for Community
200 Beryl Street, Broken Hill

Free hot lunch will be provided but please book before hand. If you need door-to-door transport please call the Housing NSW office on 08 8087 9100.

For further information, contact Lynda Barling-Day, Project Manager on 0408 028 216.

invitation invitation



**QUEENSLAND WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD**

Authorisation Meeting – Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) for the proposed Wyaralong Dam

Under the Native Title Act 1993

Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWI) is proposing the development of the Wyaralong Dam. The dam is required to meet expected additional water demands of the South East Queensland region. QWI intends to construct and operate the proposed Wyaralong Dam in the area shown on the map below.

A search of the Register of Native Title Claims maintained by the National Native Title Tribunal indicates that there is a registered native title claim, Jagera People #2 (OC03/15), that covers part of the project area north of Teviot Brook as depicted on the map below. The remainder of the project area is not covered by any native title claim.

In February 2007, QWI commenced a public notification process to identify persons who assert a native title interest over that part of the proposed Wyaralong Dam that is not covered by any native title claim. Since that time, QWI has been negotiating with representatives of the people who responded to the notice (and who identify themselves as Mununjali People) about an ILUA under which consent to the development of that portion of the project which falls outside the Jagera People's application, would be given. Negotiations have reached the stage where the representatives of the Mununjali People are required to seek the authorisation under the Native Title Act 1993 of the ILUA.

Accordingly, the Mununjali People along with any other person who claims to hold native title in relation to the area covered by the proposed ILUA are invited to attend a meeting to be held for the purpose of seeking authorisation of the proposed ILUA.

The meeting details are:

Location: Mununjali Community Hall, Drumley Street, Beaudesert

Date: Saturday 1 September and Sunday 2 September 2007

Time: 10:30am

Locality map for the proposed Wyaralong Dam

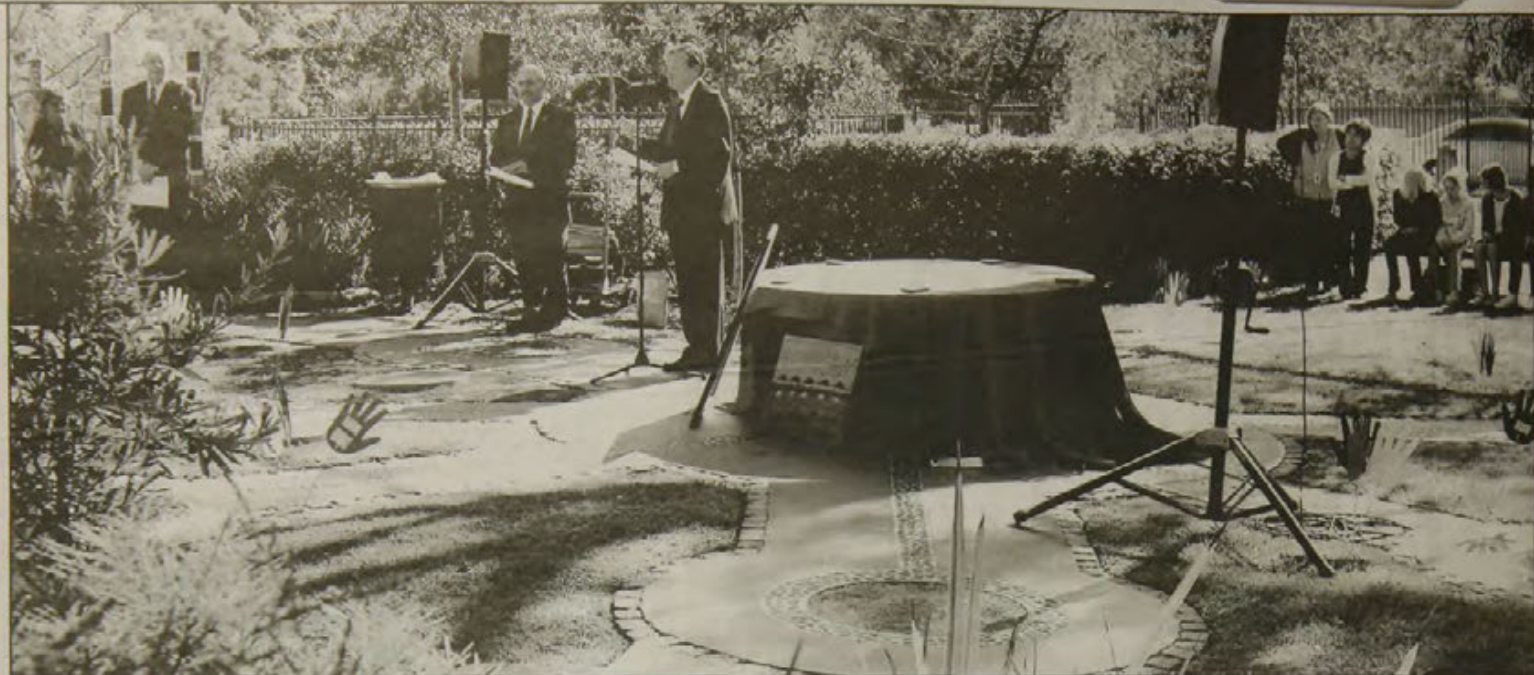


Existing native title claims over the proposed Wyaralong Dam



For further information, please contact QWI on 1800 225 384 or one of the following Mununjali People Representatives:

Larissa Wright	0415 667 267	Mark Paulson	0433 610 645
Donna Page	0420 844 135	Andrew Preston	0412 697 293
Raymond Kelsa	0438 594 272	Robert Currie	0406 824 132
Loretta Fogarty	0422 096 305		



Minister Lynch speaks at the opening of the healing garden while Dr Penna, of the Children's Hospital, looks on.



Rita Williams and Minister Lynch



The Sea of Hands lead the path to the garden.

Garden of healing



Children tend to make an impression wherever they go and hospitals are no different. One hospital in Sydney has decided to acknowledge, in a very special way, those children who are or have been patients there.

Last Thursday, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch launched the new Aboriginal Memorial Garden at the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Local Elder Auntie Edna gave a welcome to Daruk country. Guests included current Aboriginal patients, families and Elders, hospital staff, volunteers, and key Aboriginal workers in related areas.

The garden is a celebration of healing and reconciliation and aims to be a place of reflection and respite for families and a meeting place for Aboriginal and non Aboriginal families.

It also commemorates the Aboriginal children who were in the

past forcibly removed from their families and communities.

The Sea of Hands, a decorative display of hands, will lead down the path to the garden. The Sea of Hands is a project of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) that demonstrates commitment and support for reconciliation and the protection of Indigenous rights, a commitment that the hospital sees as embodied by the garden too.

Local justice forums set for the Kimberley



The West Australian Department of the Attorney-General, Aboriginal Policy and Services Directorate is establishing Local Justice forums in Western Australia under the backing of the WA Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

Kimberley MLA Carol Martin welcomed the Justice Forums.

"These Justice forums are focusing on some fundamental principles such as safe and sustainable communities and the reduction in the number of victims of crime," Mrs Martin said.

Local Justice Forums are being held at seven communities in the East Kimberley, and are

developing draft Local Justice Plans for each community.

Each Local Justice Forum has appointed co-chairpersons, one representing the community and one representing the Government, which will manage the ongoing business of the Local Justice Plan. The partnership between community and Government will address the key justice issues affecting the safety and well-being of the people from each community.

The Aboriginal Justice Agreement sets the following key outcomes and strategic focus areas for each community.

- Community safety, security and well-being.
- Individual and family well-being.
- Criminal justice systems.

- Programs and service delivery.
- Public sector reform and resource flexibility.

A symbolic signing-off by members at each community marks the establishment of the local justice plan in the East Kimberley. The 'sign-off' is about celebrating community and local agency support for the issues raised by the forum.

Some forums have already been held. Others will be held at:

- Balgo, Tuesday 28 August 10am-2pm at the Balgo Adult Education Centre.
- Mulan, Wednesday 29 August 10.30am-2pm at the Mulan Office meeting room.
- Halls Creek, Thursday 30 August, 9am-2pm at the Halls Creek Telecentre.

Kinship care for culture



Not-for-profit organisation Life Without Barriers is working to maintain Indigenous culture in the Northern Territory by seeking foster carers from within a child's kinship circle.

Most Indigenous children with a disability whose parents are unable to care for them are placed in foster homes away from their community.

As part of its Strengths, Connections, Opportunities, Potential and Empowerment Program, Life Without Barriers staff discuss placement options for children needing care with the child's parents, community members and tribal Elders to find each child a suitable home.

Life Without Barriers Northern Territory Manager Cheryl Baxter said if a kinship carer could not be found, the next step was someone from the child's community or an Aboriginal carer with similar cultural values.

"We are dedicated to ensuring

Indigenous children are raised in an environment that supports their cultural values," she said.

"Some of the children we care for are eventually returned to their parents of community when their care needs are less intensive."

Indigenous Life Without Barriers carer Megan is currently caring for a two-year-old girl from her community and stressed the importance of foster children maintaining their Aboriginality.

"It is hard for any foster kid to develop their personal identity and understand where they came from, let alone an Aboriginal kid living away from their community," she said.

"Aboriginal children need to learn about their culture like they would if they were in their own community so they can be proud of themselves and know where they come from."

Life Without Barriers celebrated 18 months of the SCOPE program during NAIDOC week and the successful return of two Indigenous children to their families.

Sub mystery lingers

Debate continues over WWII Murray Island incident

A special report by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



At the height of World War II, when Australia looked set to be invaded by the seemingly unstoppable Japanese, an enemy submarine was seen off Murray Island, in the Torres Strait, but never threatened the local population.

True or false? It remains a puzzle even today why the crew of the submarine did not open fire on the poorly defended Murray Island.

I first heard about the Japanese submarine back in 1996 while on Thursday Island (TI) covering the Island of Origin football carnival for the national magazine Rugby League Week.

During that carnival I met respected Elder Dalton Bonn, an Anglican minister and hospital chaplain on TI.

Mr Bonn recalled the submarine incident during the war when he was on Murray Island, about 80km from TI, and one of scores of Australian-controlled islands in the Torres Strait.

"A Japanese submarine was spotted near Murray Island and we were all rushed into the bush, but they never came," he said.

Mr Bonn said that especially during the Battle of the Coral Sea, there was concern on TI that an invasion would take place.

The subject of the Japanese sub has

come up many times since then and was raised more than once while I was on Badu Island covering the 2007 Queen's Birthday weekend for the Koori Mail.

Even 65 years on from 1942, opinion is divided about why the craft never attacked Murray Island.

One explanation was that Murray Island is surrounded by natural reefs, which would make it impossible for the sub to negotiate the waters to fire its guns.

Why didn't it attack?

But why then didn't it attack surrounding islands or at least why didn't the crew come ashore and loot?

Mae Tapim, left, and Millissa Philpot. Ms Tapim, 56, said the Japanese sub landed on nearby Dower Island, in the Murray group. "The Japanese sub captain knew some of the people on Murray Island and Dower Island on a first name basis and didn't want to hurt them as he has worked with them," Ms Tapim said. "So he went to Dower and the Japs took on water and left." Ms Philpot said: "They got water on Dower and then left."



Another possible explanation was that the commander of the Japanese submarine had worked on Murray Island before the war and was friendly with some locals.

To try and get to the bottom of this intrigue, I spoke to respected Murray Islanders who were all aware of the submarine incident.

Neil Tabo is a 67-year-old Elder who

was just three when the sub was seen off his beloved island.

Mr Tabo told the Koori Mail that he was told by older locals later on that a Murray Island diver had seen the submarine submerged about six nautical miles off the beach.

This version seems to back up Mr Bonn's opinion.

"A Japanese sailor said to go and warn the people as they were going to blow up Murray Island and the population was worried. He gave the warning because some crew had worked in the diving industry before the war," Mr Tabo said.

However, Mr Tabo said the submarine was frightened away after the diver came back to Murray Island

and the local Torres Strait infantry sent an urgent wireless message to allied planes on Horn Island.

"A plane came over and the Japanese sub left quickly and that was in 1942," he said.

Mae Tapim, 56, disagrees, and told the Koori Mail that the Japanese sub had in fact landed on nearby Dower Island, in the Murray group.



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"So he went to Dower and the Japs took on water and left."

Millissa Philpot, 32, has been a keen student of the incident and agreed with the version of events told by Ms Tapim. "They got water on Dower and then left," Ms Philpot said.

Townsville-based Torres Strait Islanders religious leader father Elimo Tapim was a baby on Murray Island during the year in question.

"The Japanese captain had worked with some locals in the beche-de-mer (sea cucumber) industry and I was told by many they just needed water and left," Fr Tapim said.

Another respected minister is Fr Gaidam Gisu, 66, who said he was a 'puppy' on Murray Island back then.

"The captain of the Japanese sub had worked with some of the islanders diving and family and friends told me he got the water and left them in peace," Fr Gisu said.

One thing that most agree on is that the submarine was lost during the Battle of the Coral Sea, or its aftermath, soon after.

Most of the people interviewed by the Koori Mail about this story named the Japanese sub, but spelling varied.

The Battle of the Coral Sea win by the US fleet ensured that a Japanese invasion was no longer a real concern, and turned the war in the allies' favour.

As for the true reason why the sub left without inflicting damage and even death, who knows?



Father Elimo Tapim. He said he understood the Japanese captain had worked with some locals in the beche-de-mer (sea cucumber) industry and that they just needed water and left.



Father Gaidam Gisu: "The captain of the Japanese sub had worked with some of the islanders diving and family and friends told me he got the water and left them in peace."

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Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Maar Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 1 August 2007
Public comments due: 29 August 2007
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Maar Land Council Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. 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 the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat

GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001

Email: vahc@dvic.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9208 3243

Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Barengi Gadjin Land Council
Date received: 3 August 2007
Public comments due: 29 August 2007
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Didgeridoo player and dancer Lee West and Spanish horseman, Manolo Mendez.

Cultures unite

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
in Perth.



A performance at a resort in Perth's hills is combining Aboriginal and Spanish culture in acknowledgement of the region's

Aboriginal heritage.

The innovative dance routine by didgeridoo player and dancer, Lee West, and Spanish horseman, Manolo Mendez, at the El Caballo resort in Wooroloo fused Spanish Andalusian dressage with traditional Aboriginal music and dance.

Lee West has performed traditional and contemporary

Aboriginal music interstate and internationally for many years, and said he joined forces with Mendez in a show called *The Spirit of the Horse* when he observed percussive and vocal similarities between Aboriginal and Spanish dance.

Mr West said the collaboration of the didg and dance segment came together very quickly and spontaneously and was largely improvised.

"The illusion was that the horse and I had worked together for ages but we'd never practised – it just came really easily off-the-cuff," he said.

He said his Kimberley family are all stockmen and he thought that background may have

helped the performance to gel together so effortlessly.

"I don't know what it was, it must have been the spiritual connection," Mr West said.

"The horse responded really well – he loved the sound of the didgeridoo."

He added that Mendez' love of Aboriginal culture and his many years working with horses had contributed to the electric atmosphere of the contemporary performance.

Mr West said another of the cross-cultural performances is tentatively being planned for September, although they are not yet a regular feature in El Caballo's show.

Court to target violence



A new court in Geraldton aims to give Aboriginal people caught up in domestic violence more support to resolve their issues and the opportunity to change the patterns of abuse in their family.

Attorney General Jim McGinty said on Wednesday that the specialised family violence court would address high levels of violence in indigenous families in Geraldton and surrounding areas.

"The Barndimalgu Court will give offenders the opportunity to admit their guilt and be given support and training that will help them stop abusing their family members in the future," Mr McGinty said.

"Offenders who have pleaded guilty in the regular Magistrate's Court, and agree to take part in the Barndimalgu family violence court, will need to complete a six month rehabilitation program designed to address their violent behaviour."

"At the end of the process, the offender's progress will be assessed by the case management team before the offender returns to the family violence court for sentencing by the magistrate."

"Respected Aboriginal community members will sit in court with the magistrate at the time of sentencing, giving invaluable advice and cultural insight into the cases, as well as providing the opportunity for cultural 'shaming'."

But Mr McGinty said the court was not 'a soft option'.

"If offenders do not comply with the strict conditions imposed upon them, the court can terminate the program and consider this in the sentence handed down," he said.

The court is part of the State Government's focus on reducing domestic violence in WA.

It follows the introduction of new laws in 2004 which made it easier and safer for people to

report domestic violence. Since then, there has been a marked increase in the number of cases reported to police.

Prior to the changes, there were 11,000 reported incidents per year in WA. In 2006 there were 22,205 reported offences of which 53 per cent were prosecuted.

The legislation also saw the introduction of police orders which enabled police to immediately remove violent offenders from the home for 24 or 72 hours.

In 2005, there were 5,280 police orders and by the end of this year, it is expected that there will have been about 7,000 orders given.

Another significant change was the introduction of a specific restraining order for domestic violence. At the end of 2004, there were 9,818 Violence Restraining Orders (VRO) issued by the courts. By the end of this year, it is expected that there will have been 12,000 VROs issued.

Aboriginal women living in regional WA were 33 times more likely to be a victim of domestic violence than their non-Aboriginal counterparts.

Geraldton MLA Shane Hill welcomed the new court.

"This court is a major step towards breaking the cycle of violence in our local Aboriginal families," he said.

The court program would deal with around 50 to 60 referrals a year, with the capacity to deal with more if required. The court's name, Barndimalgu, means 'to fix things and make them good' in the Wajarri language group.

The court will operate in a similar way to family violence courts in the metropolitan area which catered for Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders.

It will be based at the Geraldton court complex in Marine Terrace and was expected to sit for the first time on Monday.

Signs to inform visitors of history

Story and photos by
CHRISTINE HOWES.



Traditional owners of Tutamonlin (Malanda Falls) west of Cairns in far north Queensland have drawn upon the learnings of local TAFE students to bring about new signage to inform visitors and hopefully help protect the picturesque site.

Speaking at a ceremony to unveil the new signage last month, Ngadjon-Jii descendent Warren Canendo said part of a Tropical North Old TAFE *Caring for Country* course three years ago involved students monitoring the effect of visitors to the Lake Eacham and Malanda Falls areas.

"Students were asking tourists what they got out of the walks and a lot of them were saying there was no information. They didn't know what they were looking at, and if they were looking for the tree-climbing kangaroo they didn't know the habitat or the trees to find," he said.

"So we got together after the course and put in a submission to put in some signage. The first submission wasn't

successful but the second one was."

Mr Canendo said the submission process took three years.

"It was a long process to make sure we got the stories right, and as many of you know that takes a bit," he told guests at the unveiling.

A photograph of the elders who 'made it happen' in the first place and have since passed on took pride of place at the opening.

"We wanted to acknowledge Auntie Jessie Calico, Auntie Elsie Battle and elder Emma Johnston," Mr Canendo said.

Ngadjon-Jii elder Ernie Raymont said the area was unique.

"We're lucky to have this in our own backyard," he said. "When I was growing up here, when we came in from Butcher's Creek just after World War II, we all had our camps in through here."

"The last camp we had up here was just across the road there and we only moved out in the middle 1960s but even though we moved away we still have a connection to this area here."

"We've got burial and camping sites here so this is a great occasion for Ngadjon-Jii people today to have these signs explaining to the visitors to this area."



Warren Canendo and Ernie Raymont.



Conrad Sutton-Johnson and Jardine Irwin.



Signage along the walk.



Rainforest Walk led by Ernie Raymont.



Yvonne Canendo, Joyce Blooranta, Ena Gertz and Ernie Raymont.

Law Society launches Indigenous law student bursary

NSW

The Law Society of NSW has launched its Indigenous Law Student Bursary that will provide an

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander with accommodation while they study law at a university in NSW.

The bursary, funded by a benefactor donation and the Law

Society to the value of \$15,000, will contribute to the cost of on-campus or university-owned or operated accommodation for two academic years.

NSW Law Society President Geoff Dunlevy said the bursary reflected the Law Society's commitment to representation and development of the Indigenous

community in the legal profession.

"We have a professional and public responsibility to use the knowledge and experience of our members in the interests of promoting public debate around legal issues and reforming legal processes to achieve greater justice and fairness," he said.

"This bursary will give an

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander law student the opportunity to enhance this professional and public responsibility."

The bursary will be available from the start of the 2008 academic year and will be open to Indigenous students who are undertaking a degree in law or who have been accepted into the

law faculty at a university in NSW.

"Applications close 5pm on Friday 28 September 2007 and we encourage all those who are eligible to apply," Mr Dunlevy said.

For further information and application forms, visit the Law Society's website: www.lawsocnsw.asn.au or contact the society on (02) 9926 0333.



Bunggul, a traditional Yolngu dance ceremony.



Men practise throwing the spears they made during the event.



Cultural transmission to young people is an important part of Garma.

Photos by MARK ROGERS, courtesy of the Yothu Yindi Foundation

Garma a charmer

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



The ninth annual Garma festival held at Gulkula, in northeast Arnhem Land, in the Northern Territory from 3-7 August was a spectacular celebration of Aboriginal cultural expression through dance, song, music and art.

However, politics was also a key focus with the Federal Government's intervention plans looming large at the festival's key forum, which focussed on health.

Bunggul (traditional Yolngu dance ceremony) followed the official opening of the festival by Yothu Yindi Foundation (YYF) Chairman Galarrwuy Yunupingu.

Bands performed on the main stage for more than 2000 people from surrounding communities and much further afar.

The musical line-up included Kalkaringi, Galangarri, Gathalala, Groote Eylandt, NAISDA, Freedom Road, Telek and Miriam with a set by Yothu Yindi proving to be a favourite.

Cultural tourism excursions led by Elders were sold out. There were sessions

on language and culture, and men honed their spear-making skills and practised throwing the finished products.

A yidaki master class had participants from around the world. A youth forum for 12-to-18-year-olds from Arnhem Land high schools had sessions on bush medicine, Yolngu culture, lino printing, health and fitness, hip-hop writing, and a contemporary music training program.

Aboriginal community leaders, health professionals and others at the festival's key forum *Indigenous health: Real solutions for a chronic problem*, called on the Federal Government to abandon legislation in regard to its 'unilateral and draconian intervention in the Northern Territory'.

Resolutions from the forum floor urged the Australian Labor Party, the Greens, Democrats, Family First and Liberal backbenchers to oppose the legislation, which went to the House of Representatives and the Senate last week.

"The proposed measures will be a failure because they are not evidence-based. There has been no negotiation, courtesy or respect shown to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community members and health professionals," said a

forum resolution.

"Moreover, the proposals are unworkable and retrogressive. They will harm the achievements of health professionals and undermine confidence in the existing, and admittedly under-resourced, health services.

"Delegates at Garma's Health Forum believe and support the need to address violence and sexual abuse, and call on State and Federal governments to bolster the work of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations and individuals who are and have been working tirelessly on these issues with inadequate Federal commitment."

Letters were sent to Prime Minister John Howard and ALP leader Kevin Rudd urging collaboration with Aboriginal leaders in the NT, and expressing concerns about dispossession and changes to the NT land permit system.

NT Arts and Museums and Young Territorians Minister Marion Scrymgour said the strength of the Yolngu people exposed 'the lies being told about Aboriginal people'.

"The strength and diversity of the culture in the Northern Territory is precious to us ... when people from Caboolture to

Kirribilli pretend to know what's best for us," she said.

The festival also saw the signing of a Remote Learning Partnership between Yambirpa School and the NT Department of Education, Employment and Training. The partnership flowed from the Garma 2006 key forum on education.

Yambirpa School Chairperson Wali Wunungmurra said 'in the current political climate it was necessary to say we do care about our children and our children's education'.

"Our custom is we have always loved our kids and looked after them till they are free to go ... but still under the watch of their elders and parents," Wali said.

"The foundation for this project was laid three years ago by the old people ... this partnership is one of the wisest things that ever happened. It will help our children to become strong leaders for the future.

"It's time to have a unified voice, to speak out with one voice, one mind."

NT Chief Minister Clare Martin attended the signing and said the partnership was the forerunner of many.

"It is putting children first, giving them skills, choices and jobs for their future. We are committed to the long haul," she said.



This yidaki master class had 25 participants.



A yidaki player at Garma 2007.



Garma in pictures

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Wayne Quilliam





Russell Butler and Vicki Saylor with US Marines.



US Marines hard at work at the kindergarten

The marines dig in

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON.



A north Queensland kindergarten had a little help from far a field when it planted its 'cultural garden' last

month.

The Kindergarten Headstart Aboriginal Community at McLachlan Street in the Townsville suburb of Currajong was delighted when some visiting US Marines chipped in their time to help with the project.

The planting ceremony was conducted by Wulgurukaba Elder Russell Butler, and sponsored by Townsville City Council and supported by the local cultural centre, Townsville

Indigenous Men's Group, Community Elders and the US Marine Corp.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre spokeswoman Vicki Saylor said Mr Butler had advised the city council on the types of trees to be planted.

"These trees are natives that have therapeutic and nutritional properties which have been specifically chosen by Mr Butler so that children and members of the Townsville community can learn and identify local plants that are used for bush medicine and bush tucker," Ms Saylor said.

Brent Johnson, Group Chaplain for the US Marine Corp, which was visiting Townsville, approached a staff member of the cultural centre to see if they could engage some

of their staff in a large Indigenous community project.

The staff member suggested that together they should approach the Kindergarten Headstart to plant trees for a cultural garden.

Director of Kindergarten Headstart, Deborah Saylor, who started out as an assistant 25 years ago, said it had been a personal dream and a goal of the centre to have a cultural garden planted right next to the kindergarten.

Ms Saylor said the cultural garden would not only be a place for the children to visit and play, but somewhere to encourage the children learn more about history, songs, bush tucker and bush medicine from local Elders.

About 50 Indigenous children attend the kindergarten. The

wider community will also be able to visit the cultural garden.

Townsville City Council provided 20-30 trees for the project and has indicated that it would like to discuss ongoing and further developments for the cultural garden and the centre.

Chaplain Johnson said the US Marine Corp hoped to get more involved in the local community through a Community Relation Project.

He said the project would offer 30 volunteer marines an opportunity to get to know the community better, to use some of their basic skills, and to have some community interaction.

"This will be an ongoing project as the exercise is held every two years and it will be recorded so that the visiting marines are able to provide continued support and check up

on how the project is developing," he said.

The troops were rewarded for their hard work with a BBQ lunch cooked by members of the Townsville Indigenous Men's Group, which is also taking a keen interest in the project.

The men's group will support the children and staff of the kindergarten to maintain and assist with the upkeep of the cultural garden.

Elders were on hand after the ceremony to talk about the plants and their value and to share stories and some history of the local Indigenous culture with the marines.

Before the planting began in the new garden, Indigenous minister John Anderson blessed the kindergarten with a short prayer.

Hostel celebrates campaigner

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



An open day held at the modern Iris Clay Hostel in Sturt Street Townsville last month proved a great NAIDOC Week success.

The hostel's name honours Mapoon-born Iris Clay, a courageous campaigner for her people's legal rights and social welfare in many capacities throughout Northern Queensland, particularly on

Palm Island.

The hostel, originally opened in 1977, is state-of-the-art after a \$3.4 million dollar re-build. It has 18 rooms, offering short-term accommodation for up to 40 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people per day.

Many of the hostel's staff are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

With a network of more than 120 hostels Australia-wide, Aboriginal Hostels Limited contributes to the health, education and employment of thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These provide around 3000 beds per night and more than two million meals per year.

Alma Pilot was at the open day and said the Townsville facility played an important role for out of town families needing accommodation.

Radio 4KIG newly appointed station manager Velma Gara, also of Torres Strait descent said she enjoyed the open day. The O'Keefe family from Mount Isa was there, along with Geisha Hayes and her nine month old baby Pantrea.

Angelina Murgu was with baby Kunjul and Victoria King from Mount Isa watched on as her children Chineykw, 6, Shineille, 4, and Trevor, 2, enjoyed the playground facilities.



Angelina Murgu and daughter Kunjul, aged 2, at the open day.



At the open day, from left, were Chineykw King, 6, Shineille King, 4, and Trevor King, 2.



The O'Keefe family, from left, dad Bevan, mum Simone, and children Leon, 2, Angel, 6 months, and Michael, 5, with Geisha Hayes and her daughter Pantrea, 9 months.

Footy show a first



Marngrook host Grant Hansen with the show's news reporter and presenter Leila Gurruwiwi.



The world's first live Indigenous football television panel is now on the air.

The Marngrook Footy Show has been a highly successful radio program for the past ten years and can now be viewed 'on the box' on National Indigenous TV and Channel 31 in Victoria, every Thursday from 8:30pm AEST.

The show also has the honour of having made the first ever

transition of an Indigenous sports radio program to television.

Funded by National Indigenous TV and produced by SEIMA/GPC, Marngrook broadcasts live from a studio at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) in Melbourne.

The fast-paced panel show based on talented Indigenous football players from all over Australia - it's a show about Aussie Rules with an Indigenous style.

The panel uncovers players' backgrounds and heritage, inside news and current affairs, the weekly tips, as well as the 'dirt', gripes and fights on the premier sports wrap up.

Grant Hansen is Australia's first Indigenous AFL football caller and the host of the Marngrook Footy Show. Alongside Grant are co-host and former St Kilda player Gilbert McAdam and roving AFL news reporter Leila Gurruwiwi. "The Marngrook Footy Show

provides an Indigenous perspective on AFL Football from former and current AFL Stars, and people who have played the game", said Mr Hansen.

With Indigenous people so well represented amongst past and current AFL greats, there's no shortage of potential guests for the new show. Regular panel members include former Geelong and Adelaide player Ronny Burns, former Kangaroo, Essendon and Sydney Swans champion Derek

Kickettand former Sydney, Bulldogs and Carlton player Alan Thorpe.

National Indigenous TV aims to showcase more informative sports programming for and about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, for all Australians to enjoy.

"NITV will be a positive vehicle to help promote and educate the wider audience with regards to Indigenous culture and views," Mr Hansen said.

Angelic help for the Jimmy Little Foundation



While most Australians are living longer than ever before, according to Oxfam one in every three Indigenous Australian males can expect to die before they reach the age of 55.

With singer Jimmy Little AO at the helm, the Jimmy Little Foundation is fundraising to continue and expand the Return to Country project, which assists Indigenous Territories with kidney disease, return to their families and communities whilst undergoing dialysis treatment.

Oz rock veterans The Angels, have put up their hands to help the JLF and Return to Country by performing at a number of benefits including one in Alice Springs this month.

From 5pm on Sunday 26 August, the Angels will perform on the lawns at the Federal Sports Club during the Todd River Regatta weekend and \$5 from ticket sales will support the RTC project.

On Monday 27 August, Jimmy Little will travel with the

Angels to Kintore for an exclusive concert at the kidney health day.

Co-director of JLF, Jimmy's manager and The Angels drummer Graham 'Buzz' Bidstrup said the JLF was established to help improve kidney health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across regional and remote Australia.

"For some time, Jimmy and the foundation have had an association with Kintore and the Western Desert Mob and The Angels are thrilled to be honouring an invitation from health workers and the community to bring the music and the message to them. No secrets about it!"

By raising funds through music, the Return to Country program assists indigenous dialysis patients to return to their country and family for a few days every couple of months.

With no dialysis facilities in most remote indigenous communities and with vast distances to travel for treatment, many patients are forced to relocate to Alice Springs to

access life saving health care. This has caused distress to the patients and those left behind in the community, without a parent or family member.

More than one hundred indigenous Australians have been relocated for treatment, often from their remote communities.

Jimmy Little has been performing for more than 50 years and knows first hand the problems of coping with kidney failure.

"It is just not financially possible for people to get back home and some patients have not returned to their country for many years," he said.

"Their dislocation breaks their hearts, makes family life very difficult and leads to problems with their health treatment."

As part of the JLF's ongoing work in Central Australia, Jimmy, Buzz and Co-director Don Palmer will also visit Uluru's Mutitjulu community on Monday to present a music/DJ workshop and further discuss plans for a dialysis facility to be located there.

GROWTH CENTRES COMMISSION

Public Notice

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW) – Section 87 Permits and Section 90 Consents – Invitation to Register Interest

Oran Park and Turner Road Precincts of the South West Growth Centre

The Growth Centres Commission (GCC) and Camden Council are progressing with Precinct Planning for the Oran Park and Turner Road Precincts of the South West Growth Centre. A Precinct Planning package for each Precinct was recently exhibited for public comment.

Precinct Planning was undertaken with input from Aboriginal persons and organisations who expressed an interest in the Precincts. This included consultation and the completion of an Aboriginal Heritage Study which identified Core Conservation Areas to be included in the Indicative Layout Plans (ILPs) which form part of each Precinct Planning package.

The GCC intends to apply for Permit(s) under Section 87 and Consent(s) under Section 90 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (the Act) to allow the following actions described in the Act. These actions will be associated with finalising the Precinct Planning packages and undertaking the subsequent land development enabled by the gazettal of Amendment 1 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Region Growth Centres)* 2006.

These actions include:

- disturbing or excavating land for the purpose of discovering 'Aboriginal Objects' (as defined by the Act) - this will include, in the first instance, undertaking test excavations pursuant to Section 87 of the Act to verify the nature and location of the proposed Core Conservation Areas in the ILP; and
- disturbing or excavating land for the purpose of discovering 'Aboriginal Objects' (as defined by the Act) - undertaking test excavations pursuant to Section 87 of the Act to further identify the nature and extent of archaeological sites within the ILP to enable appropriate management recommendations to be made; and, subsequent to this work,
- applying to disturb, move, deface, damage or destroy 'Aboriginal Objects' in accordance with Section 90 of the Act during the course of development of the two Precincts.

As part of making the application(s) to the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), the GCC would like to consult with all Aboriginal persons and organisations who have a knowledge of, or right of interest in, the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the Oran Park and Turner Road Precincts of the South West Growth Centre.

Any persons or organisations wishing to participate in the processes of seeking Section 87 Permit(s) and Section 90 Consent(s) for the Oran Park and/or Turner Road Precincts should register their interest by writing to the Growth Centres Commission at PO Box 1457, Parramatta NSW 2124 by 7 September 2007, providing their name, address, phone number and information on their connection to the area and the skills and experience they would bring to the process.

Copies of maps identifying the Oran Park and Turner Road Precincts can be obtained from www.gcc.nsw.gov.au or by emailing community@gcc.nsw.gov.au or calling 1300 730 550.



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Rookie film-maker picks up awards

Director of new film hopes for more days like these

Story and photos by
Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



Townsville media student and novice film director Marty Adams has won a swag of awards at the Gulaibi Short Film Fest for his film, *Days Like These*.

The five-minute drama was a first release for the 32-year-old Mr Adams, who is studying for a Bachelor Degree at the School of Indigenous Australian Studies at Townsville's James Cook University.

"The film came about after I saw an Australian Film Commission advertisement in the Koori Mail calling for expressions of interest which I sent down," Marty said.

"At JCU I specialise in media productions."

Darwin-born Mr Adams has lived in Arnhem Land and the Torres Strait, but for the past decade has lived in Townsville where the Koori Mail caught up with him and his trophies.

"The film was funded by the Indigenous Branch of the Australian Film Commission as part of the Bit Of Black Business (BOBB) film initiative," Mr Adams said.

"BOBB included 12 other films by first time Indigenous writers/directors from all over Australia. It premiered at the Message Stick Film Fest at Sydney Opera House in May."

This series is currently on a national tour and has been commissioned by SBS Independent to air on SBS TV later in the year.

Days Like These stars Townsville champion boxer

Jordan Gee-Hoy and features Lillian Crombie, with cinematography by Warrick Thorton.

At the Gulaibi Short Film Fest, shown as part of the recent Thuringowa Riverway Festival, it won the categories of Best Film, Best Direction, Best Actor and Best Editing.

"I wrote the film script which was given development funding by the AFC," said Mr Adams.

"After a culling process from 40 to 20 and after two workshops in NSW, a final 13 were chosen for production and subsequent airplay on SBS."

Days Like These has also been invited to screen at Heart of Gold Fest in Gympie and the Mecal Short Film Fest in Barcelona, Spain.

Mr Adams said he chose Jordan Gee-Hoy to play the lead character after seeing him on Channel Nine's Sunday show.

"Even though he had no experience, I was sure he was perfect for the part. We shot the film in Sydney over three days before Christmas last year, at Redfern and in the inner city."

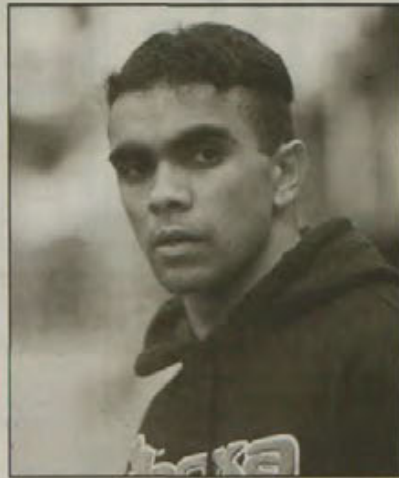
The film story follows a day in the life of a young Aboriginal man called Dan, who tries to land a good job but finds only prejudice and a lack of true opportunity.

"It plays on the concept of how are you supposed to get out of the gutter if everyone else thinks you belong down there," said Mr Adams.

"But it's not just a sad tale. Dan is a fighter, a strong black man, everyone has 'days like these'. His motto is 'How you fall doesn't matter, it's how you land that counts'."



● ABOVE: Marty Adams and his awards for directing a short film.



● LEFT: Jordan Gee-Hoy on the movie scene in film directed by Marty Adams.

50 years later, Warmun gets back its police station



A police station at Warmun (Turkey Creek), in Western Australia's Kimberley region, has re-opened more than 50 years after it was closed.

The decision to establish a multi-purpose police station at Warmun, with a co-located child protection officer was taken in 2003 following the Gordon Report.

The new station was opened last Friday, and was welcomed by the State Member for Central Kimberley-Pilbara, Tom Stephens.

"I am aware that this is a very important small first step towards responding to the needs of the people of this area of the Kimberley," he said.

Mr Stephens said local history books indicated that a police rationing post was established at Turkey Creek in 1900 and when the police station closed at Argyle Homestead in 1908, they transferred over to a full new police station at Turkey Creek. In 1955 this police station closed.

"Just over 20 years later, when I first came to Turkey Creek, the Gidja people were gathering in larger numbers around the old abandoned and largely demolished police station and hotel site," Mr Stephens said.

"At that time the only structures, other than the remnants of the old police station and inn, were makeshift tin shacks or humpies, tents and car bodies."

"A very large number of extended families were clustered in these structures, in distinct groups."

"It has taken over 50 years since the Turkey Creek police station was closed in the mid-1950s to get a permanent resident police presence back at Warmun."

Mr Stephens said that in the intervening years, the community had begged and pleaded for police services.

"In the meantime they have taken police visits either from Wyndham, Kununurra, Halls Creek or in more recent years from Argyle," he said.

"I welcome the re-opening of a police station at Warmun and I hope that it can be the start of a new partnership between the community and every sphere of government in building pathways for education, training and employment opportunities for local people who need to be firmly linked to the economic development of the area."

Boost to Sydney Indigenous natural resource management



The Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has appointed a new Indigenous Community Support Officer (ICSO) to work with Aboriginal communities to increase the number and diversity of Aboriginal people working on natural resource management activities in Sydney.

Former project co-ordinator for the 'Kooris Caring for Ropes Creek' project, Margaret Bottrell, will fill the role.

"This role involves working with Aboriginal communities to identify and work on natural resource management projects. We'll be working towards improved access to information on funding and planning processes", said Bob Junor, Sydney Metropolitan CMA Chairman.

"Margaret will be working to better incorporate Aboriginal values into natural resource

management projects. Her knowledge is a huge asset to the Sydney Metropolitan CMA."

Ms Bottrell has extensive experience in working with Aboriginal people, having coordinated the Western Sydney Aboriginal Landcare group for the past four years. She has also worked with Petersham TAFE to teach Indigenous children how to design and plant our native gardens.

"I'm looking forward to expanding my networks and working with the great team at the Sydney Metropolitan CMA," she said.

"The biggest challenge of this new role will be sourcing enough participants for the projects we have planned. If anyone is interested in playing a part, I urge them to contact the Sydney Metropolitan Office."

People interested in volunteering for the Sydney Metropolitan CMA can call the Sydney Metropolitan office on 02 9895 7898.



● LEFT: The Sydney Metropolitan CMA's new Indigenous Community Support Officer Margaret Bottrell with Bob Junor, Sydney Metropolitan CMA Chairman.

China tour shows kids travel option

Six-year-old Breanna Humes is already turning out to be quite the 'culture vulture'. The jet-setting young West Australian recently travelled with her extended family on a holiday to China and Hong Kong.

Breanna got into the spirit of things, dressing as a Chinese Princess at the iconic Great Wall of China in Beijing.

"All the kids had a great time in China visiting the Beijing Zoo, Ming Tomb, and the Great Wall," says her proud Nan Glenda Humes, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the South West Aboriginal Medical Service in Bunbury.

"Other highlights in Hong Kong were the tram ride to the peak, Hong Kong Disneyland and a swim in the South China Sea."

"From this photo other Aboriginal kids can see that there are opportunities for our kids to travel."

Ms Humes said most of the 18-strong group were Aboriginal people and included Breanna's sister Summer and others from WA, Victoria, NSW and Queensland.



Breanna Humes at the iconic Great Wall of China in Beijing.

Tourism centre boost



The West Australian Government has provided \$57,000 towards the development of an Indigenous tourism centre in the Kimberley region that will specialise in the cultural education of community, school and university groups.

Regional Development Minister Jon Ford presented Madjulla Inc with the grant to help establish the Majala Wilderness Centre, which is located at the Balginjirr community between Derby and Fitzroy Crossing.

Mr Ford said the initial stages of the project would include the installation of ablution blocks and the development of much-needed amenities at the existing camping ground.

"This is the first step towards providing extended facilities at the site, which will include a teaching and dining facility, and then accommodation units further down the track," he said.

"An additional \$100,000 has been committed to the project through a Lotterywest grant for the teaching and dining facility."

Kimberley MLA Carol Martin said the Majala Wilderness Centre would provide a place for courses, conferences and retreats, offering experiences of the Indigenous culture of the Nyikina people.

"Groups will have the opportunity to participate in a number of tours visiting interesting sites along the Fitzroy River and on Aboriginal-owned pastoral stations," she said.

"Visitors will also hear talks from local Aboriginal people about traditional life, colonisation and involvement in the pastoral industry."

"Additional employment and income generation opportunities resulting from the enterprise will also be important for the Balginjirr community."

"This is one of a range of measures to assist in improving the quality of life in Indigenous communities, which is a key factor in the State Government's response to the Gordon Inquiry."

Funding for the centre has been provided by the government's Indigenous Regional Development Program, which forms part of the Regional Investment Fund.

Further information about the program is available from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development's website at www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au

Health service push to protect Indigenous prisoners

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Indigenous prison inmates need better access to and choice of health care while serving time in jail or detention.

That's the message coming from Julie Tongs, Chief Executive Officer of Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service (WNAHS) in Canberra.

The WANHS recently released its report, 'You do the crime, you do the time' which urges the Commonwealth and the ACT governments to look at providing Indigenous inmates with adequate health care.

Ms Tongs said at the report's launch that it was groundbreaking and she hoped it would be regarded as a national template for Indigenous prison health models around Australia.

"From Winnunga's considerable experience of delivering, over many years, Indigenous prison health programs to Goulburn and Cooma

jails and the Belconnen Remand Centre, we know a significant percentage of Indigenous prisoners are unable to access proper health care," she said.

"At best, care is patchy and bears no relationship to the real culturally sensitive needs of Indigenous Australians."

"Our recommendations in this report lay the groundwork to put an end to that totally unacceptable situation."

The key recommendations are:

- That the Commonwealth take over the responsibility for prisons and reinstate prisoners' rights to vote.

- Ensure prisoners have access to Medicare services behind bars.

- Access to clean needles, condoms, medical specialists and voluntary testing for blood-borne viruses.

- The creation of a Winnunga-based Prison Health System Team to co-ordinate a holistic health care program for prisoners, which would include vital access to emergency housing and



Winnunga Nimmityjah's CEO Julie Tongs.

ongoing co-ordinated health care on release.

Ms Tongs said access to clean needles was important.

"The reason that we need access to clean needles is that in

our experience of going to the prison ... a lot of inmates go into jail as non-users and come out users," she said.

"For 15 people there could be one needle - how scary is that?"

"We'd like everyone to come out clean and stay clean but we live in the real world and that's not going to happen. We need to be able to give people choices."

Ms Tongs said Winnunga developed its own model for the new ACT Prison because it was an opportunity for the health service to have the recommendations from the deaths in custody report implemented 'and we wanted to be in down on the ground floor'.

"We looked at identity as part of the model. A huge part of the emotional well-being issues is that sense of belonging, being proud of who you are and where you come from," she said.

Winnunga proposes a holistic health care system that has three parts.

Part 1: Incarceration - Specifically holistic health care during incarceration and planning

for release.

Part 2: Release from prison provides post release health coordination and family and community reintegration strategies.

Part 3: Managing the cycle of incarceration - This part of the model provides for early family and other intervention strategies.

The best practice Holistic Health Care Prison Model to be delivered by Winnunga Prison Health Service Team will be rolled out to the new ACT Alexander Moconochie Centre in mid 2008.

"At the moment when a prisoner goes to jail they lose all rights, and access to Medicare. What we believe is that if prisoners have the right access to medicare it gives them more choices," Ms Tongs said.

"They have ten minutes with a GP when we know a lot of these fellas need an hour with a psychiatrist on a regular basis."

Ms Tongs said she believed the strategies would decrease the incidence of prisoners re-offending.

Fred's home to make music



Fred Gesha is returning to his home state of Queensland with a musical vision.

By KEN BOASE in Perth



WA Music (WAM) Indigenous Project Officer Fred Gesha has resigned from his position and will return to his home state of Queensland in an effort to establish something similar along the Eastern seaboard.

Mr Gesha, who has Torres Strait Island and Kanaka heritage, said that WAM was the only music organisation in the country to have established a permanent position for an Indigenous employee and he is determined to change that.

Mr Gesha arrived in WA in 1993 as a Commonwealth public servant but his interest in music led him to a position at Perth music college Abmusic that expanded his experience and led ultimately to his position at WAM in 2003.

"As far as I know, the WAM Indigenous Project Officer is the only one of its kind in Australia, but now I want to take that further because in other places they seem to be project-driven and once the project has finished that's the end of the contract," Mr Gesha said.

"That is not going to help sustain or develop the Indigenous music sector for the long term so what I want to do is establish more of these positions in major music organisations around the country."

"I want to use WAM as a model. I've been to festivals in the Eastern states and I've got the networks and I want to see full time positions in those organisations."

"We really need to bridge the gap between the Indigenous music sector and the mainstream and I'll be working hard to achieve that."

"We're not really accepted in the mainstream and that shows on the charts

because in the last 12 years only nine Indigenous artists have made it onto the charts. We need to look at something like Motown to promote ourselves and our stories and songs."

WAM Executive Director Paul Bodlovich said that Mr Gesha had developed a sustainable link between the organisation and Indigenous music organisations and individuals over the last four years, and that work would continue to be developed further.

"We came from a place four years ago when Fred started where we didn't have much of a connection with the Indigenous music sector and we didn't have relationships with organisations like Abmusic and Goolari Media for example," Mr Bodlovich said.

"That's all changed and we've now got good relationships with organisations like that and we've got a much higher profile

with the Indigenous music sector generally."

Mr Bodlovich wished Mr Gesha all the best for his future, and said WAM would fill the position in the near future.

"The role is a bit different from when Fred first came into it because it was a blank slate and we didn't really have a policy position, but now we've got a bunch of projects, a good policy background and good networks," he said.

"So the person we'll be looking for is someone who can put all those things in place and is able to connect really well with a number of different music communities throughout WA and be able to speak on their behalf."

Mr Gesha said he would take a break and spend time with his family on the Gold Coast before seeking to join and influence the music industry in Brisbane and Sydney.

Film gives new voice to Aboriginal children



Audiences in Melbourne can now hear stories from Aboriginal children in Melbourne, thanks to a new film. The 30-minute film *Ngaweeyan Thookayngat: Voice of Children*, directed by acclaimed director Richard Frankland, was developed in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and Melbourne City Council.

"*Ngaweeyan Thookayngat* recognises the importance of listening to the voices of children and young people – a voice which is so often overlooked," said former State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings.

"Currently we are hearing sad stories about Aboriginal children."

"This new film gives us examples of the many positive role models within our Aboriginal community and how these leaders influence the aspirations of Aboriginal children."

Mr Jennings said the film featured Aboriginal children interviewing a number of leaders in their community, selected by the young people, and taking pride in their community and culture.

"*Ngaweeyan Thookayngat* reminds us of the strength and power of Aboriginal culture and shows how connection with culture and community is something that builds strength, pride and resilience in Aboriginal children," he said.

"It also reminds us of how Aboriginal culture has survived in the face of years of colonisation and disadvantage. This film is a tremendous reminder of the many positive things Aboriginal culture contributes to the lives of all of us in Victoria."

Torres Strait rolls out the welcome mat for Minister



Federal Local Government, Territories and Roads Minister Jim Lloyd saw first-hand some of the economic, social and cultural issues facing

Torres Strait Islanders during a recent visit to the region.

Mr Lloyd visited a number of communities, including Hammond, Masig and Boigu Islands and the Bamaga community on the Northern Peninsula Area.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chairman Toshie Kris said the Minister's visit enabled him to engage in direct discussion with the TSRA on key regional issues.

"Over the past month, the Government has placed a large focus on Indigenous issues and I saw this visit as an opportunity to show the Minister that there are a number of positive initiatives in operation in the Torres Strait," Mr Kris said.

"Since 1994, the TSRA has been able to contribute significantly to improving the quality of life experienced by the Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people of this region."

"The TSRA delivered programs and services such as the Community Economic Initiatives Scheme, Business Funding Scheme, Home Ownership Scheme, Community Development Employment Program, Community



TSRA Chairman Toshie Kris welcomes Mr Lloyd to the Torres Strait.

— Photo courtesy of the TSRA

Training Program, Municipal Support Program and the Major Infrastructure Program. They are playing important roles in enhancing social, cultural and economic outcomes in our communities.

"They have contributed toward increasing infrastructure, living standards, access to essential services and built

community capacity as well as promoting both individual and community economic independence."

Mr Kris said that, through his visit, Mr Lloyd had been able to see the results of the Government's investment and be in a good position to understand the need for additional support to build on existing projects and initiatives.

He said there remained a number of key regional issues, including the Old Government's decision to amalgamate many local councils including those in the Torres Strait, and the potential cultural and practical ramifications that communities faced from this announcement.

He said he also told Mr Lloyd of the need to increase the Australian Government's support for the region's capital works initiative, the Major Infrastructure Program, to allow for the installation and upgrade of the Torres Strait's environmental health infrastructure to continue beyond 2009.

Mr Kris said other issues brought to the Minister's attention were the high cost of living in the region, and the threat of erosion and flooding to islands.

"Considering the millions of dollars that the Government has invested in the region, it is critical for all levels of government collaborate to assist communities to mitigate this natural process," he said.

Positive imaging

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY



It seems that every which way you turn these days, there's a voice, an image or a newspaper headline screaming about the atrocities taking place in our communities.

Sensationalism may be commonplace within the commercial media industry – but for us, it can be dangerous.

The constant negative portrayal of Indigenous issues not only creates stereotypes within the wider population, but there is a danger of our own mob internalising this negativity.

We keep telling our youth to hold their heads up high, but it makes it hard when all they ever hear about are our falls and our setbacks.

During NAIDOC Week, the Victorian Koori community took representation into their own hands with a number of exhibitions using new media to promote a positive focus.

Richard Frankland's new film, *Ngaweeyan Thookay – Voice of Children*, produced by the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, was launched at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) and is screening at the Linden Centre for Contemporary Arts in St Kilda. The film looks at how young Koori lives can be turned around when culture and the resilience of Aboriginal communities becomes the focus.

Frankland worked closely with the young participants who were broken into groups named after Victorian warriors and given the task to interview heroes within their own community.

"It was hard work," said narrator James Peirce.

"When we first started we were daggy, real shame job. Then we got a little bit more deadly. Third time – we were flash."

Respected Elder Aunty Ollie Jackson said at the launch:

"Seeing the young ones on the big screen makes you feel so proud, makes you feel good on the inside."

Pitcha This, an innovative multimedia exhibition showing at the Koori Heritage Trust, uses film, photography and digital storytelling to inspire, strengthen, educate, and entertain by promoting positive images of six Victorian Indigenous communities.

The display was put together by Kimba Thompson, of Sista Girl Productions, working with photographer Wayne Quilliam and the ACMI.

"The beauty of the exhibition is that the images were taken in the community, by the community," said Mr Quilliam, who travelled Victoria providing on-the-ground photographic training.

"Hopefully we can take this back to community through regional showings, so everyone can see the strengths of their Aboriginal neighbours."



At the launch of *Pitcha This*.
Photo by Wayne Quilliam

● BELOW: 'Rambo' (Bindi Jack).
Photo by Kimba Thompson

The communities involved in *Pitcha This* were Gippsland, Swan Hill, Mullum Mullum, Heywood, the youth from Rumbalara Football Club and ASHE (Academy of Sport, Health and Recreation) in Shepparton, and the Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council.

The project received support from the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation to promote the emotional and spiritual well-being of Victorian Indigenous communities.

Photography played a significant role as we commemorated the 50th anniversary. A photographic slideshow chronicling Victorian NAIDOC celebrations was launched at the Aboriginal Advancement League and played through out the week.

Looking Blak and Having a Ball is currently showing at Bunjilaka, Melbourne Museum. On show until 26 October, it is a beautiful celebration of Victorian NAIDOC balls with today's Elders and community leaders seen smiling up with beehives hairdos, fake eyelashes and lapelled suits.

The Victorian community's self-representations of Aboriginality were markedly different from those flooding the Australian media. A number of new media exhibitions represented what NAIDOC always has, and always will be, about – standing strong, being acknowledged, and having fun.



● BELOW: Rhennon Atkinson.
Photo by Ramtha Edwards
● RIGHT: Kimba Thompson.
Photo by Bindi Cole





James Currie from Cabbage Tree Island, Jirra Breckenridge and Christopher Binge from Woodlawn, and Alwyn Roberts from Cabbage Tree Island performed traditional dance to an appreciative audience during the NAIDOC ceremony.

Coming together



Sticking together. From left, Maureen Waters (Daly River), Sanita Sambono (Daly River), Kaleena, Eliza and Riana (all from St John's) and Marylise Bianamu (Daly River).



Back, from left, Alwyn Roberts from Cabbage Tree Island, Tom Kelly, Eliza Coutts-Daley, Riana Tatana, Olivia Salvatori and Christopher Binge. Front, from left, James Currie from Cabbage Tree Island, Alinta Tatana, Ebony Tarrant, Kaleera Hensley, Courtney Pietens, Jirra Breckenridge, St John's College Aboriginal liaison officer Christella Flanders. Seated is Caleb Binge.



Getting ready for a trip to the beach at Ballina, the St John's College and St Francis Xavier School students and support staff.



Taking a break. From left, St Francis Xavier School Principal Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, St John's College teacher and organiser of the latest exchange Lee Anne Hally, and Marylise Bianamu from Daly River.



NAIDOC Week took on extra significance for students at St John's College at Woodlawn in northern New South Wales this year, thanks to a visit by students and staff from one of the most remote communities in the country.

Over the past few years, the college has forged a strong relationship with St Francis Xavier School at Nauyru at Daly River in the Northern Territory in an effort to build student awareness of Indigenous cultures, regional and remote, and to expand horizons of all concerned.

St John's College maths and science teacher Lee Anne Hally, who helped to organise the latest exchange, said the relationship really took off two years ago when St John's College took its 13 or so Indigenous students on an excursion to Daly River.

"We went collecting bush tucker and hunting for crocodile eggs with the Elders," said Ms Hally, who also taught in the Top End community 25 years ago.

"And for NAIDOC this year, we brought the Principal of the school at Nauyru, Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, and six students from the post primary class, aged 12-14 down to Woodlawn for a week.

"That was to give the Daly River students a taste of mainstream high school life. They went to classes during the week, and we showed them around the local area of Ballina and Lennox Head and Cabbage Tree Island.

"It was a bit of a culture shock but it was fantastic. English is a second language for most of the Daly River kids but our kids looked after them, and

wanted to learn from them. It's was eye-opening for the teachers too."

The visitors were welcomed during a NAIDOC ceremony attended by St John's students and teachers as well as parents and local Bundjalung Elders. The ceremony featured speeches, singing, dancing and a flag raising.

St Francis Xavier School Principal Ms Ungunmerr-Baumann spoke about how children were most likely to change perceptions of Indigenous people and culture.

Ms Hally said St John's College would take some of its students back to Daly River in October. While there, they'll go on a trial run of a three-day tourism walk being developed by the people of Daly River in collaboration with the NT Tourism Commission.

"During the walk, they will be camping out on people's traditional homelands, and visiting their important sites," Ms Hally said.

"It's something that we can contribute to the community by helping them to road-test the tourism walk. Our group will be the guinea pigs, no-one has ever done it before."

Ms Hally said the college also hoped to be able to assist the Daly River community with VET training and certification in tourism related subjects for young people.

St John's College has 750 students while St Francis Xavier School has 50.

The exchange project was made possible with the aid of a grant from the Catholic Education Office and through the work of St John's College Aboriginal liaison officer Christella Flanders.

NAIDOC 2007 – Charters Towers



These young men shone through a church ceremony that kicked off NAIDOC Celebrations in Charters Towers.

Double celebration



Sean Choolburra made a special guest appearance at the NAIDOC Family Concert Night in Charters Towers.

Photos courtesy of
KERRIE WARD.



NAIDOC Week this year was cause for a double celebration for the north Queensland town of Charters Towers.

The town's Aboriginal community also celebrated ten years since the establishment of the Gudjal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Justice.

The corporation is funded by the Qld Department of Justice and Attorney General to support the district's Indigenous community through the legal process including through recommendations and submissions to courts on behalf of young people, youth diversionary and education programs, and cultural awareness.

The Charters Towers NAIDOC

activities included a Concert Night with comedian Sean Choolburra as guest, traditional dance performance by local Aboriginal boys to the song 'Black Boy' played by local band 12 Gauge, and a contemporary dance piece by local girls.

A key event was a performance of a play called 'Gimme the Gos' which took the message of responsible drinking out to the community.

Gudjal's administrative officer Kerrie Ward, who worked on the NAIDOC program with Qld Health's Shiradean George and who was singled out for high praise from Gudjal's coordinator Bill Jerri, wrote a poem called Dangerous potions for the play.

(See page 24 of this edition of the Koori Mail to read Kerrie's poem).

Mr Jerri said Gudjal had helped to drastically reduce the over-representation of local Indigenous people in the legal system.



Gudjal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Justice Coordinator Bill Jerri at the corporation's 10-year celebration dinner.



A celebratory dinner acknowledged the founding members, past and current coordinators, and youth coordinators of the Gudjal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Justice. Pictured here, from left, is Keith McKean with his late wife Beverley's award, Mervyn Santo, Laurie Kerr and Charters Towers Mayor Brian Beveridge.



Pastor Alan Johnson from Townsville blessed the Charters Towers community during NAIDOC Week celebrations.



These young boys warmed up Charters Towers streets during the north Queensland town's annual NAIDOC march.



Runner-Up Carer of the Year, Victor Woodley, received his award from Communities Minister Sue Ellery.



South West Aboriginal Entertainment won the Business of the Year Award. Della Rae Morrison (left) and Jessie Lloyd (right) accepted the award from Indigenous Business Australia's Assistant General Manager Enterprises, Sue McCormick.



Runner-up Elder of the Year (Female) Edna Riley received her award from WA Communities Minister Sue Ellery.



The Not-for-profit Organisation of the Year Award went to the Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation. Yirra Yaakin's General manager Sam Cook (right) received the award from the Acting Director General of the Department of Indigenous Affairs, Jackie Tang.



LEFT: Sportsperson of the Year (Male) Jesse Jones accepted his award from AFL Sportsready's State Manager Leigh Willison.



Aboriginal Legal Service of WA CEO Dennis Eggington received his Runner-up Outstanding Achievement Award from Raylene Bellott, National Business Development Representative with First Nations, a division of the Australian Credit Union.



Joint winners of Youth of the Year Award, from left, Ethel Wallam, Vincent Riley and Kelly Nash, with WA Communities Minister Sue Ellery.



Artist of the Year Della Rae Morrison received her award from Ainslie De Vos of Fremantle Ports.



Langford Aboriginal Corporation won a Not-for-profit Organisation of the Year Award. The association's president Angela Ryder accepted the award from Jackie Tang of the Department of Indigenous Affairs.



There were plenty of smiles when the 2007 Perth NAIDOC Awards were handed out in Perth last month. NAIDOC Perth Organising Committee

Chairman Colin Garlett said the Western Australian capital's NAIDOC launch on 8 July was the biggest in years. Here are some of those who were honoured.

Photos courtesy of the NAIDOC Perth Organising Committee.



Woodside Energy HR graduate, Krista Johnston, presented Scholar of the Year Michelle Webb with her award.



Fremantle Ports' Manager of External Affairs, Ainslie De Vos with Artist of the Year Glen Stasiuk.

RIGHT: Roberta Tacey was named Sportsperson of the Year (Female). Here, Roberta's mum accepts the award from AFL Sportsready's State Manager Leigh Willison.



The Koori Mail's Perth correspondent Ken Boase with Elder of the Year (Female) Theresa Walley.

DECC's week of celebrations turns into a month



NAIDOC Week celebrations went on way beyond the official time frame at the end of the New South

Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), with festivities only coming to a close at the end of July.

DECC Director General Lisa Corbyn said NAIDOC Week was a significant celebration for DECC due to the close relationship the department has built with Aboriginal communities across NSW.

"NAIDOC Week celebrations have been marked right across

DECC offices in NSW in a number of events that ranged from the light-hearted to the deeply moving," Ms Corbyn said.

"While our work with Aboriginal communities strengthens, our own internal Aboriginal staff numbers continue to grow and now exceed 250 people, making celebrations such as NAIDOC Week all the more poignant."

The celebrations came to a close at a two-day event held at its Hurstville Office that included an exhibition of Indigenous culture, food, native fauna and flora; profiles of some of DECC's Indigenous staff members; bush tucker talks; recipe

competitions; screening of an Indigenous short-film festival and documentaries produced by DECC's Culture and Heritage Division; and music and dance.

Pamela Young, the winner of the inaugural Carol Kendall Award, which recognises the outstanding achievements of female Aboriginal employees, gave a moving speech to staff retelling her life journey as a member of the Stolen Generation.

The Hurstville event was hosted by Executive Director of Culture and Heritage Division, Jason Ardler and Aboriginal community member and Elder Auntie Nancy Davis of Gandangarra.



DECC staff were treated to a performance of Indigenous music and dance performed by Mathew and Glen Doyle of 'Wuruniri Music and Dance'.

Keeping a watch on nutritious food



Key partners in the struggle to improve Indigenous health in the Katherine East region of the Northern Territory say it is time to ensure community stores can provide nutritious food at affordable prices.

The Sunrise Health Service, Jawoyn Association and the Fred Hollows Foundation have worked in partnership for many years to ensure stores in the Katherine East region remains viable and can deliver healthy, nutritious foods at reasonable prices. Stores also provide training and employment to local

people.

"More than 90 per cent of the Aboriginal people in the Katherine East region are living below the poverty line," said Sunrise CEO Irene Fisher last month.

"Some community stores have up to 80 per cent mark-up on some items in order to pay for the high costs of transport, wages and other overheads.

"This means that mothers often have no choice but to go for foods which fill the empty stomachs but are generally high in fat and/or sugar content.

"If we are serious about what our children

are eating, then we must, in conjunction with the quarantining of welfare payments for food, find a way to maintain consistency in food quality as well as keeping food with a high nutritional value affordable, even if this means subsidisation in some cases."

Ms Fisher said there also was concern that community stores may not have the capacity to handle a potentially large increase in demand through enforced food vouchers.

"Issues such as increased staffing requirements, storage space, including fridges and freezers, and perhaps more cash registers and aisles, need to be established,"

she said.

"Some of the stores' infrastructure dates back to the 1970s and need refurbishing. Are the reconnaissance teams going to include these items in their assessments?"

"The key partners are adamant that more nutritionists will be required in the bush to work with families, particularly teenage mothers, to provide education about healthy food choices, including cooking demonstrations.

"The old adage - you are what you eat - was never more relevant then when applied to children in remote communities."

Smokers targeted



The high rate of tobacco use among Indigenous Australians has been targeted by a ground-breaking practical resource kit intended as a tool for Indigenous health workers.

The Talkin' Up Good Air:

Australian Indigenous Tobacco Control Resource Kit was developed by the Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Tobacco Control (CEITC).

CEITC launched the kit in Darwin on 18 July, along with Darwin's Danila Dilba Aboriginal health service.

CEITC Manager Viki Briggs said the kit was a response to growing concerns about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander smoking rates.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples smoke at nearly three times the rate of other Australians.

"There has been no reduction in smoking rates among our people for the past 15 years at a time when mainstream Australian smoking rates have halved and so clearly the campaigns run by health authorities just aren't having the necessary impact," said Ms Briggs.

"The kit is evidence that Indigenous people are serious about helping our own people improve their health.

"The kit gives Indigenous health workers the necessary tools, stories and hot tips that will help them get tobacco control projects up and running in their communities-whether remote, rural, or urban."

Ms Briggs said the kit was put together with the assistance of a national working party of tobacco control experts because 'tobacco smoking is devastating the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia'.

"The kit will support Indigenous health workers wishing to help our people get off the smokes," she said.

The launch was attended by Darwin schoolchildren who were entertained by Deadly Dan, Smoke-Free Superhero, and some young fans.



● LEFT: Chrissy Jenner welcomed guest to Larrakia nation and shared her own quitting story.

Stories connect community and improve health



Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) and the Apunipima Cape York Health Council (ACYHC) have unveiled a showcase of successful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health projects

Success Stories in Indigenous Health

highlights 15 successful Indigenous health projects, and was launched last month in Cairns by Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett.

ACYHC Chief Executive Officer Cleveland Fagan said the stories showed the power of people 'talking to each other about difficult topics like alcohol abuse, drug use, family violence, and

sexual issues'.

"We are very proud that Apunipima's community story, *Family Well Being*, is part of this collection," he said.

"In that story, Teresa Gibson, who works with the Family Well Being program and is now with James Cook University, identified why this approach works: 'When the solutions come from the grassroots,

when they're owned by the whole community, that's when things really start to change'."

The publication's editor, Sally Fitzpatrick, said that in listening to all the stories unfold, she was struck repeatedly by the 'personal and community stamina, perseverance, ownership, pride and dignity' involved in the projects.



Children taking part in fun day activities.



Nova Peris and Bo De La Cruz with fans.



Nathan Blacklock and Nova Peris (in white shirts at front) and Bo De La Cruz (white shirt at rear) with IWC staff at the Bundaberg family fun day last month.

New service to support families



Bundaberg's Indigenous population has a new service focused on Indigenous health and family support.

After several years of consultation and negotiation with the local Murri community and government departments, Bundaberg Burnett Regional Community Development Aboriginal Corporation (BBRCDCAC) established and opened the Indigenous Wellbeing Centre (IWC) earlier this year as a result of a Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) with the Federal Government.

The IWC's main role is to identify and remove obstacles that prevent local Murri people from accessing and optimising

primary health care services.

A number of Indigenous people have taken the opportunity to start training in administration and specific health careers to attain new standards of service delivery to the community.

The IWC provides a range of services to support and improve the health care of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities in Bundaberg, Gin Gin, Childers, Miriam Vale and Mt Perry areas.

The IWC has five main operational components:

- 'Health Linkages' is a pilot project about identifying and encouraging Indigenous access into mainstream health services.

- 'Family Support' project is about strengthening Indigenous families by focusing on

conducting sessions about parental and relationship skills.

- 'Cultural Responsive Awareness' component is about the development and implementation of a cultural education package for all health care providers in the primary health care area to encourage and support access for Indigenous peoples.

- A brokerage health service for Indigenous people.

- A number of mainstream health services positions mainly of a non-clinical nature focusing on health promotion and education.

Murri people can obtain services by contacting the IWC directly or obtaining a referral from their doctor or other health service provider.

In consultation with the client

and other health service providers, a support worker will develop a health plan that outlines health and wellbeing goals, what services are required by the client, and how IWC can assist the client to access identified services.

The IWC was selected to take part in the Government initiative of health checks for Indigenous children aged 0 to 14 years.

Last month, more than 200 children were assessed. The health checks were followed by a family fun day at the showground where community members enjoyed a free barbecue and participated in traditional games alongside former Aboriginal Olympic athlete Nova Peris, Rugby league Star Nathan Blacklock and touch footballer Bo De La Cruz.

Poor vision is being ignored, study shows



A study released on the eve of National Eye Health Week last week shows that two thirds of people over 40 who wear glasses are experiencing problems with their eyesight yet many are not doing anything about it.

Conducted by Varilux Physio, the research found that 66 percent of over 40s who wear glasses experience burning, itching, grittiness, blurring or headaches but a third had not consulted an optometrist to relieve the symptoms.

And it appears these visual difficulties are impacting daily life. One in five of those surveyed reported that these eyesight problems regularly have an impact on their work.

Clouding their vision even further, 61 percent of those surveyed admitted to looking through lenses that had scratches on them and 45 percent admitted to looking through dirty or smudged lenses daily.

Sixty seven percent said they spent between six and nine hours a day in front of computer screens or working at close range – equivalent to an average night's sleep.

According to the research, many Australians were also not having their eyesight professionally tested with the biggest reason being cost, followed by not knowing the benefits and not liking the idea.

Over a third (38 per cent) of spectacle wearers over 40 falsely believed that wearing their glasses all the time would weaken their sight, exposing confusion around what is good for eyes.

"This is a worrying figure as it illustrates that people may not be using their glasses correctly," said research optometrist Dr Carol Lakkis, from Clinical Vision Research Australia.

"There really is a significant difference between the various types of lenses on offer, but if prescribed correctly, none of them weaken your vision."

While 61 percent of those surveyed followed the recommendation of their optometrist when it came to lenses, many became focused on the fashion aspect of choosing glasses as opposed to the visual function. Eighty one percent of respondents over 40 spent more time choosing their frames than their lenses.

"I strongly encourage people to consider the types of lenses available to them, primarily by talking to their optometrist about which lens design is going to be the best option for their visual needs," said Dr Lakkis.

The Varilux Physio research was conducted online by Pureprofile research among 1009 respondents.

Teaching young people how to party



Partying Safe - Staying Safe – that was the theme of a major educational day hosted last week by the Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service as part of National Drug Action Week.

Winnunga CEO Julie Tongs said organisations had the opportunity to focus on whatever area they felt most appropriate as part of National Drug Action Week initiatives.

"Winnunga's Social Health Team elected to go with the Safe Partying theme aimed at all young people," she said.

"We invited all of Canberra's organisations who run drug and alcohol programs to join us for the day."

Ms Tongs said evidence showed that a significant percentage of young people were still ignorant about alcohol absorption levels and the fact that they could still party successfully without the presence of drugs and alcohol.

Activities at the educational day included demonstrations and tastings of 'mocktails' – alcohol free drinks; education sessions on safe drinking levels for males and females; what constituted a standard drink; using what are known as fatal vision glasses to

show the effects alcohol had on the body; drink pouring sessions and demonstrations of harm minimisation messages and activities.

Winnunga Social Health team manager Roxanne Brown said there was also a family barbecue and entertainment by local hip hop dance groups and hip hop artists.

"Winnunga believes this initiative is vital. We hope it plays its part in showing young people the techniques to support and enjoy safe partying, shows them alcohol and drug free options and gives them an understanding of what a standard drink is and what are safe drinking levels".

Health awards

Do you know anyone who is doing great work in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health?

If so, you can nominate them in the inaugural National Excellence Awards in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. Each individual winner will receive a bursary to the value of \$50,000 and organisations will receive a grant of \$10,000. In addition, all winners will receive a commemorative trophy. To find out more, visit

www.aboriginalandtorresstraitislanderhealthawards.gov.au or call 1800 641 538 or email NEAwards@health.gov.au

Citizens without rights



Macquarie University Art Gallery, Sydney, is hosting an exhibition of paintings,

photographs, film and archival documents which questions how far the 1967 Referendum on the status of Indigenous people advanced Aboriginal rights, equality and citizenship.

The *Celebrating Aboriginal Rights?* exhibition is being held during the 40th anniversary year of the referendum and is being held in partnership with the Department of Modern History.

While technically, Aboriginal people had held citizenship before the referendum, they were citizens without rights.

The referendum brought the question of Aboriginal citizenship and rights to the fore, demanding, for the first time, a non-Indigenous response.

Artists Tony Albert, Bronwyn Bancroft, Mervyn Bishop, Kevin Butler, Robert Campbell Jnr, Brenda L Croft, Destiny Deacon, Julie Dowling, Fiona Foley, Juno Gemes, Les Griggs, Alice Hinton Bateup, Jonathon Jones and Ruark Lewis, Leah King-Smith, Clinton Nain, Albert Namatjira, Elaine Russell, and Gordon Syron looked at the impact of the 1967 Referendum upon redefining particular experiences of the past and influences upon the present.

The selection of documents and archival material, and the historical essay included in the exhibition catalogue, represent the rich historical subtext to the long movement for Aboriginal rights.

Of the exhibition, Professor Christie Slade, Dean of Humanities at Macquarie



● ABOVE: Roped off at the Pictures II. Robert Campbell Jnr.

Artbank Collection

● RIGHT: Hotel bar (exclusion) Brenda L. Croft.

Courtesy the artist and Niagara Galleries, Melbourne

University, said: "I am particularly impressed with the way that history and art inform and reflect each other here."

"Twentieth century Indigenous experience is central to the broader Australian community. Art presents a powerful visual language whose political message can reflect our interpretations of both the past and the present."

"In these works we see history alive in the present, with older ideas of rights and status lingering in contemporary debates."

"At a time when the national spotlight is on questions of Indigenous survival and we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, this exhibition invites us to pause and reflect on the gains of that era and the broader question of Indigenous citizenship and rights in Australia."

● *Celebrating Aboriginal Rights?* is on display in the Macquarie University Art Gallery until 7 September. The art gallery is on the ground floor of Building E11A



Charlie. Charlie Perkins speaking out at the Roma forum. Juno Gemes, 1982 National Land Rights, Brisbane.

Collection of the artist

Funding boost for Parnngurr art space



The remote West Australian Parnngurr Aboriginal community is to receive a \$33,000 grant to assist

with construction of a dedicated art space.

West Australian Regional Development Minister Jon Ford announced the Western Desert Puntukurnuparna Aboriginal Corporation had received a \$33,000 grant (inclusive of GST) to help refurbish an existing shed at the remote Pilbara community of Parnngurr, located about 300km from Newman.

Presenting the funding in Port Hedland, Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan said the start of the long-awaited art space project would provide a safe place to create and store artworks securely, to store materials and to stretch canvases.

"Through this project, the artists can continue to develop their art in a professional manner and gain recognition and sales in the increasingly competitive indigenous art market," Ms MacTiernan said.

Parnngurr's artists are members of the Martumili Artists group, an arts alliance between artists from the communities of Punmu, Parnngurr, Jigalong, Kunawarrtji, Irrungadji (Nullagine) and Pampajinya (Newman) and hosted by the Shire of East Pilbara.

Mr Ford said the group was established to further develop Martu arts practice and one of the first projects was to establish practical and secure art spaces within the member communities.

"This is one of a range of measures to assist in improving the quality of life in Indigenous communities, a key factor in the State Government's response to the Gordon Inquiry," he said.

Funding for the art space has been provided from the Carpenter Government's Regional Investment Fund. Further information about the Fund is available from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development on 9217 1500, Freecall 1800 620 511 (country only) or <http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au>.

So, where's Parnngurr?

The east Pilbara desert community of Parnngurr is in one of the most remote corners of Australia, in the shadow of twin hills of significance to the people at the southern end of the Rudall River (Karamilanyi) National Park. The community, 300 km north, north-east of Newman, receives mail twice a week by charter plane.

Major prize for NSW Indigenous artist



A touching video presentation about elderly Aboriginal people has won a NSW artist a major national prize.

On 3 August, Queensland Deputy Premier Anna Bligh announced Genevieve Grieves as the winner of the national 2007 Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Award.

Ms Bligh presented Ms Grieves, 31, of

the Worimi people of the NSW mid-north coast, with the \$30,000 prize at a special event at the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) in Brisbane.

Ms Grieves was one of nine finalists. Her winning entry is a five-channel video installation titled *Picturing the Old People*.

The judging panel described the work as 'an exquisite and thoughtful exploration of the ways Aboriginal people were portrayed in the past'.

The finalists' work will be displayed at the gallery until 11 November.

The other award finalists were: Netta Loogatha (Mornington Island, Qld), Wanyubi Marika (Yirrkala, NT), Irenie Ngalinba (Maningrida, NT), Phyllis Ningarmara (Kununurra, WA), Christine Yuku-barri (Great Sandy Desert, WA), Abe Muriata (Tully/Murray Upper, Qld), Adam Hill (Sydney, NSW) and Yhonnie Scarce (Adelaide, SA). — AAP

NGA sends in culture warriors



The National Gallery of Australia will hold the inaugural National Indigenous Art Triennial: Culture Warriors later this year.

The triennial, to be opened on 12 October, will coincide with the Gallery's 25th birthday celebrations and will be on display for four months. It is expected to become a permanent event in the Australian and international art calendar.

Curator Brenda L Croft said works selected for the exhibition had been created within the past three years, resulting in 'a highly considered snapshot of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art/cultural practice'.

She said Culture Warriors would include works that represented a diversity of regions throughout Australia, and would demonstrate the

incredible range of contemporary Indigenous art practice.

"It will include media encompassing painting on canvas and bark, sculpture, textiles, weaving, new media, photo-media, print-making, and installation work," said Ms Croft.

"This will be the first national survey show of contemporary Indigenous art at the National Gallery of Australia since Flash Pictures in 1991.

"The initiation of this event will enable a far more comprehensive and continuous overview of current Indigenous art practice, every three years, with the focus on a concise survey on individual artists' works, brought together under a scholarly thematic context."

Ms Croft said the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC would provide inspiration for the exhibition's

thematic context.

"The Triennial will fulfil the need for a fully curated exhibition of outstanding quality that profiles the work of contemporary Indigenous art across Australia," she said.

"The NGA considers it necessary to include such an event on the artistic calendar, considering the few opportunities available to showcase some of Australia's leading artists, with the demise of contemporary art events such as the Moët et Chandon Fellowship, and Australian Perspecta among others, in the past decade.

"At present the most widely acknowledged survey of contemporary Indigenous Australian art is the highly popular annual Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin each August.

"However, the Telstra is not a curated exhibition and generally includes more than 100 artists, with no thematic content other than being an annual showcase of works of art by Indigenous artists.

"Therefore, each National Indigenous Art Triennial will be an important complement to existing annual, biennial and triennial visual arts events. A scholarly full-colour publication will accompany the exhibition and will be a significant publication that will exist independently of the exhibition."

Artists in Culture Warriors will include Vernon Ah Kee, Jean Baptiste Apatimi, Jimmy Baker, Richard Bell, Destiny Deacon in collaboration with Virginia Fraser, Julie Dowling, Philip Gudhaykudthay, Treahna Hamm, Gordon Hookey, Ricky Maynard, Shane Pickett, Judy Watson, HJ Wedge and Gulumbu Yunupingu.

From cricket pitch to celluloid



It was a case of lights, camera and cricket action for Brisbane, Redcliffe and Scarborough, in

Queensland, recently. Directed by new Brisbane Indigenous film-maker Dean Gibson, *Joonba* is a story about family, sporting passion and Australia's Aboriginal cricket history. Starring Sean Page of the recent successful GOMA Gallery stage show, *Kin*, and film newcomer Alec Doomadgee, the film is told through the eyes of a young Aboriginal cricket talent, and reveals a significant yet often untold story of Australian cricket history.

Joonba is about an Aboriginal father, Mathew, who is trying to get his son to embrace his Aboriginal heritage and forget about his international cricketing ambitions.

Mathew knows all too well the barriers between Aboriginal Australians and the wider community. His son Perry finds strength and hope in the history of Australian cricket, with the first ever Australian cricket team

to tour to England in 1868 being an all-Aboriginal team that gained international success. Mathew and Perry must bridge their different hopes, dreams and histories in order to keep their relationship alive.

Co-producer Desi Achilleos said the film was a 'universal story of a father and son relationship that acknowledged our history as Australians'.

"It is a story about embracing your past and working together to overcome odds, towards a united future," Achilleos said.

"There are universal themes in this film that will resonate with families all over the world."

The film was completed last month and Achilleos and co-producer Nicholas Cooper hope to take it to local screens soon.

"Our aim for this film is to enter it in, and have it played, at numerous film festivals in Australia and territories all over the world," they said.

Selected as a PFTC-funded QPIX Silver Halide initiative, *Joonba* was sponsored by Atlab, Kodak, Post Lounge and Cameraquip.



● ABOVE: Alec Doomadgee on the film set.



● LEFT: Actor Sean Page with Joonba director Dean Gibson.



● RIGHT: Peter Skuthorpe-Spearim and Darren Brady as historic cricketers.

'Homeless' garage band launches album



For eight years, NT music band Nabarlek have worked hard to achieve the quality of their latest release – *Manmoyi Radio*.

They have toured Australia, played major festivals, won band of the year at the NT Indigenous Music awards, and released two studio albums, *Aunwurk (Bushfire)* and *Bininj Manborlh*, as well as a live album from their WA tour in 2004.

The band has tried to use all of this experience to work out what the music industry is about, to understand what the

recording process requires, and to see how their songs translate to a broader audience.

Producers of *Manmoyi Radio* say it is an album of surprises and is Nabarlek's serious attempt to become part of the broader national music industry. They say the diversity of songs shows a band that is not only a full-on rock band, but a group of versatile musicians and songwriters also capable of gentle gospel-influenced ballads.

Manmoyi Radio starts and ends with a two-way radio dialogue of Kunwinj'ku speakers communicating with each other through the bush, celebrating their life in

remote Australia. It is also about the importance of communication in remote places, as the first track, *Little Journey to Manmoyi*, tells.

The songs include stories about band members' family – Winston Naborthborlh's beautiful Mawah (grandfather), their dreaming places and home of Manmoyi, plants (green plum), calls urging people to come back to their homelands as well as traditional songs in completely contemporary arrangements.

An interesting catchy cover of a well-loved Australian classic rock song features in the middle of the track list, and

the album closes with Terrah Guymala's *Land of My Dreams*, which producers say is a truly haunting love song to country.

The cover by Black Widow Design, featuring a real Manmoyi radio, also includes a Kunwinj'ku dictionary, or glossary of key words in the lyrics.

The makers of the album say it stands as one of the most important Indigenous rock albums released in Australia.

The 'garage band that never had a garage' says it has plenty of commitment to music, prolific creativity and the staying power needed to be a part of the broader Australian music industry.

New release books



Maralinga: Australia's Nuclear Waste Cover-up

By Alan Parkinson
ABC Books
RRP \$32.95 (soft cover)

In April 2000, a \$108 million clean-up of the former British A-bomb test site in outback South Australia was being wound-up. It was declared a success and the Maralinga Tjarutja people were reassured that it would be safe to move back onto their lands.

The clean-up was declared a world-first, the biggest and most successful ever, and world best practice.

But leaked documents show that behind the scenes, the project had been increasingly troubled. Some key insiders say the job was never finished properly and there are lethal levels of plutonium scattered over thousands of hectares of the original Maralinga test site.

There is also evidence of non-competitive tenders for the clean-up job with no real analysis of what such an extensive and important project this was.

This is the inside story of the Australia's most disastrous nuclear waste clean-up, the legacy of which will affect the Australian population for many years to come.

Alan Parkinson is a mechanical and nuclear engineer with over 40 years' experience in the UK, Canada, USA and Australia. From 1989 he helped to develop options for the clean-up of the Maralinga atomic bomb test site, and was then appointed the Department Representative to oversee the work in 1993 and a member of the Minister's advisory committee MARTAC.

He was removed from the project at the end of 1997 for questioning the management approach, but maintained contact through the provision of advice to the traditional owners, the Maralinga Tjarutja.



Lands of Shame

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'Homelands' in Transition

By Helen Hughes
Federation Press
RRP \$38.00 (soft cover)

Some 90,000 of Australia's 500,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live appallingly deprived lives in 'homelands' throughout remote Australia.

Their health and housing are so abysmal that their expectation of life is 20 years shorter than that of other Australians.

Deprived of education, they cannot access jobs even in settlements near mines and tourist resorts, leading to welfare dependency and consequent family and social dysfunction.

The 'homelands' were created with the best of intentions. However, they have not only failed to provide a living for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, but they have stultified the development of traditional culture so that alcoholism and violence demean and destroy many lives.

Lands of Shame analyses why the 'homelands' experiment had led to Third World living conditions in the midst of Australia's prosperity.

It reviews the evidence on demographic trends, law and order, land rights, joblessness and welfare, education, health, housing and governance, and assesses Commonwealth, State and Territory policies. With an eye to a better future, *Lands of Shame* also discusses policies that would give Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in remote Australia the same opportunities and choices that other Australians expect.

Emeritus Professor Helen Hughes is a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Independent Studies in Sydney where she is working on Pacific Island as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander development.



Contemporary Indigenous Plays

Introduced by Larissa Behrendt
Currency Press
RRP \$32.95 (soft cover)

The tradition of storytelling is powerfully alive and well in Indigenous Australia, as witnessed in this diverse collection of five contemporary plays from around the country.

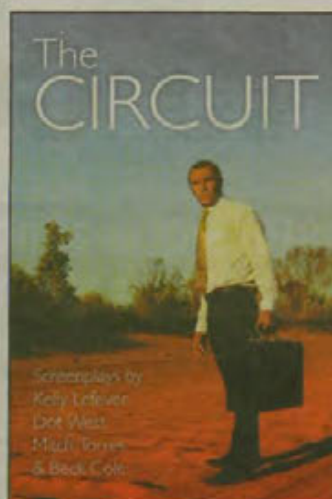
Adapted from her award-winning novel, Vivienne Cleven's *Bilin' Back* is a 'zany and uproarious black farce' (National Indigenous Times) which explores stereotyping, identity and race relations in a Queensland country town.

Black Medea is Wesley Enoch's richly poetic adaptation of Euripides' *Medea*. Blending the cultures of Ancient Greek and Indigenous storytelling, Enoch weaves a commentary on contemporary Aboriginal experience with 'visceral impact and lasting, disturbing imagery' (Sydney Morning Herald).

The Acclaimed King Hit, by David Milroy and Geoffrey Narkle, strikes at the very heart of the Stolen Generations, exploring the impact on an individual and a culture when relationships are brutally broken.

Set in the 1950s on the fringe of a country town, *Rainbow's End*, by Jane Harrison, creates a 'thought-provoking and emotional powerful' (Age) snapshot of a Koori family to dramatise the struggle for decent housing, meaningful education, jobs and community acceptance.

And David Milroy tells *Windmill Baby* with the poetry of a campfire storyteller and the comedy of a great yarn, amidst an abandoned cattle station in the surreal Kimberley landscape of azure skies and red dirt. Winner of the 2003 Patrick White Award, it was commended by the judging panel as 'hard as quartz, sadly poignant and hilarious all on the one page. Each play is a durable, resilient stone that both builds upon Indigenous traditions but also lays the foundation for the generations that will follow.' - Larissa Behrendt, from her Introduction.



The Circuit

Screenplays by Kelly Lefever, Dot West, Mitch Torres and Beck Cole
Currency Press
RRP \$29.95 (soft cover)

In the outback, the law is never black and white.

Drew is a young Aboriginal lawyer fast-tracking his way from Perth to a policy job in Canberra via Broome.

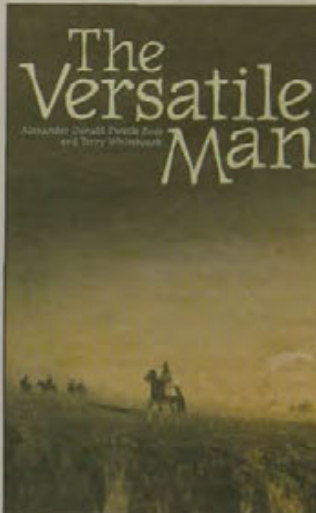
A stint as a public defender with the Kimberley Circuit Court offers him the street cred he needs in the Federal scene - plus a chance to 'put something back'.

The Circuit turns out to be a tumultuous tour of the wildest parts of the far north, grappling with the often impossible contradictions between traditional and whitefella law. In the whirlwind of the travelling courtroom, cases are decided in minutes, with

repercussions that go on for years. Drew has no idea what's hit him.

Then there is the legacy of his own long-forgotten family history.

The Circuit has just screened on SBS TV. www.thecircuit.com.au



The Versatile Man

The life and times of Don Ross Kaytetye stockman

By Alexander Donald Pwerle Ross and Terry Whitebeach
IAD Press
RRP \$24.95 (soft cover)

Don Ross (1915-1999) was a stockman and, for a time, a static owner, in the cattle country of Central Australia. Born in Barrow Creek, north

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Works of rising Darwin star go on show

NT With the big 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art award announced last week, Darwin is

actually awash with art. Earlier this month, local rising star Christine Christophersen held a solo exhibition of large iconic contemporary paintings on the

walls of truth and justice. In the *Present*, held at the Darwin Entertainment Centre gallery in Mitchell, was opened by Aboriginal NT parliamentarian Barbara McCarthy.

Christophersen's reputation is being growing recently. She featured as a Master Artist in the 107 ABC television series, *Singing Australia*; and two of her works, which will be included in the inaugural National Indigenous Art Biennial: *Culture Warriors*, have been acquired by the National Gallery of Australia.

Christophersen was born in Darwin, and her mother's country is located in Kakadu National Park. She is of the Matja language group, north-west Arnhem Land. She is recently returned to live in Darwin from several overseas residencies, including Lille, in France, and Hawaii.

Christophersen's work was highly commended in the Remantle Print Award in 2006, and the 2004 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

Hip-hop the key to connections

Project is aimed at building stronger youth community



Community Connections North Coast has announced a new Creative Peoples Collective project – creating a stronger youth community and building hip-hop opportunities in the region.

The Creative Peoples Collective (CPC) is a youth-driven group that previously operated as a separate incorporated organisation. It has had several successful projects in collaboration with Community Connections North Coast, including the 2006 Lismore Battle of the Bands and Aussie Battlers 2007.

In 2006 the CPC gained \$10,000 funding from the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) to conduct a community mapping and future visioning process to develop a plan to access a further \$190,000. The three-year plan developed was based on an innovative partnership with Community Connections North Coast, which has taken the CPC under its wing as a program providing support through its established business structure and networks.

One of four

The CPC Initiative was one of only four projected funded nationally by FYA, and offers skills development opportunities and events to the youth of the region and building stronger youth networks.

Following a recruitment process, CPC founding member Nadine Smith has been successful in attaining the Project Manager position. Nadine said the key priorities for 2007 were networking with other community organisations and young people, plus keeping the region's two signature hip-hop events, Crankfest Xtreme (13 October, Casino) and Australia Day's Aussie Battlers, happening.

Nadine's office is at C Block, Keen Street, Lismore, and she wants to hear from young people or community groups that want to be involved in events like this. Call her Wednesday-Friday on (02) 6621 5776.



Creative Peoples Collective Project Manager Nadine Smith.

Department of Culture and the Arts
Government of Western Australia



Money for artists and art projects

ARTS GRANTS – SEPTEMBER FUNDING ROUND

The Department of Culture and the Arts invites applications from individuals, groups and organisations requiring financial assistance to undertake activity in all artforms (except film, television and radio) in the following categories:

Indigenous Arts

Young People & the Arts

Arts Development: For Fellowship applications only. This includes three Creative Development Fellowships (\$40,000 each) and five Mid-Career Visual Arts and Craft Fellowships (\$20,000 each).

The next closing date for applications is Friday 21 September 2007, 5pm.

Please check our website www.artswa.wa.gov.au for details on these as well as Contemporary Music and Designer Fashion funding programs and then call a Project Officer on 9224 7310 or free call 1800 199 090.

National entries sought

Nominations are being sought for the \$5000 Yvonne Cohen Award for Creative Indigenous Australian Youth.

Creativity is an integral part of the future of many Indigenous Australian youth

and fostering the creative spark and future potential of talented young Indigenous artists is the aim of the Yvonne Cohen Award.

It is open to Indigenous Australians aged 30 and under.

The award is auspiced by the Victorian College of the Arts' Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development.

Each year the trustee of the Yvonne Cohen Award, Auntie Joy Murphy-Wandin, will bestow \$5000 encouragement to an individual enabling him/her to continue his/her artistic endeavours.

Auntie Joy is looking for a person with a growth of artistic and/or creative ability, artistic and/or community leadership, and someone who shows evidence of positive achievements in the arts.

Nominations will be accepted from organisations and individuals. Applicants must be

nominated by an organisation or individual, and cannot nominate themselves.

Nominations should comprise a CV of the nominee, including birth date and contact details; a letter from the nominator addressing one or more of the selection criteria; two letters of support/recommendation (in addition to the nomination letter) from colleagues, peers and/or community members; one type of supporting material – photographs, slides, VHS cassette, CD, audiocassette, CD Rom, DVD.

Lisa Michl was the 2006 winner of the Yvonne Cohen Award.

Nominations should be sent to: Yvonne Cohen Award c/- The Wilin Centre Victorian College of the Arts 234 St Kilda Rd Southbank, Vic 3000.



Lisa Michl, winner of the 2006 Yvonne Cohen Award.

'Cutting edge' resource tool



A resource tool designed to recognise and evaluate the workplace skills of Indigenous workers is being developed by Sunshine Coast TAFE in Queensland.

The cutting-edge tool is being designed to help Indigenous workers gain nationally recognised qualifications.

Instead of having to plough through reams of paper to receive recognition of prior learning (RPL), the new e-tool will use audio and visual technologies to illustrate the skills of Indigenous workers.

Once operational, participants will be able to have their skills and work-related experiences assessed in the workplace and then undertake further gap training towards a Certificate IV in Business (Governance).

The initiative began when Sunshine Coast TAFE was selected to create the tool for the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework.

Project champion Fred Binge said the One Mob Together

Recognising Your Skills program would be an oral and visually based assessment program.

Mr Binge said local Indigenous community organisations had been engaged and consulted and 15 employees had been selected to participate in a pilot program to trial the new resource.

"There are many Indigenous employees working in important roles in communities and Aboriginal organisations with highly valuable business and management skills," Mr Binge said.

"These people will now have the opportunity to have these skills recognised in nationally accredited qualifications that have been contextualised to their Indigenous culture as part of the recognition of prior learning process."

Mr Binge said the participants would be encouraged to create an on-line journal using e-tools and also record relevant information in the form of digital stories, blogs and podcasts.

"Sunshine Coast TAFE staff would then visit the participants in their workplaces and communities to hear and see what these people can actually do," Mr Binge said.

"We would then match the skills against competencies in the certificate and provide gap training where required."

Terri-Anne Goodreid and Stacie Barker work at the Nungeena Aboriginal Corporation for Women's Business in the Glasshouse Mountains, behind the Sunshine Coast, and are two participants who will use the tool to have their skills assessed.

Ms Barker said she was very excited about trialling a program that would lead to a nationally recognised qualification.

Ms Goodreid said she was also looking forward to participating in the program by having her skills recognised without having to leave the workplace.

"To finally have my skills recognised and to get a piece of paper (qualification) means a lot and it will add to the overall credibility of the organisation," she said.

"Credentials will also improve our chances of accessing government funding which will mean our organisation can continue to provide vital services to our women."



Two of the artists, Garry Djarlom, left, and Djawida Nadjangorle collecting bark for future art works.

Showcase for culture, art from Gunbalanya



A new exhibition of paper and bark paintings from the western Arnhem Land community of Gunbalanya has

opened at the Coomalie Cultural Centre at Batchelor, 100 km south of Darwin.

The works showcase some of the region's best artists from the Injalak Arts and Craft Centre based at Gunbalanya, who have a hard-earned reputation for producing art with direct links to the 40,000-year rock art tradition.

Gunbalanya (Oenpelli) is a small Aboriginal township of around 1000 people close to the East Alligator River, in western Arnhem Land, about 300 km east of Darwin.

The region from the East Alligator, which forms the border with Kakadu, to the Mann River serves as Injalak's artistic catchment area, including the community of Gunbalanya and ten active outstations.

Manager of the Coomalie Cultural Centre, Brenda

Westley, says the exhibition includes a diverse range of works that reflect the figurative, x-ray style on bark and paper.

"The artists maintain many of the traditional methods for creating the works including the use of natural reeds for brushes and ochres for colour," Ms Westley said.

"We are delighted to host this outstanding exhibition as it represents some of the best works we have seen from the region in recent years."

"The Karabarra Traditional Dancers performed at the opening on 3 August and a number of the artists were also present."

The exhibition includes well known artists such as Glen Namundja, Wilfred Nawirridj, Gershon Garlingarr, Bruce Nabegoyo, Garry Djarlom and Graham Badari.

It will run until 31 August and is open to the public Monday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am-noon, or by appointment by telephoning (08) 8976 0189.



Project champion Fred Binge with Terri-Anne Goodreid and Stacie Barker, who work at Nungeena Aboriginal Corporation for Women's Business, in the Glasshouse Mountains, and will participate in a pilot program to trial the new resource.

Remote school gets \$66,844 for literacy, numeracy



Djarindjin Lombadina Catholic School, in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia, has

received a funding grant for \$66,844.

The non-government school provides services to 85 pre-primary, primary and secondary Indigenous students.

State Education and Training

Minister Mark McGowan said the funds would be used for strategic local initiatives at Djarindjin Lombadina Catholic School to help improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for the students.

"Low-fee non-Government schools, particularly in remote areas of the State, often struggle to provide the same level of service as the public schools," he said.

"In recognition of this fact, the Carpenter Government is

providing an additional \$1 million to the eight Catholic and nine independent schools in remote areas of the State for the 2007-08 financial year."

The additional funding would be maintained in future years.

Mr McGowan said the funds, part of the State Government's \$265 million budget allocation for non-Government schools in 2007-08, would be allocated immediately and backdated to the beginning of the year.

Kimberley MLA Carol Martin

said the Djarindjin Lombadina Catholic School was important to the Lombadina community.

"Djarindjin Lombadina School has been part of the community for 94 years now and hundreds of local people have fond memories of their time there," Ms Martin said.

"The principal, teachers and staff do a tremendous job in a very remote location and this extra money will go a long way towards supporting their work in the future."

● The Djarindjin and Lombadina communities are 200 kilometres north of Broome on the Dampier Peninsula and are accessible by unsealed road. Djarindjin-Lombadina Catholic School serves the Djarindjin and Lombadina communities. Lombadina has a long Catholic tradition, being established as a mission in the early 1900s. Although it was the St John of God Sisters who founded the school in 1913, there have been a number of religious orders associated with the school over the years.

Training skills acknowledged

ANZ joins with uni to give a helping hand



ANZ Bank and Southern Cross University (Lismore) have joined forces to provide increased opportunities for Indigenous students through a \$15,000 scholarship.

The ANZ Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship was launched on 31 July by Professor Bill MacGillivray, Southern Cross University Deputy Vice-Chancellor, as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations at the Lismore campus.

The launch was followed by an address by Professor Judy Atkinson, Head of Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at SCU.

The new scholarship will be available in 2008 to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student enrolling in any three-year full-time degree at SCU's Lismore, Coffs Harbour or Tweed-Gold Coast campuses. Applicants may be school leavers or mature-age students.

Professor MacGillivray welcomed the contribution from ANZ.

"Southern Cross University is committed to improving education pathways for Indigenous students," Professor MacGillivray said. This significant contribution from ANZ will provide much-needed financial support and help open up new educational opportunities."

In July 2006, ANZ released a Statement of Commitment to Reconciliation, and subsequently, in April 2007, ANZ Chief Executive Officer John McFarlane released the ANZ Reconciliation Action Plan.

● **RIGHT:** Helen Pinday, of Kununurra, a finalist for the WA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award. She is employed by Argyle Diamond Mines.



● **LEFT:** Whitney Pinney, of Kununurra, a finalist for the WA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award, sponsored by Newmont Australia. She is employed by the Kimberley Visitors Centre.



Two inspiring Aboriginal women in the Kimberley and Argyle Diamond Mine (ADM) have been named as finalists in Western Australia's premier awards for the training sector.

Helen Pinday and Whitney Pinney are competing to be named WA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year, sponsored by Newmont Australia, while Argyle Diamond is one of three organisations vying for the State Training Board Award for Employers of Apprentices or Trainees, both of which are part of the WA Training Awards 2007.

The awards recognised the State's most talented trainees, apprentices, vocational students, trainers and training providers as well as businesses committed to the training and development of their staff.

They will be announced in a gala presentation ceremony in Perth this Friday, 17 August. State winners may proceed to the Australian Training Awards in Hobart in November.

Ms Pinday accepted a traineeship in business administration through Argyle Diamond 18 months ago.

"While I was very nervous about the role and my ability, I took on the challenge which has been the best thing I have ever done," Ms Pinday said. "Completing my traineeship gave me the confidence to undertake further training."

"It has allowed me to recognise the different goals and opportunities that are available and accessible to anyone who has the motivation and determination to achieve something in their life."

Kununurra Visitor Centre's senior tourism consultant Whitney Pinney completed her traineeship earlier this

year and has completed a Certificate III in Customer Service and Tourism at Kimberley TAFE.

Ms Pinney said her family's guidance had instilled in her the value of education and pointed her in the right direction.

"My family taught me that learning is fundamental to achieving my goals; I have completed a traineeship and gained employment in a field that I love," she said.

Argyle Diamond Mine is the largest producer of diamonds in the world and employs more than 800 people. There are 198 Indigenous people employed at the mine, including 75 trainees and apprentices.

Argyle chief operating officer Kevin McLeish said the company was focused on employing and training local people from the East Kimberley region.

"Under Argyle's localisation policy, we have set ourselves the challenging task of employing 80 per cent of our staff from the local region, with half of this workforce being Indigenous," Mr McLeish said.

"To be successful in recruiting and training local and Indigenous people, we had to take a new approach."

The ADM approach used experiential techniques in the selection process, combined with high levels of pastoral support and effective mentoring on the job.

"(This approach) has meant we have sustained high retention rates in our programs," said Mr McLeish.

He said even more pleasing was the high percentage of apprentices and trainees who went into full-time employment at Argyle and within the region.

The WA Training Awards 2007 are co-ordinated by the Department of Education and Training and the State Training Board.

Kindy kids big hit at transition expo



Kindergarten students from Tregear Public School wowed the 160 visitors at the

Transition from Home to School Expo held at Parramatta, in western Sydney, in late June.

The expo was an opportunity for local schools, early childhood centres and local community groups to demonstrate how they had worked together to help the children have a successful start to school.

During the expo the Tregear Public School Kindergarten students gave an enthusiastic and entertaining performance of the song, *Red, Black and Yellow*,

in specially made costumes. This was the students' first public performance and their teachers said they performed outstandingly.

Kyle Nichols, a Year 6 student from Tregear Public School, gave the acknowledgement to country. This was the first time Kyle had performed such a role and his teachers said he did a fantastic job in front of a large crowd.

The transition to school project is held in the Auburn, Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Holroyd and Parramatta local government areas. It is funded by Families NSW, a NSW initiative that aims to help parents give their children a good start in life.



Tregear Kindy students make their stage debut.



Jharny Love with her mentor, Jacquie Taylor.

Jharny defies all the odds



Adelaide student Jharny Love is the middle child of 11 brothers and sisters. No-one in her extended family had ever completed Year 12 – until last year when Jharny overcame the odds and completed her South Australian Certificate of Education.

Now a trainee in Business Management at the Indigenous Land Corporation, 18-year-old Jharny shared her story with school principals from across Australia at a recent Dare to Lead event in Adelaide.

"It was hard talking to a group like that, but I wanted to do it because it is so important they hear what it is like for young Aboriginal people like me," Jharny said.

She articulated the positive factors that helped her conquer the Year 12 mountain, as well as the negative things that made her quest more difficult.

"The teachers who had the best influence on me were the ones who had knowledge about my background, did not come down heavy on me for some of the bad choices I made, but had high expectations on me to achieve," she said.

"I realise now that teachers who don't have high expectations that Aboriginal students can achieve are showing racist behaviour."

Jharny explained that her family had little money, but while she had never wanted pity, she also did not want to be judged for her impoverished background. "The adults I felt positive about understood there were factors of disadvantage I needed to overcome," she said. "For example, money for projects or for trips or whatever. They provided money without giving me shame."

"I was grateful for the lunch program because sometimes I didn't have food and sometimes I just needed a place to doze. The school counsellor understood my needs and provided a safe place for me to rest."

"I was not made to feel 'shamed' about needing this sleep. Shame is so important though – any public correction, being singled out, has the 'shame factor' and that can result in violent behaviour. Similarly, drawing attention to

being late meant I wouldn't go at all.

"I did best at school when I was not told to do something, but given a model of what was appropriate. I didn't want to copy it, but having a model gave me confidence to tackle my assignments."

"I really became frustrated if I was talked at rather than listened to. I now know I had an issue with authority figures."

"In the early part of my studies, I was frustrated. The quality of relationships I shared with special adults was important. For example, the school counsellor would often work on my behalf to get deadline extensions when my life was in chaos."

Jharny said that not having to explain her situation to every single teacher was important.

"I worked well for those I respected because they respected me, and I wanted to do well because they cared about me and wanted me to do well. This made me very determined to be successful," she said.

Jock Lawson, the Aboriginal Educator co-ordinator for the district, arranged for former school principal Jacquie Taylor to become a mentor for Jharny. She also took on the role of tutoring Jharny.

Jharny credits this with keeping her on track. Ms Taylor would ring Jharny each morning to get her out of bed and off to school, and towards the final exams Jharny moved into her mentor's house for several weeks.

"When you are the first person in your family to complete high school, it is impossible for members of your family to provide support because they do not understand," Jharny said.

"The mentor would drag my ideas out, then through questioning, get me to build on those ideas."

"One turning point was switching from using Aboriginal English in my written work to standard English. This was like switching codes, and my mentor understood this. This happened while maintaining respect for my first language."

"I think I surprised a lot of people by getting my SACE. My success now is a measuring stick for my younger siblings. I made it, and I want them to know that they can too."

Beating a path to education



More than 260 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and community members from the New South Wales central coast have been recognised for their outstanding achievements and contributions to education and training.

The group was honoured in the recent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Pathways Awards.

The Central Coast Pathways Committee established the awards in 2002 to engage and encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and community to continue their educational journey, identify pathways through which they can realise their educational aspirations and contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education on the Central Coast.

The theme for this year's awards ceremony was 'Local people, local success'.

Pathways Awards Committee co-ordinator Chris George said the event was an important celebration of the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, community and staff who were engaged in education, training and learning.

It was attended by Director of the Aboriginal Directorate John Lester, who represented Education Minister John Della Bosca, Ken Ticehurst and the directors and senior executive of a range of partner organisations.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council member and comedian Roy Ah-See MCed the event and proved a highlight of the evening. The Gorokan High School Didge Group, Tuggerah Lakes Koori Choir and young entertainer Tess Nuku also performed.

Acting Director NAISDA Dance



Young entertainer Tess Nuku.



Auntie Anita Selwyn gave a welcome to country.

College Fay Nelson said she regarded the awards night as 'the most positive celebration of Aboriginal achievement and cultural affirmation' that she had attended.

"Seeing Aboriginal people of all ages performing to entertain the crowd and others accepting awards which acknowledged their work and study made a very memorable and happy occasion," she said.

Partners for the awards were the University of Newcastle, the Department of Education, Science and Training, Central Coast Community College, NAISDA Dance College (National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association), NSW Department of Education and Training, Hunter Institute of TAFE (NSW), Central Coast AECG, and Youth Connections Inc.



The Pathways Committee.



Gorokan High's 'Didge Boys'.

Bush tucker garden offers tranquil spot



Port Macquarie High School's bush tucker garden was officially opened late last month after two year's planning.

The garden is intended as a place where students and others can reflect on the quiet and sustained successes of Indigenous people and culture.

It is located in a large fenced-off area of the school's nearby agricultural plot and features a central rock feature, three cubic metres of river pebbles and dozens of native plants, trees and shrubs.

At the official opening, School Principal Mark Longstaff welcomed guests and gave some background information about the project.

Uncle Bill O'Brien welcomed guests to country and extolled the virtues and unique characteristics of the Biripi region.

Community member Jeff Streater dedicated the garden to the memory of a local Elder Aunty Pat Preece, who had strong affiliations with the school.

The idea for the garden came from a discussion between teacher Mark O'Brien and Mr Streater in 2005.

Awareness

Mr O'Brien said the garden would help students to appreciate the value of native vegetation, and create an awareness of Australia's Aboriginal heritage.

"I would like all students to look to the past so as to help us in the future," he said at the opening.

The State Government provided \$2500 towards the garden, with other assistance from the Bunnings Community Involvement Committee, Bob Rosenbaum, and Morna Pembroke from Watergardens Nursery.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service provided seating made from tree trunks. Many other people helped to make the garden a tranquil reality, including school careers adviser Bruce McCarthy, Stuart Jackson, teacher Todd Harrison and his Year 11 class, and Sean O'Brien from Hunter Valley Gardens, who provided horticultural advice and identification signs for the plants in the garden.

Students Amanda Kennedy, Cassie Jones, Bianca Ah-See and Sarah Condran received a special mention for their artwork, and Mitch, Jordan and Tyson Davis were thanked for their hard work in all areas of the garden ranging from planting to mowing the grass.



● LEFT: Teacher Mark O'Brien and community member Jeff Streater and Port Macquarie High School students, from left, Tyson Davis, Jordan Davis and Mitch Davis.

● BELOW: From left, Jeff Streater, Uncle Bill O'Brien and teacher Mark O'Brien.



Launch of the Indigenous Education Hall of Fame



Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education has established an Indigenous Education Hall of Fame to acknowledge individuals

who have made a significant contribution to Indigenous education in Australia.

And the first inductee is Chair of the Batchelor Institute Council, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, OAM.

The initiative was launched by Batchelor Institute Director Dr Jeannie Herbert at the inaugural Batchelor Institute Awards ceremony held in Alice Springs last month.

"Rosalie Kunoth-Monks is an inspirational leader of her people and all hers committed to improving education outcomes for Indigenous Australians."

said Dr Herbert in announcing Ms Kunoth-Monks as the first inductee.

"As Chair of the Batchelor Institute Council, she has demonstrated strength, vision and acumen and helped the Institute to become more relevant and responsive to the growing educational needs of Indigenous people."

"She is also highly respected and recognised in the wider community for her wise counsel and tireless service to organisations and institutions catering to the education and training needs of Indigenous Australians, especially those who live in remote locations."

Rosalie (Rose) Kunoth-Monks, born 1937, is an Arrernte/Anmatjere woman from the remote central Australian community of Utopia, 240km north-east of Alice Springs.

She has remained passionately involved in traditional and contemporary Aboriginal issues, including law and justice, education and childcare.

In 1993, Ms Kunoth-Monks was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her services to the Aboriginal community.

She is also a member of the Management Board of Desert People's Centre, Official Visitor to the Alice Springs Jail, and Chair of the Atikirra Aboriginal Corporation.

Ms Kunoth-Monks also works as an interpreter with the Aboriginal Interpreter Service in Alice Springs.

Earlier this year, she was further recognised for her work in the NT Territory when she was selected as a winner in the 2007 Tribute to Territory Women Awards.



Dr Jeannie Herbert, left, presents Rose Kunoth-Monks with a certificate to mark her induction into the Indigenous Education Hall of Fame.

Indigenous voice in vocational education



Indigenous community members from south-east Queensland will be given

a voice when it comes to vocational education and training, following the establishment of a new committee at Sunshine Coast TAFE.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was formed in June and is made up of Elders, senior TAFE executives, Indigenous students and support workers.

The committee meets every two months for general discussions and to highlight Indigenous issues within TAFE and the community.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee Chairman Fred Binge said the committee would develop strategies to make vocational education and training more relevant to Indigenous people.

"The formation of this committee will mean that we now have a consultative mechanism in place to influence more positive outcomes on behalf of our students," Mr Binge said.

"This will start by flying the Indigenous flag, displaying Indigenous artwork and artefacts at our campuses and making sure that our students are supported by a welcoming, nurturing and supportive network.

"These important acts of symbolism will help Indigenous students to identify with their culture within the TAFE environment



Members of the Sunshine Coast TAFE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.

and help to create a greater sense of belonging."

Mr Binge said the committee would also engage with local Indigenous community groups and advise on the development of culturally appropriate study options and course content.

"We currently have a number of highly successful programs with an Indigenous focus, such as the Grow Cook and Eat It program run by well-known local

Indigenous chef Dale Chapman," he said.

"We have also just entered into a new agreement with multi award-winning Indigenous media company Bush TV to provide training to their employees."

Aunty Betty McMahon is a respected Elder from Caloundra, who said that as a committee member, her priority would be to encourage Indigenous students to succeed

at TAFE.

"We are not here to pamper students or give them special treatment – our job is to make our people realise that they have the potential to succeed and to encourage this," Aunty Betty said.

"Education is very important because it makes people proud and leads to self empowerment and once our people achieve this they can help others and achieve greatness."

VET pathways in schools provide better results for students



Students who undertake vocational education and training (VET) in schools have better education and employment outcomes,

according to a new report into VET schools courses.

TAFE NSW – North Coast Institute Director Elizabeth McGregor and Carol Carrigan, Regional Director, Schools, say that the report indicates vocation-based training programs in schools are delivering what students, employers and communities want.

"This report reveals that NSW students studying VET subjects are staying on to complete Year 12, as well as easing their transition into further study and employment," they said.

"These results show that TAFE NSW, in partnership with schools, is providing real education and training, and job outcomes for our VET students and this success should be celebrated."

The independent study by the University of Melbourne was based on a survey of more than 6000 NSW public school graduates from the 2005 HSC and corroborates the findings from the earlier survey of the 2004 HSC cohort.

"Not only are we providing skilled graduates to industry, we are providing education and training relevant to careers students are interested in," said Ms Carrigan and Ms McGregor.

"Students can get a head start in their chosen career while still completing the HSC."

TAFE Vocational Education and Training programs, along with a network of 25 Trade schools across the State, are part of the Department of Education and Training's commitment to providing quality vocational education in skills and address skill shortages. The north coast will have three of these trade schools – Nambucca, Ballina and Kingscliff.

"North Coast TAFE and schools jointly offer a wide range of VET training programs, many focussed in the skill shortage areas of hospitality, commercial cookery, construction, electro-technology and automotive which had the strongest transitions to traditional apprenticeships for HSC VET students," said Ms McGregor.

"In fact, increasing numbers of students are commencing their apprenticeship while still at school."

"This clearly indicates that VET in schools is an effective and successful part of the NSW's Government's approach to meeting the NSW economy's need for skilled workers."

Jobs, training key for Aboriginal communities



New South Wales Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch has called on the private sector to take advantage of the skills of Aboriginal

workers in New South Wales. Mr Lynch recently launched a strategy by global asset management and maintenance company Transfield Services to increase job and training opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Speaking at the company's Indigenous Participation Strategy 2007-09 at NSW

Parliament, Mr Lynch said Transfield Services had set an excellent example for the private sector.

Through its strategy, Transfield Services will spend \$1 million over the next three years to establish employment, education and training opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

The company would also raise greater awareness of training and job opportunities and partner with Aboriginal communities.

"Transfield Services' Strategy raises the bar for the private sector to deliver

meaningful employment, education and training opportunities for Aboriginal men and women," Mr Lynch said.

"Access to quality jobs and opportunities to develop skills are a fundamental part of building stronger Aboriginal communities."

"We started the 21st century with the Census reporting an unemployment rate for Aboriginal people of 23 per cent."

"That's why the lemma Government has set aside \$200,000 to develop job compacts around Sydney, Wagga Wagga,

Dubbo, the Tweed, the Illawarra and Hunter."

Job compacts – local agreements between the Government, councils, business and unions – aim to build Aboriginal employment.

Mr Lynch thanked private sector companies that were working hard on strategies like that released by Transfield Services.

"It's in everyone's interest to employ more Aboriginal people before unemployment drags them down," he said.

Annual literacy and numeracy tests start in NT schools



Assessment of the reading, spelling, writing and numeracy skills of the Year 3, 5 and 7 students in the Northern Territory

has begun as part of the annual Multilevel Assessment Program (MAP).

Chief Executive of the

Department of Employment, Education and Training, Margaret Banks strongly encourages all parents of eligible students to make sure that their child takes part in these tests, which will conclude on 24 August.

"The results provide valuable information to parents and educators about individual student learning and also assist the

Department to monitor student performance in literacy and numeracy across the Territory," said Ms Banks.

At the end of the school year, parents of participating students will receive a report with information about their child's achievement in relation to national standards.

Students across Australia in

Years 3, 5 and 7 are tested to determine the numbers of students who have achieved competency in literacy and numeracy measured against national standards, called benchmarks.

The benchmarks describe the minimum acceptable literacy and numeracy standards for all Australian students. Students who do not achieve the benchmark will

require additional assistance to make satisfactory progress at school.

This will be the last time that the MAP test is conducted in the Northern Territory. Next year the various annual State-based tests will be replaced with a new national literacy and numeracy test for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia.

Airwaves Jonny takes to the air

Story and photo by ALF WILSON



It was a trip from the big smoke of Townsville to remote communities for popular Townsville radio announcer Jonny Deadly when he went on a four-day tour visiting Weipa, Napranum, Old Mapoon and Aurukun recently.

Jonny Deadly has worked for Indigenous Townsville based 4KIG for the past 15 years and his programs go to many remote communities.

"I travelled by plane from Townsville to Weipa on 24 July and then had a hire 4WD and the next day visited Napranum," Jonny told the Koori Mail.

"Later, I went to Old Mapoon and by charter flight to Aurukun where I interviewed school pupils about things such as what it means to them to live in that community. It was all positive."

The interviews will be aired on 4KIG and associated stations at the various communities in the coming weeks on the Strong Community Life program, which airs each Wednesday and Saturday nights.

At Napranum, Jonny co-hosted a broadcast from 7pm until 9pm with the 'Queen of the Kimberley' identity Mary G, who was also visiting Napranum at the time.

"I really enjoyed going to Weipa College and Napranum and to talk to people who listen to the station," he said.

Jonny Deadly also hosts the Drive Time program on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from the Bush between noon and 2pm on Thursday, and Black Beat every Tuesday and Friday nights.

"I have been a radio broadcaster for the past 15 years and it was great to get to those communities and finally meet the people who get to hear my voice. It was also good for the people to meet the face behind the voice," he said.

Born at Julia Creek, between Richmond and Mount Isa, in the Queensland outback, Jonny said his arrival inland was not by choice.

"My dad worked for the railways and I am a saltwater Murri, which means I like to live near the sea," he said.

Jonny thanked the people of Weipa, Napranum, Old Mapoon and Aurukun for making him feel welcome.



● ABOVE: Jonny Deadly with some Napranum residents.



● LEFT: Jonny Deadly at the microphone.



The team behind refurbishment of the Inala Wests Rugby League Clubhouse. From left, Robert Duncan, Collis Bell, Daniel Stanley, Terry Nona, Clinton Bell, Greg Bani, Darryl Sullivan and Isaac Hopkins.

Trainees kick goals in club makeover



The official opening of the refurbished Wests Inala Junior Rugby League Football Club clubhouse in Freeman Road in the Brisbane suburb of Inala was celebrated recently.

Brisbane Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said refurbishment of the council-owned clubhouse had delivered two major outcomes.

"Not only has the well-worn clubhouse been renovated to provide suitable facilities for players, families and the local community, but the project gave eight long-term unemployed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people an opportunity to gain construction skills and work experience to pave the way for their re-entry into workforce," Cr

Newman said.

The refurbishment included painting the clubhouse inside and out, renovating the kitchen and anteen, building a new office and redesigning walls, ceilings, and windows.

The refurbished clubhouse now features a new awning, disabled access and has been fitted with proper exit signs, fire extinguishers and air-conditioning to address workplace health and safety concerns.

Cr Newman said the Brisbane City Council also provided the Wests Inala Rugby League clubhouse with 10 former council computers as part of the council's computer recycling program.

"The clubhouse refurbishment further developed partnerships between the Inala community, Inala

Wangarra, Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government in furthering the aspirations of some members of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community," Cr Newman said.

In addition to on-the-job training, the eight young people received formal first aid and fire ant training and accreditation to obtain the qualifications and skills necessary to gain and maintain employment.

Two participants have gained traineeships with Brisbane City Council in information technology and horticulture.

The project was funded by Brisbane City Council (\$92,400) and the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations' Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative (\$110,000).

Senate extends condolences to Doomadgee family

The Senate has voted to extend its condolences to the family of Aboriginal man Mulrunji Doomadgee, who died in police custody on Palm Island on 19 November 2004.

In June, Queensland Police Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley was found not guilty of the assault and manslaughter

of Mulrunji in the Palm Island watch-house.

Mr Doomadgee's death sparked rioting on Palm Island, which resulted in a police station and a police barracks being burned to the ground.

Last Tuesday, the Senate passed without debate a condolence motion

moved by Australian Greens senator Bob Brown.

The motion noted that Mr Doomadgee's son Eric, and Patrick Bramwell, a 24-year-old Aboriginal man who was in police lock-up as Mr Doomadgee died, had since committed.

It also noted Mr Doomadgee's mother

'had been too ill to attend his funeral and had since died.

Senator Brown moved that the Senate 'expresses its condolences to the Doomadgee family and the Palm Island community for the suffering and despair which these tragic events have entailed'. - AAP

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the Queensland public service celebrate their achievements through Wal-meta.

Praise for Wal-Meta



The Employment and Indigenous Initiatives' Wal-Meta Unit of the Queensland Department of Employment and Industrial Relations is getting results, according to the Queensland Government.

The Wal-Meta Unit was established in July 2001 with whole-of-government responsibility for high quality delivery of services to recruit, train and retain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Queensland public sector.

State Employment and Industrial Relations Minister John Mickel said recognition of Indigenous officers in the department's workforce was the product of significant work by the unit.

Speaking after one of three recent graduations of Indigenous staff, Mr Mickel said some 220 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed by Queensland Government agencies had received training since the unit began.

"Wal-Meta is dedicated to encouraging mainstream acceptance of Indigenous cultural values," he said. "It has delivered three development programs for Indigenous government staff in the past 18 months," he said.

"In 2007 participants have graduated from a professional development scheme and a leadership program which incorporated relevant accredited and non-accredited training, with an overall emphasis on communication and cultural awareness."

Participants in the leadership



Rockhampton's Silja-Jade Henaway was among 30 Indigenous Queensland Government employees who participated in the most recent Wal-meta Leadership Program in Brisbane.

program came from across the state from the Department of Education, Training and the Arts;

Department of Child Safety; Department of Communities; Commission for Children and Young People; Department of Emergency Services; Ergon Energy; Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation; Department of Natural Resources and Mines; Department of Public Works (CITEC); Queensland Health; Department of Treasury; State Library of Queensland and the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.

"A training program for local government staff has also been completed through partnership with the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation," the Minister said.

"Graduates from this program came from across far north Queensland including Lockhart River, Dauan Island, Kowanyama,

Doomadgee, Erub Island, St Paul Island, Mabuiag Island, Yarrabah and Woorabinda."

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives General Manager Bernie Carlon said it was a joy to see the boost in self-esteem and professional skills of program participants.

"I salute the effort graduates from these programs have put into their work," said Mr Carlon.

Wal-Meta's initiatives have made positive contributions to the self-knowledge and working environment of Indigenous staff, as confirmed by Tara Bell of Mt Isa, from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

"I am now proud to be who I am - I can do anything I put my mind to," said Ms Bell.

People wanting further information on Wal-Meta can email wal-meta@qld.gov.au.

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NEW DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

The NSW Department of Corrective Services is pleased to launch its recruitment campaign for "BALUND-A" located at Tully (North-western NSW). "BALUND-A" is a purpose-built, innovative and community focused correctional facility. It will deliver correctional programs to Aboriginal offenders, working closely with offenders, their families and the community.

The Department is recruiting for: (CLOSING DATE, MONDAY, 27 AUGUST, 2007)

- Aboriginal Mentors (identified positions) (6 positions)
- Co-ordinator, Program Support and Security
- Program Officers (6 positions)
- Senior Program Officers (6 positions)
- Instructor (Catering and Laundry)
- Supervisor (Plant operations on site)
- Psychologist
- Counselor
- Manager Administration
- Administrative Officer

All applicants must have knowledge of Aboriginal issues and a commitment to work effectively with Aboriginal communities to positively influence the outcomes of this Facility.

To find out more about these career opportunities, the environment in which you will be working, and to download information packages, please visit www.dcs.nsw.gov.au or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Please telephone: Richard Malaga on (0428 440 503) or Nealea Lavender on (02) 8662 4311.



Principal

Karrayili Adult Education Centre, Fitzroy Crossing, is an Independent Aboriginal Registered Training Organisation, located in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Karrayili delivers Vocational Education and Training including Certificates in Environmental Health, Business and General Education to people in Fitzroy Crossing and surrounding communities.

The successful applicant will work under the direction of and in collaboration with the Governing Committee and is responsible for the management of the organisation at the main campus in Fitzroy Crossing and the annexe at Yakanarra remote community. Attractive salary and conditions including subsidised accommodation. Contact the Principal, Moira Brodie, on (08) 81915333 or moira@karrayili.org.au for information package including duty statement and selection criteria.

Applications must address selection criteria. Applications close on Friday the 24th August at 5pm. (Those applicants who proceed to interview must provide to the selection panel a Federal Police Clearance, a certified copy of qualifications and other documentation)



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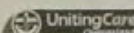
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You will have extensive experience in welfare and/or family support or tertiary qualifications in behavioural sciences and an appropriate level of relevant experience. The ability to work within a strengths based framework, and an understanding of family therapy and child protection, as well as the ability to liaise and develop partnerships with relevant stakeholders. A current Blue Card or willingness to make application for same as well as a current Driver's Licence are essential.

Contact on (07) 3624 2420 or email: familiesplus@lccq.org.au for an application package. Applications addressing the selection criteria close 27 August, 2007.

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Email indigenousprograms@doi.vic.gov.au



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT CLASSIFICATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW COORDINATOR

Clerk Grade 7/8, Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07459. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896) Total remuneration package includes an employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. An environmental allowance currently (\$2,229) applies during the occupancy of this position.

The position coordinates the case planning and inmate classification processes from reception to discharge and external leave programs to ensure the appropriate management of offenders. **Selection Criteria:** Substantial knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and procedures particularly in relation to case management, classification and placement of offenders. Demonstrated capacity to lead and participate in multi-disciplinary teams. High level interpersonal, written and oral communication skills. Ability to exercise sound judgement. Ability to prepare complex documentation. Demonstrated experience in chairing meetings and managing resultant responsibilities. Ability to exercise initiative and meet deadlines. Demonstrated computer skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application, provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions.

Inquiries: Christine Taylor Ph: (02) 9289 5039 Email: Christine.Taylor@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Linda Ernst@dcs.nsw.gov.au or Ph: (02) 6845 3730

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 24 August 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethnic Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION OFFICER

Project Officer Grade 1/2, Nowra, Temporary Part-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-307. Total remuneration package valued to: \$76,658 p.a. (\$47,011-\$69,468) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme pro-rata.

The position will contribute to the protection & understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage in Jervis Bay National Park. Encourage & facilitate Aboriginal community participation in cultural heritage management at a local & regional level.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality combined with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage. Thorough knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management. Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works. Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems. Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a part time (14 hours per week) temporary position up to 26 June 2008. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Greg Tedder on (02) 4428 6311 Email: greg.tedder@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kathryn Sarris (02) 4428 6300 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 24 August 2007.

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Murri Sisters Association Inc SUPPORT WORKER

Murri Sisters Association Inc is a non-profit community organisation that has been operating in the Brisbane area for the past 20 years. We provide support and short-term crisis accommodation for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children escaping domestic and family violence, and who are at risk of homelessness.

The Association is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced candidate for the vacant position. The primary responsibility of the position is to ensure that the needs of Indigenous women and their children are met while they are accommodated at the shelter.

An information package and position description can be obtained by ringing (07) 3891 1378 or email murrisisters1@bigpond.com

Applications should be addressed to:

The Coordinator, Murri Sisters Association Inc
PO Box 260, Annerley, QLD 4103

Applications close on August 31, 2007. For more information please contact Grace Bond or Tracey Tyson on (07) 3891 1378.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

ADMINISTRATION

SUPPORT OFFICER

(5 IN 7 DAYS) 2 POS

Clerical Officer 3/4, Wellington Correctional Centre, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 07487. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,568 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An environmental allowance of \$1,115 p.a. also applies during occupancy of this position.

Provide a broad range of clerical support duties on a rotational basis at the direction of the Business Manager to facilitate the effective provision of administrative support within this area.

Selection Criteria: General administrative experience and ability to operate electronic office equipment such as photocopiers, fax machines etc. Sound data entry/keyboard skills and experience with computerised office systems and associated software, particularly word processing and spread sheets. Experience in banking and cash handling procedures. Sound organisational, communication and customer service skills. Ability to work as part of a team and / or independently in a high volume work environment and meet deadlines. Appreciation of the office environment within a Correctional Centre. Ability and aptitude to provide assistance across a broad range of clerical and administrative areas including fleet management, accounts, records and general administration. Ability to maintain confidentiality in relation to sensitive correctional centre issues. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is on a rotating roster of 5 in 7 days as per operational requirements, including evenings, weekends and public holidays. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor.

Inquiries: Pauline Kuhnner Ph: (02) 6840 2804 Email: Pauline.Kuhnner@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Jessica Miller, Email: Jessica.Miller@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 24 August 2007.

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President's Secretary

Clerk Grade 3
Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
Position No: Bos/363

Salary: Remuneration package valued up to \$58,865 per annum includes salary (\$51,784 - \$53,344), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Location: Stanmore

Responsibilities: Responsible for provision of administrative and secretarial support to the President, AECG.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Advanced word processing skills.
- Sound written and oral communication skills.
- Organisation and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to meet deadlines.
- Ability to work within a high pressure work environment.
- Ability to effectively maintain filing and resubmit systems and appointment diaries.
- Current driver's licence.
- Knowledge and understanding of equal employment opportunity (EEO).
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice.
- Knowledge and understanding of Ethnic Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS).
- Knowledge and understanding of occupational health and safety (OHS).

Job Notes: The qualification of Aboriginality is authorised by the Office of the Board's EEO Management Plan in accordance with part 9A, Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Temporary employment/appointment under sections 27 / 24 & 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period of up to 6 months while the substantive occupant of the position is on maternity leave.

Enquiries: Angela Webb (02) 9550 5666 or email angelawebb@nswaecg.com.au

Closing Date: 31 August 2007

Information Package: Angela Webb (02) 9550 5666 or email angelawebb@nswaecg.com.au

Applications To: Personnel/Payroll Officer, Office of the Board of Studies, GPO Box 5300, Sydney NSW 2001, or you can apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

GA178643

**OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION
LEGAL OFFICER
CIVIL LAW (ABORIGINAL)**

Grade I-III, Dubbo, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No CV07/084. Total remuneration package valued to: \$90,756 p.a. (\$55,472-\$82,244).

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to clients of the Commission in accordance with the Commission's policies and guidelines and assist them to resolve their legal problems. **Selection Criteria:** Legal qualifications and possession of, or immediately eligible to hold, a current NSW Solicitor's Practising Certificate issued by the Law Society of NSW. Knowledge and/or capacity to acquire knowledge of civil law including but not limited to consumer, housing, human rights, social security or migration law (as required) and a capacity to represent legal aid clients 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 for 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 and Class C Driver's Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is identified for Aboriginal persons or Torres Strait Islanders. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. The position holder will need to have a willingness to drive in metropolitan and country locations as well as a willingness to travel by plane and stay overnight or longer to undertake outreach work or training, as required.

Inquiries: Patrick Latham (02) 6885 4233.

Information Packages: Kim Bromhead (02) 6885 4233.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Lisa Staples, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket, NSW, 1238 or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 31 August 2007.

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**Department of the
Attorney General
Government of Western Australia**

Aboriginal Policy and Services

**Project Development
Manager *(SOD)**

Office of the Director General

Position No: 006622

Level/Salary: L7, PSQA, \$82,227 - \$88,131 pa

This dynamic position is responsible for managing and assisting with the development of AJA plans in local and regional areas throughout Western Australia. You will be responsible for supervising a project team which will facilitate strategic, high level partnership engagement between Aboriginal communities, government, consultants and other key stakeholders in Perth and rural remote Western Australia. You will also be responsible for working with AJA regional coordinators to ensure that plans, priorities and actions identified and agreed upon in local and regional justice plans are implemented.

* Aboriginality as defined under Section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Gordon Cole on 9264 6128.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 27th August 2007 at 4.30pm.

Family Violence Senior Community Corrections Officer
(Recruitment Pool 007041 - 007045) Level/salary: L5 \$60,638 - \$67,017

The Family Violence Senior Community Corrections Officer case manages both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal family and domestic violence perpetrators who are accepted into the Family Violence Court program.

- The primary tasks of the Family Violence Senior Community Corrections Officer are to:
- Work as a member of the Family Violence Court Inter-agency Case Management Team
 - Take predominant responsibility for the management of the perpetrators of family and domestic violence who are subject to Family Violence Court mandated orders.
 - Promote pro-social/law abiding behaviour in Family Violence Court perpetrators.
 - Network, engage and liaise with Aboriginal-specific and non-Aboriginal, internal and external service providers.
 - Foster and encourage Aboriginal family and domestic violence perpetrators to participate in the Metropolitan Family Violence Court.

To be eligible you must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- have no serious criminal record;
- complete the job application package.

Two Information Workshops will be held for applicants to provide further information about the Family Violence Courts and the role of the Family Violence Senior Community Corrections Officer. These information workshops will also provide applicants with an opportunity to ask questions and gain assistance with their application and the recruitment process.

The Information Workshops will be held:

Wednesday 8th August 2007 10.00am
Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service Team (211) Royal Street, EAST PERTH WA 6004

Saturday 11th August 2007 10.00am
The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (21 Mounts Bay, PERTH WA 6000)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and people with diverse life and career experiences are encouraged to apply.

Application Packages are available from our website, www.jobs.wa.gov.au, or by telephoning (08) 9476 0011 (24 hour paging service) and stating your name, address and the relevant position number.

Please contact Stacey Ruthven on (08) 9220-6500 (not to be contacted for application packages) or visit www.correctiveservices.wa.gov.au > Employment

Closing date: 5pm, Monday 27th August 2007



Department of Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia



AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF AIDS ORGANISATIONS INC.
ABN: 91 708 310 631

**AFAO Aboriginal & Torres Strait
Islander HIV/AIDS & Sexual Health
Project Administration Officer**

Part Time Position: 21 hours per week

Salary Range: \$40,184 - \$46,512 per annum, pro rata

Superannuation and leave loading are in addition to this salary range. AFAO is also able to offer a fringe benefits tax-exempt component of the salary up to \$14,089 per annum, significantly enhancing the value of the salary.

AFAO is the national peak organisation representing the community response to HIV/AIDS. AFAO's members include AIDS councils, and organisations representing HIV-positive people, sex workers and injecting drug users.

AFAO is seeking a skilled individual to join the AFAO Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health Project Team in the position of **Administration Officer**.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Project is responsible for leading AFAO's work in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV/AIDS and sexual health work, especially as it relates to gay, sistergirl and transgender people. This position is responsible for the coordination of administrative work supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Project Team and associated advisory groups. A demonstrated understanding of current HIV/AIDS and sexual health related issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (especially ATSI gay men and sistergirls), demonstrated experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander projects in community-based settings, as well as excellent communication skills and good writing skills, are essential.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Working with AFAO projects and AFAO's members to improve understanding of, and services to, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander gay men and sistergirls;
- Working with members of the Indigenous Strategic Alliance (ISA) to support their volunteer work;
- Coordinating administrative processes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Project team and the ISA;
- Undertaking sexual health education and project work relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, nationally; and
- Providing advice to AFAO and its members on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual health and related issues.

The position is an ongoing, part-time appointment (21 hours per week), subject to continuing funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

This position is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position, and applications are restricted to Indigenous Australians. The nature of the work also requires that the position be further identified for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is gay, sistergirl or transgender.

Employment will be subject to the terms and conditions of the AFAO Enterprise Agreement and AFAO Affirmative Action for Employees with HIV Policy.

All applicants must address each of the stated selection criteria as well as their ability to perform the duties of this position in their letter of application. This information is available on the AFAO Web site at www.afao.org.au, or may be obtained by contacting Andrew Sajben at AFAO on (02) 8568 1105 or asajben@afao.org.au.

Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 31 August, 2007.

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Research and Analysis Branch

APS Level 5 - Non-ongoing Positions - \$54,590 - \$56,680

Torres Strait/Northern Peninsula Area, QLD - 4 year contract

Shepparton, VIC - 4 year contract

Adelaide, SA - 4 year contract

Derby, WA - 4 year contract

Darwin, NT - 4 year contract

Alice Springs, NT - 4 year contract

Dubbo, NSW - 4 year contract

The successful applicant will be required to implement a Community Engagement Strategy for Footprints In Time - The Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children. This will include:

- conducting community meetings in a variety of settings including government/non government agencies, health providers and other stakeholders, promoting the study across the relevant communities; meeting with Elders, families, schools, child care centres and other providers of child development services;
- establish and maintain networks throughout the relevant Indigenous communities and be able to work within these communities;
- build list of eligible children to be in the study;
- conduct interviews in a confidential manner with Indigenous families with young children;
- manage the study information through computer and administrative systems; and
- disseminate findings back to participants, communities and stakeholders.

Desirable qualifications / Additional Comments about the Position

These vacancies are only open to Indigenous Australians under clause 4.2(6)(i) of the Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999.

The successful applicant will need to have thorough knowledge and understanding of the respective community as listed.

How to apply

For further information visit 'Careers in FaCSIA' at www.facsia.gov.au or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 6244 6036.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents via TTY 1800 260 402.

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Bauxite Project Office Coordinator (Aurukun Shire Council)

Aurukun based / 2 year contract

The Nga Aak Kunch Aboriginal Corporation (Wak PBC) together with the Aluminium Corporation of China Limited (Chalco), Aurukun Shire Council (ASC), the Queensland Government and the Wik and Wik Way #2 Native Title Claim group have agreed that Chalco will commence a feasibility study for a bauxite mine near Aurukun.

The ASC, Chalco and the Wak PBC have been authorised to recruit a Bauxite Project Office (BPO) Coordinator to plan and implement the program of activities associated with the 2 year feasibility study which has as its key objective the sustainable economic, cultural and social development of the Aurukun community and Wik and Wik Way Peoples. Specific responsibilities will include:

- manage and coordinate the day-to-day functions of the BPO
- manage, together with the ASC, the access protocols relating to the Project
- ensure the effective communication of key aspects of the Project to the Wik and Wik Way Peoples and Aurukun community, and
- work with Queensland Government staff to ensure the feasibility study supports Queensland Government initiatives in relation to business development and employment and training.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate the following knowledge and skills:

- experience working with Indigenous communities and in achieving sustainable community social and economic development
- experience implementing effective consultation and communication processes within Indigenous communities and acting in accordance with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consultation and negotiation protocols
- ability to negotiate and coordinate service delivery involving State and Commonwealth Government departments and a wide range of stakeholders
- proven ability to work within tight time and budget parameters, and
- excellent management skills, a strong desire to add value and absolute integrity in all dealings.

An attractive remuneration package together with accommodation, relocation and travel benefits applies. The successful candidate will be required to reside in Aurukun during the feasibility study.

In order to apply, in addition to your resume, simply provide a 2 page statement outlining the extent to which you possess the knowledge and skills outlined above. You also need to provide details of 2 work related referees from the past 2 years and a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation or person. **Applications close 31 August 2007.**

Applications should be addressed to:

Dominic McGann, Partner
McCullough Robertson Lawyers
GPO Box 1855, Brisbane Qld 4001
P 07 3233 8838 • E dmcgann@mccullough.com.au



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Customer Service Officer (Indigenous Trainee)

(PN Ref: GR07/51 - explicit positions)

CSO Broadband (APS Level 1-3)

\$34,359 - \$46,251 Age Rates Apply

Training will be provided to enable you to work as a Customer Service Officer (CSO) in a Medicare office or in the Northern Territory Regional office in Darwin. CSOs are responsible for delivering great customer service that contributes to increasing Medicare Australia's reputation and building community confidence in the work we undertake. While this service involves the provision of information and processing activities related to various Australian Government programs and services administered by Medicare Australia, the main focus of work will be with the Medicare program.

Contact: Mick McDonnell (08) 8922 6333.

Key information on this and other excellent job opportunities can be accessed on our website:

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Eligibility: Applicants must be Australian citizens.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under Section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and accordingly these positions are for persons who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are accepted as such in the community in which they live or have lived.

General information about Medicare Australia can be obtained from www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Medicare Australia operates under the umbrella of the Australian Government Department of Human Services.

Candidates should forward their applications to the nominated contact (quoting the PN Ref) by email (see Position Statement for details).

Note: Medicare Australia has introduced a simplified application process for all vacancies - refer to the application information kit for details.

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Common Selection Criteria: All applicants for NSW Government jobs must show a knowledge and understanding of the 'common selection criteria' - equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety; ethical practice; and Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement - as they relate to the job.

Legal Officer (Career Development Program)

Grade I-III, Haymarket and Metropolitan Sydney. Temporary Full-time.
Job Reference No: EX07/080.

Total remuneration package valued to \$66,255 pa including salary (\$55,472 - \$60,041), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

We are looking for bright, hard working recent graduates and newly admitted solicitors to join our two-year rotational Career Development Program working as legal practitioners in two practice areas in our Criminal, Family and Civil divisions. Placements for 2008 will begin in either Criminal or Family Law.

Selection Criteria:

- A sound academic record and a good result in a LLB (or equivalent law qualification) from an accredited body completed in or after the second semester of 2006 and hold a current NSW Practising Solicitors Certificate before the commencement date (18 February 2008).
- Knowledge of family/criminal/civil law, capacity to acquire knowledge of any specific area of law as required 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 NSW 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.
- Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: These positions are temporary-full time appointment/employment opportunity under Sections 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act, 2002, for a period up to February 2010. One position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Note that the placements may be in either the Haymarket office in Sydney CBD or in a Sydney metropolitan office and the rotations may involve placements in two different offices.

Inquiries: Jennifer Burkeley on (02) 9219 5893.

Information Packages: Kate Jolliffe on (02) 9219 5130 or kate.jolliffe@legalaid.nsw.gov.au or www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Kate Jolliffe, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1238; online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 14 September

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Request position description via phone: 3902 4432, or email: general@old.greeningaustralia.org.au or download from our website: www.greeningaustralia.org.au. Expressions of interest are due by COB 20 August.



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The Hunter Institute has the following vacancy.

Applicants must obtain an application package either by logging onto www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au 'Career Opportunities' section or phone the Recruitment Officer on (02) 4923 7370 quoting the Job Reference Number.

Applications close 5:00 pm, Friday 31 August 2007

- **TEMPORARY ABORIGINAL PROJECT OFFICER, EDUCATION OFFICER** (Temporary for 12 months)
Maitland Campus
Job Reference No: H107/105E

NB: It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Screening checks will be conducted on the successful applicant.



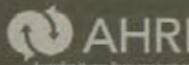
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Business Development Officer

- QLD State Group, Mt Isa
- DEST Level 2 (APS 5) - \$52,989 - \$55,998
- Reference No: 07-242

As the Business Development Officer, the successful applicant will be responsible for ongoing liaison with a range of stakeholders both within and outside the Department; researching issues impacting on Indigenous clients and their communities; contributing to the development, implementation and evaluation of strategic interventions, and supporting the District Manager and Strategic Interventions Manager at meetings and forums, as requested. The role includes data collection and the preparation of briefs, reports and general correspondence.

We are seeking a motivated, highly organised and effective team player capable of undertaking tasks which may often require tight timelines. The ideal candidate will be flexible, responsive, have good analytical and writing skills, and be comfortable operating in a dynamic environment.

The applicant must be prepared to undertake air and road travel within Queensland and interstate, as necessary, and a current driver's licence is required.

This is an Identified Position and the duties of this position will involve the development 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: Contessa Hall on (07) 3223 1023.

Applications close: 23 August 2007

How to Apply

The selection documentation is available on our website at www.dest.gov.au/recruitment, or by 24 hour answering service on (02) 6240 9154.

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

General Information

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Manager

Indigenous Services Unit

Moree

APS 6 (Centrelink Band 3) \$57,295 - \$67,638

Centrelink Area Pacific Central (APC) has business outlets that service south-east Queensland (Gold Coast) through to north-east New South Wales (Grafton and Coffs Harbour). It also extends to rural and regional areas of west NSW including Bourke, Narrabri, Moree, Walgett and Lightning Ridge.

A vacancy currently exists for the Manager of the Indigenous Service Unit (ISU) that will be located at Moree in western NSW. The ISU has responsibility for promoting and ensuring there is equity and access to Centrelink Services for Indigenous customers and communities within the Area. Given the geographical diversity of the Area, this role will require significant travel. Applicants must be flexible and have a current drivers licence.

Duties: Manage the services provided by the ISU and in particular undertake a key role in ensuring the achievement of the Area's strategic outcomes. This would include activities such as:

- Building and maintaining linkages with key government agencies to provide Centrelink input and assistance into service improvement strategies;
- Maximising Indigenous community understanding of Centrelink's products, programs and services;
- Facilitating solutions to improve and resolve Indigenous customer and community issues;
- Identify priority areas of focus for Indigenous service delivery and collaborate with the relevant Area Business Lines on service delivery methods;
- Monitor the impact of Centrelink services in relation to key indicators of Indigenous disadvantage;
- Work collaboratively with the Department of Human Services agencies to improve the delivery of services to Indigenous communities;
- Collect and analyse management information and provide feedback on identified service gaps, community needs and outcomes for Indigenous customers and communities; and
- Identify opportunities to improve services to rural, urban and remote communities within the area.

The successful applicant must have a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people and will possess a demonstrated understanding of Australia's Indigenous culture, societies and the social indicators affecting Indigenous people today.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

This is a full-time position at the Centrelink Band 3, APS 6 level. The successful applicant may be offered an attractive AWA package based on skills ability and future performance.

To obtain selection documentation please email Recruitment.pac.cent.q@centrelink.gov.au or phone (07) 55616721. For specific enquiries in relation to the position contact Mark Lloyd, Area Business Manager on 07 55616700.

Closing date for applications is Friday 31 August 2007.

Remote Visiting Service Coordinator

Indigenous Service Unit

Moree

APS 5 (Centrelink 3) \$53,048 - \$56,252

Centrelink Area Pacific Central (APC) business outlets service south-east Queensland (Gold Coast) through to north-east New South Wales (Grafton and Coffs Harbour). It also extends to rural and regional areas west of NSW including Bourke, Narrabri, Moree, Walgett and Lightning Ridge.

The Indigenous Services Unit (ISU) is responsible for providing high level advice and direction that assists Centrelink to improve servicing arrangements for Indigenous Australians and ensures Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers and communities have equitable access to culturally appropriate programs and services.

The Remote Visiting Service Coordinator (RVSC) will be located at Moree in western NSW. Given the geographical diversity this role will require some travel. Applicants must be flexible and have a current drivers licence.

Job Role Statement:

The RVSC is responsible for coordinating Remote Visiting Teams to travel to remote areas throughout Area Pacific Central to service those customers who do not have direct access to Centrelink programs and services due to their location.

Duties

- Remote visiting service planning
- Preparation, visit and follow-up of remote visiting service, including collating statistics and completion of report.
- Maintain a working relationship with the Rural Services Team especially around the Indigenous Centrelink Agents and access points within the Area to ensure the quality and access to Government services and payments in rural areas.
- Maximising Indigenous community understanding of Centrelink's products, programs and services
- Work collaboratively with the Department of Human Services agencies to improve the delivery of services to Indigenous communities
- Indigenous event management
- As the team's work is seasonal, this position is expected to perform other duties for the ISU.

It is expected that the successful applicant will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait cultures and the diversity of circumstances, societies and the social indicators affecting Indigenous people today.

The successful applicant must have a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with indigenous people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

To obtain selection documentation please email Recruitment.pac.cent.q@centrelink.gov.au or phone (07) 55616721. For specific enquiries in relation to the position contact Mark Lloyd, Area Business Manager on 07 55616700.

Closing date for applications is Friday 31 August 2007.

An Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA) with an attractive remuneration package is available to all prospective Centrelink employees.

For selection documentation and
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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10

Aboriginal Home Care Development Branch - Newcastle

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-07-07197

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (Salary \$79,188 pa-\$87,263 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide high level specialist advice and oversee special projects that are designed to increase Aboriginal people's access to NSW Aboriginal Home Care services across NSW.

Selection Criteria: In-depth understanding of contemporary issues for Aboriginal people and access and equity issues in a public policy and service delivery context; excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills; demonstrated conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills; demonstrated experience in developing effective human services policy and managing programs to meet the needs of Aboriginal people and their communities; competence in the use of keyboard and standard PC software programs; tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience in Public Policy, Management, Social Sciences or Health.

Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and MUST complete the forms contained in the information package.



Inquiries: Warren Steadman on 02 4904 5006.

Information Packages: Lisa Leslie on 02 4904 5007.

Apply on-line: As per link in Information Package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: jobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 31st August 2007.



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Chief Executive Officer

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Executive Contract Officer 3 (Total Remuneration Package of \$179 936)

Darwin

The Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) oversees the protection of Aboriginal sacred sites and traditional interest in sacred sites of Aboriginal custodians. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for executing the decisions of the AAPA Board and leading staff in the provision of services governed by the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act.

Responsibilities

- Develop and implement policy and procedures for the protection and registration of sacred sites.
- Provide advice to the Minister, AAPA Board and agency Chief Executives on a broad range of Indigenous issues relevant to site protection.
- Execution of AAPA Board decisions.

The Applicant

- Relevant tertiary qualifications.
- Extensive expertise in Aboriginal society, cultures and traditions.
- Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills, particularly with Indigenous custodians.
- Capacity to manage difficult issues sensitively and effectively.
- Strong policy development skills.

An Executive contract of up to 4 years may be offered.

To obtain a copy of the Job Description telephone 1300 659 247 or visit the website www.nt.gov.au/jobs

For further information concerning this position contact Jeff Stead on (08) 8981 4700.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please forward applications to:

Commissioner for Public Employment
GPO Box 4371 Darwin NT 0801
email: ken.simpson@nt.gov.au

Quote vacancy number: 17801

Closing date: 17 August 2007

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk Grade 2/4

Western Area, Orange

Temporary Full-Time

Position No. DOH-07-07232

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This position is responsible for the effective delivery of a variety of housing services to a diverse range of clients. You will work in a team environment to ensure good service is provided to clients and appropriate outcomes are achieved.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Capacity to work with clients and community groups in the assessment of their needs and provision of appropriate services.
- Sound decision-making and problem-solving skills in a service delivery environment, and an understanding of contemporary housing issues.
- Good communication, negotiation and interviewing skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to work as part of a team.
- Sensitivity to the needs of diverse client groups, including Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Computer literacy and experience in preparing correspondence and report/submission writing.
- Current Driver's Licence.
- **Common selection criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a re-advertised position. All previous applicants will need to re-apply. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria. Temporary appointment/employment will be for a period of up to twelve (12) months with a possibility of extension, in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002.

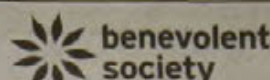
Information Packages: NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250 or refer to JobsNSW website.

Inquiries: Jenny Rolfe (02) 6360 8111

Applications to: Apply on-line as per link in the Information Package, or post to: NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800 or alternatively e-mail to: hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or refer to JobsNSW website.

Closing Date: Friday 24 August 2007.

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Aboriginal Child and Family Worker - Bathurst

The Brighter Futures Program (BFP) is a new initiative funded by the Department of Community Services to provide targeted, long-term support for vulnerable families where the parents are facing challenges that may impact on their ability to care for their children. We have developed a key partnership with Town Multicultural Aboriginal Children's Service (Town MACS) in Bathurst to provide early intervention services to Aboriginal children and families accessing Town MACS.

The position is ongoing and part-time (3 days per week). We provide training and support and an attractive salary package. For further information on the position, contact John McClinton on 02 6331 1457.

The Position Description, including information on how to apply for the position can be obtained from Barbara Merrick-Bassett on 6331 1457 or by email on bcentralwest@bensoc.org.au or from our website at www.bensoc.org.au

CLOSING DATE: Monday 3 September 2007.

Appointment to positions is subject to satisfactory Criminal Record and Working with Children Checks.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

CLASSIFICATION & CASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW COORDINATOR

Clerk Grade 3/4, Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07460. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. An Environmental allowance (currently \$2,228 pa) also applies during occupancy of this position.

Responsible for the coordination of the inmate classification process to assist in the appropriate management of offenders and for the preparation & collation of documentation pertaining to offenders and their management at the Correctional Centre.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to understand and correctly apply policies and procedures in accordance with legislative requirements. Ability to maintain confidentiality at all times, and to have a sound understanding of and commitment to ethical work practices. Demonstrated capacity to appropriately respond to and manage sensitive and difficult calls from internal and external clients. Sound communication skills, including the ability to write reports. Sound computer skills with proficiency in office-based applications. Capacity to analyse information for accuracy, to identify inconsistencies, and to effect solutions. Ability to work as an effective team member in a high-volume and time-critical environment. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions.

Inquiries: Christine Taylor Ph: (02) 9289 5039 Email: Christine.Taylor@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Linda Ernst at dcs.nsw.gov.au or Ph: (02) 6845 3730.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 24 August 2007.

GA178426



LAWYERS (3 X positions)

The North Queensland Land Council (NQLC) is a recognised Native Title Representative Body pursuant to the Native Title Act (Cth) 1993. The NQLC recently received from the Commonwealth Government, 6 (six) years recognition as a Native Title Representative Body. This six years recognition reflects the progressive and dynamic nature of the organisation. NQLC is in a position to offer to its current and prospective employees, long term employment security in an organisation recognised for achieving successful outcomes in Native Title and the Mining/Resources arena.

The NQLC's services are expanding and NQLC seeks applications from suitably qualified persons for the following positions:

SENIOR LAWYER (1 x position)

Who will be responsible for:

The care and conduct of Native Title claims including negotiating associated Indigenous Land Use Agreements and Ancillary Commercial Agreements. Experience in Native Title, Commercial Law or Mining/Resources sector and the Federal Court preferred.

Salary and conditions will be commensurate with experience.

LAWYERS (2 x positions)

Who will be responsible for:

- Assisting Senior Lawyers in NQLC's legal unit in the prosecution of Native Title claims.
- Assisting Senior Lawyers in NQLC's Mining & Resource Unit. NQLC will provide training and mentoring for these positions. A minimum of 12 months post admission is preferred, but applicants who can demonstrate a strong commitment to indigenous issues may be considered.

All of the above require some intrastate and interstate travel. This is an opportunity for motivated and focused Legal Practitioners to practise in Cairns, Tropical North Queensland, renowned for its beauty and lifestyle.

For further information, please contact Mr Martin Dore, Principal Legal Officer.

If you require an Information Package please contact Heather on (07) 40427 000 or email heather@nqlc.com.au.

Applications should be addressed to the Executive Officer and must include detailed responses to the Selection Criteria.

Applications should be forwarded to:

North Queensland Land Council
Native Title Representative Body
Aboriginal Organisation
PO Box 679N
North Cairns Qld 4870

Closing date for applications will be 4th September 2007

The NQLC is an equal opportunity employer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



LAKE TYERS HEALTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Social and Emotional Worker Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust

Hours negotiable up to full-time

Lake Tyers Health & Children's Services provides health, social support, medical and children's services to the residents of the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust.

The social and emotional worker will be required to deliver a culturally appropriate, confidential, health referral and support service to people of all ages and families at Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust.

If you have -

- A tertiary qualification in Social Work or equivalent and are committed to ongoing professional development,
- Demonstrated experience in social welfare practice involving clients with complex needs, and
- An understanding of, and sensitivity to local indigenous culture,

we would like to hear from you.

Applications should address the key selection criteria, include the names and telephone numbers of two referees, and be sent to:

Barry Sellings - Manager
Lake Tyers Health and Children's Services
PO Box 1147
Lakes Entrance Victoria 3909

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

Closing Date for Applications: Friday 17th August 2007

Before applying, you are strongly advised to obtain a detailed position description by telephoning Jacinta at Gippsland Lakes Community Health on 5155 8341 or Maggie at Lake Tyers Health and Children's Services on 5155 8500.

CH178429

Aboriginal Support Worker

The Canberra Rape Crisis Centre

26 hrs/wk SACS Grade 4 to 5
Designated Aboriginal Position
Nguru Program

This is a woman only position under s 34 (1) of the
Discrimination Act 1991

The Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) is a non-government organisation working collaboratively within service provision systems in the ACT and surrounding areas to provide services and programs to people and communities affected by sexual violence. The Nguru Program Aboriginal Support Worker will provide support, outreach, information and advocacy, community education and training to Aboriginal people and communities.

Requirements: Tertiary qualifications/or working towards qualifications in Welfare, Counselling or equivalent and previous experience in providing support services to Aboriginal people, understanding of the causes and consequences of sexual violence and computer skills.

Generous and flexible salary packaging options apply to this position.

Contact CRCC on 6247 8071 or crcc@rapecrisis.org.au to
obtain a recruitment package. Applications close 24/8/07

Administrative Officer Koori Programs Unit

\$41,237.00 - \$44,490.00 Per Annum
Full time on-going

- Are you a born organiser?
- Love helping people?
- Work well in a dynamic and busy environment?
- Want a job as part of a great team and friendly environment?

Consider a position as an Administrative Officer with one of Victoria's largest and most diverse TAFE Institutes in our Koori Programs Unit. We provide a range of innovative, flexible and culturally appropriate vocational, education and training courses to the Indigenous community in the North-West region of Melbourne which positions the Unit in the forefront of course delivery and research.

You will assist in the development of the Koori Programs Unit as an innovative department with the capacity to deliver creative administrative solutions and continuous improvement processes to meet the various needs of client groups.

The successful applicant will ideally possess a proven track record in the secretarial/administration area; high level skills with Microsoft computer applications; strong organisational and administrative skills; tact and confidentiality, excellent people and communication skills.

A Victorian police check is a condition of employment for this position.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

For further details about the position and to apply online please visit www.kangan.edu.au/jobs/internal

Closing date for applications is Friday 24th August 2007 at 5.00 pm. Position no MP/858

Kangan Batman TAFE



ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION
PARKS, CONSERVATION AND LANDS
PROGRAMS COORDINATION

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trainee (Two Year Traineeship)

Administrative Service Officer Class 2

(PN: 16015 & 16013 - expected vacancy)

Salary Range: \$37,545-\$41,634

Duties: Expressions of interest are sought from members of the Indigenous Community to participate in a two year Indigenous Traineeship Program. Trainees will be rotated through a number of PCL program areas to provide opportunity for broadly based skills development. This will be complemented by training in a Certificate 3 in Conservation and Land Management. Applicants are expected to have an understanding of Aboriginal heritage and cultural issues and some knowledge of natural resource management. They should also possess good interpersonal skills, be self-motivated and have the ability to work as part of a team.

An information session will be held on Thursday 16 August 2007 at 2.30pm at Stromlo Office, 500 Cotter Road. For more information and RSVP please phone: (02) 6207 2240.

Note: This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. In accordance with the Department's Certified Agreement provisions, a Joint Selection Committee will be established to assess applications.

Contact Officer: Odile Arman (02) 6207 2240

Selection Documentation: www.jobs.act.gov.au

Applications: Via e-mail to jobs@act.gov.au or by post to Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City 2601.

Applications Close: 30 August 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.ezjobsite.net/ezjob/HNE/HRRegistry/default.cfm
Eligibility lists may be created

POPULATION HEALTH

Program Manager

Population Health, Location Negotiable

Perm Full Time or Perm Part Time, 32 hpw

Position No: 54527

Program Manager

Health Service Manager Level 2

Population Health, Planning & Performance, Newcastle

Temp Full Time Position No: 53462

FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

Lead and manage the development and delivery of evidence-based health promotion projects that address the prevention of chronic disease, HIV/AIDS and related diseases and injury risks, in the Hunter New England population.

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.

Enquiries: Karen Gillham, (02) 4924 6022,

karen.gillham@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 7 September 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 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.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Need Experience?

Want to Change Some Lives?

Community Care Workers

Blacktown/Baulkham Hills

(MWHC Award \$15.58 ph and allowance
for motor vehicle usage)

Part Time/12 Positions

If you are a caring individual who wants to make a difference, an exciting and rewarding opportunity exists for you to join our team at Baptist Community Services, Community Centre Castle Hill. You will be responsible for providing in-home support to the frail aged, younger people with disabilities, and people from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background, and their carers living in the Baulkham Hills and Blacktown Local Government Areas.

Experience is not necessary, as training will be provided and an above award payment is payable if you hold a Certificate 3 in Aged Care or HACC. Successful applicants will have a mature and empathic approach, the ability to provide personal care, respite care and/or domestic assistance support to our clients. Applicants must also be able to work flexible hours, have own reliable and third party insured vehicle and hold a current Driver's Licence, along with a current First Aid certificate or willing to obtain one within six months of employment.

Availability to attend compulsory training on 12 September and 2, 3 and 5 October 2007 is essential, as is the ability to work in harmony with BCS Mission and Values.

In return, BCS offers:

- Flexible working hours ideal for students, early retirees or at-home parents
- Competitive salary with access to tax-free benefit
- Learning & development opportunities

Applicants who can speak a second language are encouraged to apply.

To find out more and receive an application package please contact Shaheen Bano on (02) 8831 9270 or sbano@bcs.org.au

Applications Close:

22 August 2007

2007 EOWA Employer

of Choice for Women

Background Police Background Checks
shall be conducted on applicants
recommended for employment
appointment to positions within
the organisation



Baptist
Community
Services
NSW & ACT

Want to play a crucial role in supporting separated families?

CSA Customer
Service Officer Donny

Customer Service Officers

CSO Level 3 to 4: \$45,262 - \$55,383 (plus generous super)

Several ongoing, full-time positions

Adelaide

Join a world leader ...

The Child Support Agency (CSA) is a key agency within the Department of Human Services. Recognised as a world leader in child support services, the CSA and the families it supports, rely heavily on the professionalism of our people.

Our Customer Service Officers are the face of CSA and continually strive to provide exceptional support to separated families.

Many positions are now available in this new round of recruitment for CSA Customer Service Officers.

About the role ...

The CSA supports more than one million separated parents to provide financial support for their children. We calculate payments, and collect and transfer them between parents. We also provide parents with self-help tools and active referrals.

CSA prides itself on offering career advancement opportunities, ongoing training and excellent working conditions as part of the Australian Public Service (APS).

A Customer Service Officer must have ...

- a passion for customer service, desire to make a positive contribution to our customers and an ability to deal with sensitive and emotional issues
- excellent communication, conflict resolution and problem solving skills especially over the telephone
- negotiation and debt collection skills

CSA...supporting separated families.

- computer literacy in a Windows environment
- flexibility and sound judgement to make decisions
- resilience and ability to work under pressure.

If you want to play a crucial role in supporting separated parents by providing good customer service, then the CSA invites you to apply.

Positions will be filled at the CSO 3 or 4 level based on relevant skills, knowledge & experience.

To apply ...

Submit an application online at www.networkrecruitment.net/csa or call the Network Recruitment on (08) 8400 4400.

For an indigenous perspective on what it is like to work in CSA, call Donald Twomey on (03) 9659 5689.

Applicants must be Australian citizens and successfully complete a health and police records clearance. A probationary period will apply to successful applicants who are not already ongoing APS employees.

Application closing date is 5pm, Friday 24 August 2007.



Australian Government
Child Support Agency



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

There's no better time to join our team.

The Department of Health and Ageing is focussed on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. We need capable and motivated people working with us to make this happen. Our simplified recruitment and selection process makes it easier for you to apply. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and a better life for all Australians.

A 4.2% SALARY INCREASE TO NON SES POSITIONS WILL APPLY FROM 23 AUGUST

**OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH
BUDGET AND PLANNING BRANCH
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION SECTION**
**APS LEVEL 6
PLANNING OFFICER**
\$59,912 - \$67,590
REFERENCE NUMBER: 07-1047

CANBERRA

As a Planning Officer you will be working within a small team in the Program Management and Implementation Section that is involved in implementing a significant proportion of the National OATSIIH Planning Framework. This includes providing planning support to other branches within OATSIIH, and coordinating and working with the State and Territory Offices of the Department to develop annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Regional Priorities Plans.

The Planning Officer will primarily provide technical and general advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Planners in the Department's State and Territory Offices for the regional planning process and manage aspects of continuous quality improvement of this process. This includes researching, analysing and presenting demographic and health data, including preparing analytical maps of this data that will assist in the planning of health service delivery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities across Australia.

Contact officer: Tim Gallard on 02 6289 3717 or tim.gallard@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Carly Huggins on 02 6289 8171 (carly.huggins@health.gov.au)

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE
CORPORATE SERVICES BRANCH
HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE
SECTION**
**APS LEVEL 5
FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES LIAISON
OFFICER**
\$54,310 - \$57,322
REFERENCE NUMBER: 07-1046

DARWIN

The role of the Financial and Human Resources Liaison Officer is to provide a consistently high level of client service when providing advice to staff in relation to financial and human resources policies and procedures. The position will prepare monthly and annual financial reports and returns, and maintain the assets register for the Northern Territory Office. This position also delivers orientation, coordinates Occupational Health and Safety, and is the Rehabilitation Case Manager for the Northern Territory Office.

Contact officer: Felicity Laczina on 08 8946 3437 or felicity.laczina@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Rachel Turvey on 08 8946 3423 (rachel.turvey@health.gov.au)

Positions close 30 August 2007, 7pm AEST, unless otherwise noted.

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online (www.health.gov.au) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection comments from the Department's TTY number 02 6289 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Certified Agreement. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

For further information please visit www.health.gov.au

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE OFFICE
HEALTH PROGRAMS BRANCH
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SECTION**
**APS LEVEL 5
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROJECT OFFICER**
\$54,310 - \$57,322
REFERENCE NUMBER: 07-1045

ADELAIDE

Primary Health Care (PHC) team manages a number of Australian Government initiatives, including but not limited to the Divisions of General Practice Program and the National Suicide Prevention Strategy. The purpose of the PHC Project Officer position is to provide project management and support for Primary Health Care programs.

The Divisions of General Practice Network assists general practice to provide services to the community within the context of a broader primary health care system. The National Suicide Prevention program provides funding for a range of projects such as education and training and counselling.

Occupants of the position will require a current driver's license and be able/willing to travel intra/interstate and within rural and remote areas by both road and air.

Contact officer: Gillian Stevens on 08 8237 8249 or gillian.stevens@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Recruitment Officer on 08 8237 8044 (sarecruit@health.gov.au)

**OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION
SURVEILLANCE BRANCH
EXECUTIVE SECTION**
**APS LEVEL 5
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER**
\$54,310 - \$57,322
REFERENCE NUMBER: 07-1042

CANBERRA

The Surveillance Branch is seeking an enthusiastic and self motivated person to coordinate a range of activities including Senate Estimates process, Question Time Briefs (QTBS) and Current Issues Briefs (CIBs). Working in a small team you will provide support for administrative and program management and/or support for research and policy development, further you may be required to assist the sections with day to day tasks as they arise. Successful applicants will have well developed analytical and communication skills, be innovative, flexible and able to work with minimal supervision.

Contact officer: Cindy Heitel on 02 6289 8403 or cindy.heitel@health.gov.au

Selection documentation can also be obtained from: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

Relationships Australia

NEW SOUTH WALES

FAMILY ADVISOR

Full-Time

FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE BLACKTOWN

We are seeking a social welfare professional to work as a full-time Family Advisor in the Family Relationships Centre located in Blacktown. Family advisors provide support and assistance to people seeking to form relationships or strengthen their relationships, as well as advice and referral for families dealing with separation.

Family Advisors will be able to demonstrate skills in providing professional client services, both face-to-face and by telephone. They will be able to engage clients and assess their needs, as well as provide good case management practice and ensure effective referrals where necessary.

Due to the diverse community needs of the Family Relationship Centre applicants with experience and an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are encouraged to apply. Cultural awareness and sensitivity and referees/character references from local Indigenous communities are also highly desirable.

You must obtain an information package and address the selection criteria in your written application. When obtaining an information package please specify the position/s you wish to apply for.

For an information package please contact Bryce on (02) 9425 4922 or email employment@rnsf.org.au. All positions are subject to a Working with Children check.



Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

DEPUTY DIRECTOR (INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS)

- Salary: negotiable depending on qualifications, skills and experience
- Generous salary packaging, superannuation benefits and six weeks annual leave
- Full-time

MSHR is seeking a suitable candidate for the position of Deputy Director (Indigenous Programs), based in Darwin. The position is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating strategies, projects, and policies that realise the Indigenous focused outcomes of the MSHR strategic plan. This is a senior position and will be expected to participate in high-level committees and provide advice to other senior management staff. Ideally the incumbent will also participate actively in, and potentially direct, a major research program.

It is anticipated that the incumbent will be recognised as an authority, having made a major contribution in areas of expertise in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research and education, and will have a sound understanding of management issues and good practice.

Late applications for this position may be accepted by prior negotiation.

Contact: Professor Jonathan Carapetis 08 8922 8597.

**IAN POTTER FOUNDATION INDIGENOUS
RESEARCH FELLOW**

- Academic Level A or B, depending on experience and qualifications
- \$50,183-\$72,675 p.a. plus half clinical loading where appropriate
- Generous salary packaging, superannuation benefits and six weeks annual leave
- Full-time, 2-3 years

The aim of this Fellowship is to allow an Indigenous person to undertake research in one or more of the research divisions at Menzies: Child Health; Preventable Chronic Diseases; Healing and Resilience; Tropical and Emerging Infectious Diseases; International Health; and Services, Systems and Society.

It is anticipated that the successful applicant will hold a nursing, medical, allied health or other relevant tertiary qualification; have demonstrated their interest in, and ability to pursue, a career in research; and a strong interest in the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians. There is potential for the research undertaken in this role to form the basis of a PhD program of studies.

Contact: Ms Bilawara Lee 08 8922 8235.

**INDIGENOUS ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT OFFICER**

- \$42,834 - \$48,317 p.a. (pro rata)
- Generous salary packaging, superannuation benefits and six weeks annual leave
- Part-time 0.4 to 0.6 FTE (negotiable)

The Indigenous Administrative Support Officer will provide administrative support to the Indigenous Development Officer and the Indigenous Staff Network. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will have proven experience in an administrative role, including experience in organising meetings and events, and managing information; and a demonstrated understanding of how to work successfully in Indigenous contexts with commitment to the professional development and education of Indigenous staff.

Contact: Ms Bilawara Lee 08 8922 8235.

These positions have been designated for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

Position Descriptions (and Selection Criteria) for these positions may be downloaded from our website www.menzies.edu.au (preferred) or obtained from humanresources@menzies.edu.au on (08) 8922 7832.

Applications should provide a statement addressing each of the Selection Criteria, and include a CV and three nominated referees. These should be sent to: Human Resources Manager, MSHR, PO Box 41096, Casuarina NT 0811 or the above email address by 3 September 2007.

NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

ALLIED HEALTH

Bourke

Drug and Alcohol Advisor

TFT up to 04/07/10. Salary: As per relevant qualifications and experience. Recruitment No: GW55780. Enquiries & Application Kit: Patricia Canty, (02) 6870 8892 or pat.canty@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au. Close: 31/08/07.

Application Kits are also available on our website www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Ethnic Factors, the principles of Cultural Diversity and gender equality are fundamental to our commitment to equality. All employment opportunities are open to all people. All employment opportunities are open to all people.

NSW ATSIACSAG Inc.

New South Wales Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Services Advisory Group Incorporated (ATSIACSAG 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 License.

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.

Please Note: This position 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 02 95164473 or email admin@atciacsag.org.au

Applications marked CONFIDENTIAL and posted to: The President ATSIACSAG P O Box 276 ENMORE NSW 2042. Closing Date: Friday 31st August 2007.



NNIWL Coordinator, Sydney, NSW

An exciting opportunity exists to build the potential of the National Network of Indigenous Women's Legal Services Inc (NNIWL). The Network is a National Peak Body for legal and family legal support services to Indigenous women across Australia. The Network undertakes law reform advocacy, promotes high quality service delivery, participates in consultation and advisory bodies working on Indigenous Law and Justice. The Network aims to provide a national voice for Indigenous women in law reform and social justice.

With the recent relocation of the office from Perth to Sydney, the Network is seeking a dynamic person to re-establish the office and build the team to support the Network.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate a passionate commitment to social justice; outstanding communication, financial and personnel management skills; sound political acumen and negotiating abilities; and the ability to identify, develop and maintain effective long-term relationships within government, corporate and community legal organisations at the highest levels. Some travel will be involved.

Salary is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Indicative level is \$60,000 plus super. Attractive salary packaging and flexible working conditions.

Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under sections 50D and 27 of the EOC Act 1984.

For duty statement and selection criteria and further information, email hazel.illin@atciacsag.org.au with subject line: Coordinator Vacancy or call Hazel Illin on (07) 4721 6007.

Applicants must address selection criteria; provide a CV and the names of 2 referees.

Applications close Monday 20 August 2007



Would you like to contribute to positive futures for Indigenous people in the central west?

Two positions are now available in the College to support Indigenous people into training & employment

The College is a leading provider of a large, diverse range of training, recruitment and community support services in the Central West and beyond. This is a great opportunity to join our newly formed Aboriginal Training and Employment Team. We are seeking committed and enthusiastic staff with a genuine desire to assist Indigenous clients to gain employment. Both positions are for an initial period of 12 months with an option of extension.

New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) Officer, Orange (34/07)

This program is funded by NSW Department of Education and Training, through the Aboriginal Community Program. The NCAP Officer is responsible for delivery of a range of services to assist Aboriginal people to identify and overcome barriers to education, training and employment. This position works with indigenous clients and with employers in Bathurst, Orange, Cowra, Parkes, Forbes and Cootamundra. The NCAP Officer will have access to a CWCC site vehicle to travel to other sites from Orange.

NB The position of NCAP Officer requires a person with Aboriginality (authorized by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977), and experience with ATSI clients in a case management context.

Structured Training & Employment Projects and Employment & Related Services (STEP ERS) Officer, Cowra (35/07)

This program is funded by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. The STEP ERS Officer will arrange training to provide Indigenous participants with the skills and knowledge necessary for a smooth transition into the working environment; and will arrange pre-employment support services and work preparation activities. The initial program will be based in Cowra, but we anticipate the program extending to other towns in the central west. NB Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

The remuneration range for both positions is \$50,926-\$56,426 if you choose full salary packaging. The College offers above average leave entitlements and access to full salary packaging. Starting salary is dependent on skills and experience. Before applying please contact Sharna Banks on 63345112 or email hr@cwcc.nsw.edu.au for an information package and quote position number.

Applications close 1pm Monday 27th August.

Domiciliary Care SA

Intake Officer

ADELAIDE (temporary full-time)
\$38,557-\$41,732 pa (OP52)

Domiciliary Care SA (Dom Care) is a community-based, SA Government organisation that is committed to the provision of culturally safe, client focused services aimed at maximising client independence. We provide integrated home and community support services for people in the community with reduced capacity to care for themselves.

The Intake Officer supports Dom Care and the Adelaide Aged Care Assessment Team by providing the first contact point for clients requesting home support services and entry into residential care. The incumbent will identify client's requirements through an initial needs identification process and associated tasks in order to determine their priority of access, level of complexity, streaming and appropriateness of agency to meet their needs.

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Enquiries to: Melanie Schmidtke, Acting Team Leader, Metropolitan Access Team, Telephone: (08) 8193 1234 (for Job & Person Specifications see note below), Email: Melanie.Schmidtke@dfc.sa.gov.au.

Applications to: Laura Perry, Human Resources Administration Officer, Domiciliary Care SA, 19-21a Belmore Terrace Woodville SA 5011.

Note: To obtain a copy of the Job & Person Specification refer to the employment opportunities section on our website www.domcare.sa.gov.au.

Applicants are required to address all of the essential and desirable requirements of the person specification in their application.

Please forward an original application plus two copies, including the name, address and contact number of three current referees.

Applicants may be required to undergo a criminal history check and/or medical examination.

Applications Close:
5pm, Friday 31 August 2007



Apprenticeships & Traineeships 2008

**GET
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IN A GREAT
COMPANY

- Gain a qualification
- Get great rewards

Looking to start your career with a company that offers generous rewards & benefits, great training and a wealth of opportunity? CitiPower & Powercor currently have the following positions available:

Apprenticeships

Powerline Worker - Working outdoors on ladders and elevated platforms. Powerline Workers construct and maintain overhead and underground electrical lines and structures.

Power Systems Electrician - Construct and maintain substations, including switching and rectification of faults with electrical plant and equipment.

Electrical Meter Technician - You will be installing, maintaining and testing energy metering and associated communication equipment.

Traineeships

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Queensland Government

Communities

Youth, Family & Community Resource Officer (Identified) - Service Delivery (Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent)

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$52,437 - \$57,663 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2329/07

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Provide support and intervention services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention and implement culturally appropriate individualised case plans.

Skills/Abilities: Records management including maintenance of case records, preparation of reports, and data entry to ensure casework and organisational accountability.

Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007

Community Support Officer (Specified) - Service Delivery (Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Category: Health and Community Care

Salary: \$60,770 - \$66,050 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2332/07

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Develop and maintain regional relationships with relevant non-government organisations and assist with the coordination of regional and local community development.

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated effective interpersonal communication, including negotiation, community consultation and engagement. Demonstrated skills in project management.

Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007

Team Leader (Specified) - Service Delivery (Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Category: Health and Community Care

Salary: \$69,246 - \$74,600 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2332/07

Location: Ipswich

Key Duties: Supervise a team of professional staff to ensure the delivery of high quality youth justice client casework services.

Skills/Abilities: Possession of a degree in the social or behavioural sciences.

Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007

Policy Officer (Specified) - Office for ATSI Partnerships (Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Category: Policy and Planning

Salary: \$60,770 - \$66,050 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2379/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Research, analyse, evaluate and provide advice on policy matters relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Effectively manage project tasks and priorities and assist in the monitoring and evaluation of departmental policy issues, projects and programs.

Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007

Principal Policy Officer (Specified) - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community

Category: Policy and Planning

Salary: \$78,020 - \$83,658 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2383/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Contribute to the development and maintenance of an explicit and transparent policy development model and policy capacity building strategy for the directorate and the department. Coordinate and prepare reports and submissions in relation to strategic policy initiatives. Provide high level advice on the delivery of relevant whole-of-government and cross portfolio policy priorities and agendas. Represent the department at a range of forums, ensuring the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are effectively communicated.

Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone

(07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccomm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Queensland Police Service

Police Liaison Officer - Central Region (There is more than one position available)

Category: Community Engagement and Education

Salary: \$36,105 - \$38,659 p.a.

(\$21,046 - \$31,816 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Woorabinda

REF: PD319/07

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Acting Senior Sergeant Marcus Cryer

Phone: (07) 4935 0155

Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007

Child Safety

Indigenous Practice Coordinator (Identified) - Child Safety Services Division (Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Category: Policy and Planning

Salary: \$78,020 - \$83,658 p.a.

REF: QLD/CHS2295/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Develop and implement strategies to enhance the quality of culturally appropriate child protection services to Indigenous Australian clients. Establish partnerships to highlight key issues for Indigenous Australian children and young people who have been harmed or are at risk of harm.

Skills/Abilities: Proven expertise in child protection service delivery and knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's cultures and societies.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7693

or E-mail: vacchs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007

Housing

Communities Program Support Officer - Community Program Delivery: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$60,769 - \$66,050 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO2607/07

Key Duties: Ensure that the Department's Capital Grants program is achieved within budgetary and time constraints and complies with Financial Management Standards and audit requirements.

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated ability to facilitate the transfer of skills to Indigenous communities to enhance their capacity to deliver sustainable housing outcomes.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Phone: (07) 3238 3998 or E-mail: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Geoff Lacey Phone: (07) 4046 3381

Closing Date: Monday, 20 August 2007

Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation

Indigenous Advisor - Service Delivery, Sport, Recreation and Racing

Category: Sport and Recreation

Salary: \$60,769 - \$66,050 p.a.

Location: Mt Isa

REF: QLD/LGPS2586/07

Key Duties: Participate in regional project teams for the implementation of sport and recreation programs with Indigenous communities.

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island societies; ability to provide advice, network; high level oral, negotiation and written communication skills.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au Phone:

(07) 3224 5048 or E-mail: jobvac.dlgspr@csq.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Anand Pillay Phone: (07) 4799 7010

Closing Date: Monday, 20 August 2007

Natural Resources and Water

Land Officer - Land & Vegetation Services, Indigenous Services (Temporary for 12 months)

Category: Policy Planning & Research

Salary: \$52,437 - \$57,663 p.a.

Location: Woorabinda

REF: NRW2358/07

Key Duties: Undertake projects relating to the transfer of land, and the administration of Land Trusts under the provisions of the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* and *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*, and other administrative activities as required.

Skills/Abilities: An understanding and sensitivity to relevant issues and protocols associated with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.

Ability to interpret legislation and provide advice accordingly.

Well developed written and oral communication skills. Ability to liaise and negotiate with internal and external stakeholders.

Well developed research and evaluation skills to examine problems.

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Faxback Service Phone: (07) 3239 3083

Closing Date: Monday, 20 August 2007

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Centrelink Manager

Working Age Participation

Batemans Bay, Nowra & Ulladulla Customer Service Centres

Centrelink Band 3 (APS 6)

\$57,295 - \$67,638

Job reference: ASW2007/064

Contact: Tracey Sheather 0408 479 603

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Closing date: 20 August 2007

Indigenous Customer Service Officer

Indigenous Service Unit

Bega, Cowra, Nowra & Parkes Customer Service Centres

Centrelink Band 2 (APS 3)

\$42,673 - \$46,057

Job reference: ASW2007/072

Contact Officer: Selena Lyons (02) 6200 5734

Selection Documentation: recruitment.south.west.n@centrelink.gov.au or our 24 hour answering service on (02) 6200 5776.

This is an identified vacancy in which part or all of the duties involve the development of policy or programs relating to Australian Indigenous people, and/or involve interaction with Indigenous communities, including service delivery. You will need to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

As the Indigenous Customer Service Officer you will be required to consult and liaise with Indigenous customers to identify and understand individual needs; assist Indigenous peoples to access government programs through Centrelink services and other resources; and actively promote the local geographical and cultural diversities and expectations of Indigenous customers.

Note: These are expected vacancies.

Closing date: 24 August 2007

Indigenous Service Officer

Indigenous Service Unit

Batemans Bay Customer Service Centre

Centrelink Band 3 (APS 5)

\$53,048 - \$56,252

Job reference: ASW2007/071

Contact: Selena Lyons (02) 6200 5734

Selection documentation: recruitment.south.west.n@centrelink.gov.au or our 24 hours answering service on (02) 6200-5776

The successful applicant will be required to consult, liaise and coordinate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, government and community agencies and other relevant groups to identify and understand community needs in order to effectively promote government programs that Centrelink delivers. Establish and maintain regional community consultative mechanisms with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups. Coordinate and/or participate in interagency meetings with other departments and community groups. Network with other agencies to promote Centrelink's profile and to identify business opportunities or issues.

Note: This is an identified vacancy.

Closing date: 24 August 2007

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Allied Health/Clinical Support

Director (Deadly Ears Program) (Specified position)

- Statewide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Program, Clinical Support and Rehabilitation Services, Royal Children's Hospital, Herston, Royal Children's Hospital Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$104 586 p.a., comprising salary between \$86 614 - \$91 665 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (PO6) (Applications will remain current for six months) JAR: H07RCH161. Duties/Abilities: Provide leadership and strategic direction to the Deadly Ears Program and in conjunction with the Clinical Director leads the development of an integrated state-wide network of Ear Health Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. The program focuses on the management of otitis media, other related ear, nose and throat conditions, resultant hearing loss and the impact of these on children and young people. This is underpinned by education and research for patients, families, health care professionals and the community. 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: Gil Hainey (07) 3616 7439 or 0429 626 998. Application Kit: (07) 3636 0180 or (07) 3636 1646 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus. Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007.

Community Nutritionist - Quality Lifestyle Program, Thursday Island Primary Health Centre, Torres Strait Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$74 012 p.a., comprising salary between \$59 298 - \$64 868 p.a., employer contribution (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (PO3) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H07T0064. Duties/Abilities: Consult, plan, develop, coordinate, implement and evaluate a range of community nutrition initiatives, aimed at prevention of overweight and obesity in children in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area with a focus on population-based primary prevention nutrition services. Accommodation provided with reasonable relocation expenses also provided. Enquiries: Edna Sambo (07) 4069 0431. Application Kit: (07) 4069 0202 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus. Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007.

Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Indigenous Chronic Disease Team, Indigenous Health Service, Brisbane North Community Health Service, Chermside, 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 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (OO4) or Salary between \$41 156 - \$49 037 p.a. (TO2) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H07PCH207. (Readvertised Position) 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. It is a genuine occupational requirement that an identified position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991. Enquiries: Linda Medlin (07) 3139 4308. Application Kit: (07) 3139 4972 (Voice Mail) or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus. Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2007.

Indigenous Health Worker (North) - Indigenous Health Services, Community, Allied, Aged and Rehabilitation Services, Gold Coast Area, Gold Coast Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$52 431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 777 - \$45 954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (OO4) or Salary between \$41 156 - \$49 037 p.a. (TO2) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H07GC336. Duties/Abilities: Advance the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Gold Coast Health Service District through the provision of efficient, effective, confidential and holistic primary health care services. Develop close linkages with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. It is a genuine occupational requirement that an identified position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991. 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: Melissa Browning (07) 5525 5707. Application Kit: (07) 5537 0394 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus. Closing Date: Monday, 3 September 2007.

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Indigenous Youth Employment Consultant

Kalgoorlie

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A salary ranging from \$37,000 - \$41,000 is offered plus tax reducing salary packaging will increase take home pay.

A readiness to work within the Mission Australia's Values Statement is desirable. Please contact Penny or Sarah for a position description on (08) 9021 2988.

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Mission Australia

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Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker

Equal Opportunity Employment Act 1995 - Exemption - Application No. A222/2007.

Grampians Region, Community Care & Housing - Ballarat.

The exemption granted by the VCAT enables Grampians Region to advertise for and employ a Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker who will work directly with the Indigenous communities to develop solutions and community based responses to Indigenous family violence appropriate to local conditions and needs.

The Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker will play a major role in supporting ongoing operation of the Regional Action Group and in undertaking community development and education activities.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Gary Hunt on (03) 5333 6533. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/GRA/80389

Closing date for Applications will be Friday, 24 August 2007.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.



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Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Join our team

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our Central Office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Mildura

Harry Nanyo Hostel

Relief Hostel Manager

(part time 15.20 hours per week)

APS Level 2

\$275.12 - \$291.94 per week, plus superannuation

We are seeking a highly motivated person to fill the position of Relief Hostel Manager.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the operation of the hostel, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Rita Stewart

Telephone No: 03 9642 2775

Selection documentation: Russell Weston

Telephone No: 03 9642 2775 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, **31 August 2007** and should be sent to:
Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Adelaide

Adelaide Regional Office

Special Project Corporate Services Officer

(Non-ongoing 12 months)

APS Level 4

\$44,612 - \$47,703 pa, plus superannuation

Under general direction, manage the financial and administrative operations of the Community Hostel Grants (CHG) program within the Region.

Research and identify opportunities for expansion of the CHG program including initiating, developing and maintaining networks within the community, Government and State organisations involved in similar programs.

Provide advice, support and feedback to existing and prospective CHG funded hostels.

Travel to CHG funded hostels in the Region on a quarterly basis to discuss financial and administrative reporting issues, monitor and conduct stocktakes and ensure compliance with occupation health and safety legislation.

Various Hostels

Relief Hostel Manager

APS Level 3

\$39,613 - \$42,039 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a highly motivated person to fill the position of Relief Hostel Manager.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the operation of the hostel, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Robert Leidig

Telephone No: 08 8342 6950

Selection documentation: Trisha Howson

Telephone No: 08 8342 6950 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, **31 August 2007** and should be sent to:

Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 536, PROSPECT EAST SA 5082.

Tennant Creek

Wangkana-Kari Hostel

Houseparent

(2 positions / part time 15.20 hours per week)

APS Level 3

\$303.74 - \$322.34 per week, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty and ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students.

Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander managers in a residential setting would be an advantage as well as a current Senior First Aid Certificate.

This position requires the successful applicant to possess a licence to drive a 22-seater bus or the ability to obtain one.

Cook

APS Level 1

\$31,235 - \$33,810 pa, plus superannuation

Weekend Cook

(part time 10.00 hours per week)

APS Level 1

\$157.57 - \$170.56 per week, plus superannuation

Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel whilst ensuring a high level of cleanliness.

Further inquiries: Marcello Rankine

Telephone No: 08 8962 2511

Selection documentation: Celeste Bray

Telephone No: 08 8952 6544 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, **31 August 2007**

and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945, ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the probationary period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions. The successful applicants will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

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These are identified positions.

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Cert 3 Public Services - Government	Granville	50089558
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Cert 3 Public Services - Government	Newcastle	50089569
Cert 3 Public Services - Government	Parkes	50089570 - 3 Positions
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Applications close 24 August 2007



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Conservation Officer

APS Level 6

Library

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Qualifications/Other requirements: The successful applicant will have a professional qualification in paper based conservation, high level practical skills and experience in the field and the capacity to working closely with the Library team without direct supervision. Pay rate will be based on experience and qualifications.

Please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au to obtain the selection documentation for this position. For those without access to the Internet, selection documentation can be obtained from Jessica Tassell on (02) 6246 1194.

If after reading the selection documentation you require further information, contact Barry Cundy on (02) 6246 1176 or email: barry.cundy@aiatsis.gov.au

Applications together with an application cover sheet and the names and telephone numbers of three referees should be forwarded to:

The Recruitment Officer
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
GPO Box 553
Canberra ACT 2601

Closing Date: COB 25 August 2007.

Applications may also be forwarded by email: hrteam@aiatsis.gov.au

Applicants must address the selection criteria, which include the ability to demonstrate knowledge and an understanding of Indigenous cultures and the issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce in order to promote knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Toomelah Co-operative Ltd Co-ordinator/Manager

This is a management position for Toomelah Co-operative Ltd which provides a variety of services, predominantly related to employment, training and enterprise development to the Aboriginal people residing in the northern NSW communities of Toomelah and Boggabilla.

The Position

- The Co-ordinator/Manager will operate from Toomelah and will report to the elected Board of Directors and be responsible for the following:
- the overall management of the Community Development Employment Project (CDEP);
- various enterprise projects and the administration of all facets of the Co-operative's business;
- the development and implementation of management and financial policies in conjunction with the Directors and in line with the Co-operative's corporate objectives;
- provide advice and direction in the development of projects and enterprises in accordance with the Co-operative's objectives;
- prepare strategic development plans, operational budgets and submissions for funding;
- ensure that the Co-operative complies with all statutory requirements and is accountable to its members and its funding bodies;
- liaise with Providers of Australian Government Employment Services (PAGES);
- daily liaison with and the supervision of administration staff and work supervisors.

Highly Desirable

Experience in dealing with Aboriginal organisations and individuals and a good knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting contemporary Aboriginal society. A demonstrated managerial and administrative experience. A sound financial management background, particularly in grant funding and budgeting. Successful experience in a commercial activity. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Human resource development skills with a focus on team work and community development. A current driver's licence.

Duty Statement and Selection Criteria for the position can be obtained by contacting Molly Jones on (07) 4676 2438 or by fax on (07) 4676 2495. All applicants are required to address the selection criteria in their written application. Applicants who have not done so will not be shortlisted for interview.

Applications are to be sent to: Chairperson
Toomelah Co-operative Ltd
PO Box 266
BOGGABILLA NSW 2409

The date for final receipt of applications is close of business, Friday 27th August 2007.



ZONE OPERATIONS MANAGER

(3 Positions in total - Queanbeyan, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo)

- Attractive Remuneration Package
- Excellent Working Conditions and Benefits

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in undertaking the challenging role of Zone Operations Manager. The Zone Operations Manager is a pivotal position within the Zone Office and reports directly to the Zone Director. The Zone Operations Manager supports the Zone Director in providing guidance and assistance to Local Aboriginal Land Councils and in implementing the NSWALC policies for the benefit of members of the Local Aboriginal Land Councils within the Zone.

The role of the Operations Manager is critical to the successful operation of the Zone and the Zone's ability to provide the Executive Management team with timely advice and recommendations on a wide range of sensitive and, sometimes, highly confidential issues. The successful applicant will have a track record of achievement at a senior level and the capacity to build and maintain strong relationships.

Applicants **MUST** address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. Applicants should also indicate a preference for their desired work location.

For a recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria please contact the Human Resources Officer, Diane Lee on (02) 9689 4499 or email: diane.lee@alc.org.au

Applications should be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Officer
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close Monday 27 August 2007.

Applications from Aboriginal people are encouraged.

Looking for temporary work in a location that suits you?



Aboriginal temporary caseworker positions now available.

Salary package up to \$78,951 p.a.

- Looking for some work/life balance?
- Want to play a part in creating a better future for your mob?
- Want to work where your community skills and experience are valued?
- Have experience working with Aboriginal children, families and communities?

Join the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) temporary caseworker pool and work when and where you want.

Applications close 28 September 2007

Visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or phone 1800 149 919
or email tempcaseworker@community.nsw.gov.au



Bourke/Brewarrina Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme

Invitations are called for expressions of interest for the permanent part time position of 21 hours per week for **Aboriginal Specialist Support Worker** with the BBWDVACS.

Note: Being Aboriginal and female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position pursuant to Section 14 and 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Contact (02) 6872 1200 or (02) 6884 1688 for an information package.

Please forward applications in writing to:

Attention: Aboriginal Specialist Support Worker Position
The Selection Panel
PO Box 1246
Dubbo NSW 2830

Applications close 9am, Monday 20th August 2007.



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
15/4867-8	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	76.00ha	20km N of Coolgardie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/4868-90	Destra Corporation Ltd	504.04ha	15km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°52' Long 121°17'	Coolgardie
15/4891-2	Destra Corporation Ltd	364.66ha	11km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°15'	Coolgardie
15/4893	Destra Corporation Ltd	173.35ha	10km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°18'	Coolgardie
15/4894-8	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	2318.44ha	16km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°52' Long 121°18'	Coolgardie
15/5007-16	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	90.16ha	15km N of Coolgardie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/5000-1	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	251.43ha	17km N of Coolgardie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°13'	Coolgardie
15/5002	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	69.36ha	13km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°13'	Coolgardie
15/5017	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	33.15ha	13km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°30' Long 121°43'	Coolgardie
15/5016	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	119.34ha	13km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°18' Long 121°37'	Coolgardie
15/5019	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	81.87ha	13km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°21' Long 121°39'	Coolgardie
15/5020	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	54.81ha	14km NE of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°23' Long 121°39'	Coolgardie
15/5021	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	109.51ha	7km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°13' Long 121°43'	Coolgardie
15/5022-3	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	262.29ha	30km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°32' Long 121°53'	Coolgardie
15/5074-6	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	432.43ha	30km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°34' Long 121°54'	Coolgardie
15/5077-40	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	761.22ha	34km SE of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°37' Long 121°54'	Coolgardie
15/5081-2	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	399.92ha	13km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°31' Long 121°42'	Coolgardie
15/5088-5103	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	3081.35ha	22km SE of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°36' Long 121°46'	Coolgardie
15/5104	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	26.91ha	14km NE of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°25' Long 121°42'	Coolgardie
15/5105	St. Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	64.2ha	15km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°29' Long 121°44'	Coolgardie
15/5120	Tarmood Pty Ltd	200ha	24km SW of Kalbarri	Lat 31°17' Long 121°26'	Coolgardie
15/5121 & 15/5137-40	Tent Patterson Steinhilber Anthony Patterson Steinhilber Harry Camody	745.48ha	15km E of Coolgardie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°19'	Coolgardie
15/5149-52	Parkers Pacific NL	640.37ha	18km NE of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°18'	Coolgardie
16/2358-65 & 15/2369	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	1423.63ha	43km N of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°02'	Coolgardie
16/2366-8	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	538.10ha	42km NW of Kalbarri	Lat 30°53' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie
16/2445-6	Radford Gold Pty Ltd	399.99ha	54km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 120°54'	Coolgardie
16/2450-3	Radford Gold Pty Ltd	784.82ha	50km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 120°54'	Coolgardie
16/2510	Siberia Mining Corporation Ltd	54.53ha	69km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 120°40'	Coolgardie
16/2527	Siberia Mining Corporation Ltd	15.04ha	67km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°50' Long 120°36'	Coolgardie
20/2020	Tenison John Bolton	13.51ha	71km NW of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 117°24'	Coolgardie
21/688	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	111ha	9km W of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 117°47'	Coolgardie
24/4209	Frederick Charles Saunders Kym Anthony McCann	176.23ha	60km NW of Kalbarri	Lat 30°54' Long 121°14'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
24/4211	Frederick Charles Saunders Kym Anthony McCann	64.47ha	58km NW of Kalbarri	Lat 30°55' Long 121°13'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
25/3401-2	Frederick Charles Saunders Wombold Gold Pty Ltd	712.14ha	70km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 31°00' Long 121°40'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1745	Rita Marian Brooks	114.5ha	60km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°59' Long 121°51'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1767	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	191.30ha	75km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°59' Long 121°50'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1769-4	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	235.87ha	70km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°59' Long 121°42'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1770-3	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	458.27ha	67km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°51' Long 121°43'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1774-7	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	795.99ha	67km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°52' Long 121°47'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1778-81	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	796.32ha	63km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°54' Long 121°46'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1782	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	199.89ha	61km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°56' Long 121°47'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1783	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	172.40ha	58km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°57' Long 121°43'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1784-6	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	368.72ha	50km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°59' Long 121°40'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
27/1856-60	Rita Marian Brooks	815.52ha	59km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°59' Long 121°50'	Kalbarri-Boulder City
29/1957-2	Kundana Gold Pty Ltd	391.73ha	49km S of Kalbarri	Lat 30°06' Long 121°11'	Merredin
31/1841 & 31/1844-7	Heron Resources Ltd	889.92ha	81km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°07' Long 121°54'	Merredin
31/1845-50	Heron Resources Ltd	593.09ha	79km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 30°08' Long 121°54'	Kalbarri-Boulder City/Merredin
36/1662-3	Unger & Die Pty Ltd	336.16ha	75km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 27°20' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/1667-8	Unger & Die Pty Ltd	320.12ha	68km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 27°23' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/1669-70	Unger & Die Pty Ltd	396.67ha	68km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 27°21' Long 120°57'	Leonora
45/2598	Ken Bruce Duggan	30ha	103km S of Port Hedland	Lat 21°14' Long 119°57'	Port Hedland Town
49/1021	John Benedict Skellington	10.86ha	29km E of Nalagar	Lat 21°40' Long 120°23'	East Pilbara
53/1304	Northwest Resources Ltd	51.98ha	56km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°08' Long 119°28'	Wiluna
87/1210	Ruben Ernest John Sheppard	100.06ha	18km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°07' Long 119°23'	Sandstone
87/1228	DM Mining Pty Ltd	154.71ha	123km S of Sandstone	Lat 29°05' Long 119°09'	Sandstone
59/1763	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	46.47ha	69km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1791	Anthony Vodanovich	143.39ha	72km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°02' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1792	Anthony Vodanovich	130.47ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°05' Long 117°02'	Paynes Find
59/1793	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1820	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1821	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1828	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1845	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1846	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1847	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1848	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1849	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
59/1850	Anthony Vodanovich	20.64ha	68km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 116°59'	Paynes Find
74/281 & 74/289	Keith Howard Piper	211.78ha	9km E of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°34' Long 120°08'	Ravensthorpe
74/295	Keith Howard Piper	125.12ha	10km E of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°35' Long 120°09'	Ravensthorpe
74/296-7	James Henry Kelly	400ha	10km E of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°35' Long 120°08'	Ravensthorpe
74/307	Wesley Ltd	66.67ha	7km N of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°31' Long 120°02'	Ravensthorpe
74/309	Wesley Ltd	92.2ha	8km N of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°31' Long 120°04'	Ravensthorpe

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: 15 August 2007.

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 15 November 2007. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the regulation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 15 December 2007), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9900.

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.

INDIGENOUS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

THARAWAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION at Campbelltown requires an Aboriginal person to work with the community and to providing culturally strong parenting programs that will support families. The program will run for 12 months and will work with young mums assisting them to enrich their own and their children's lives.

Requirements of the position: Aboriginality is a necessary requirement of this position under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act; experience in working with Aboriginal communities; good knowledge of local networks; ability to work unsupervised to a workplan; maturity to exercise sound judgment and to use your initiative and take responsibility in your role; experience working with play groups would be an advantage; current driver's licence essential.

Applications close: Thursday 22 August.

Call 02 4940 8700 for an application kit.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Notice of Proposed Variation of Conditions 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 variation of the conditions of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the 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
EPM14019 This application consists of four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 51 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°55'S Long.139°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 64 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.21°01'S Long.140°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 40 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°51'S Long.139°51'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 49 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°57'S Long.139°54'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 29 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 743 l, u 744 q, v, w 816 b, g, m, n Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 817 v, w 889 a, f, i Area of Part 3: 13 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 743 a, b, g, m Area of Part 4: 10 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 815 j, o, t	Central West Gold NL 003 078 591
EPM14022 This application consists of four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 33 km ENE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°40'S Long.139°48'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Mount Isa Part 2: Approx. 38 km E from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°45'S Long.139°51'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 43 km E from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°45'S Long.139°54'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 57 km E from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°48'S Long.140°02'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 32 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 526 r, s, w, x 598 b, c, d, j, o, p Area of Part 2: 32 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 599 q, r, v, w 670 p 671 a, b, f, g, i Area of Part 3: 13 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 599 y 671 d, e, k Area of Part 4: 13 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 673 n, q, r, s	Central West Gold NL 003 078 591

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 eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) with limited rights to explore.

It is proposed to vary the conditions of each of the Low Impact Exploration Permits with new conditions to be imposed on the Exploration Permit which will enable the explorer to undertake the full range of activities allowed for under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). 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.

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 variation of the conditions on each Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Wollongabba, 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 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

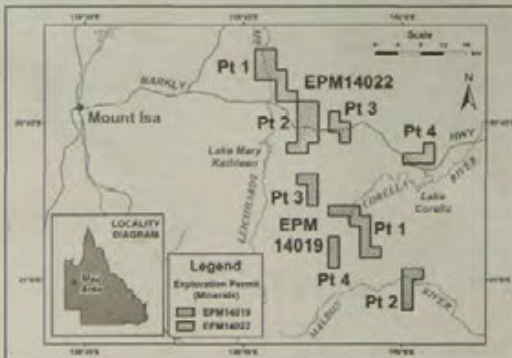
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, MLC Building Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the variation of the conditions of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each Exploration Permit with new conditions will 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 including the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the variation of the conditions of each Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed 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: 5 September 2007



Link-Up Out of Home Care Case Manager

Essential Criteria:

3 years service management experience; Staff supervision skills and experience; Demonstrated knowledge of OOH funding requirements; Demonstrated experience in monitoring and evaluation of case management; Experience in delivering training; Demonstrated experience in program evaluation and reporting; Good understanding of project budget management; Current drivers licence; Flexible and well organised; Understanding of OH&S; Demonstrated communication skills; Understanding of the issues that affect Aboriginal children and young people in care.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977.

Only applicants meeting all essential criteria will be considered. This position is covered by SACS award paid according to MCRN above award rates.

For enquiries and/or job packages ring Glendora 02 47591911. Applications to:

Link-Up Employment Committee
PO Box 93 Lawson NSW 2783
Applications close 30 August

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerical Officer 3/4, Wellington Correctional Centre, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 07466. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,568 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An environmental allowance of \$1,115 pa also applies during occupancy of this position.

Provide a broad range of clerical support duties on a rotational basis at the direction of the Business Manager to facilitate the effective provision of administrative support within this area. Selection Criteria: General administrative experience and ability to operate electronic office equipment such as photocopiers, fax machines etc. Sound data entry/keyboarding skills and experience with computerised office systems and associated software, particularly word processing and spread sheets. Experience in banking and cash handling procedures. Sound organisational, communication and customer service skills. Ability to work as part of a team and / or independently in a high volume work environment and meet deadlines. Appreciation of the office environment within a Correctional Centre. Ability and aptitude to provide assistance across a broad range of clerical and administrative areas including fleet management, accounts, records and general administration. Ability to maintain confidentiality in relation to sensitive correctional centre issues. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor.

Inquiries: Pauline Kuhner (02) 6840 2804 Email: Pauline.Kuhner@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Jessica Miller
Jessica.Miller@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:

Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 17 August 2007

Make a Difference in the lives of Indigenous Queenslanders

The Aurukun - Chalco Local Partnership Project

The Department of Communities is offering the opportunity to be part of a new and exciting state government initiative.

The Queensland Government is working alongside mining company Chalco to develop the Aurukun Bauxite Project. The first stage of the project involves a two year Feasibility Study which commenced in July 2007.

The Aurukun Local Partnership Project aims to build job skills in the Aurukun community through an approach that combines service delivery co-ordination with a job readiness program.

A number of temporary project positions are now available.

• **Director, Government Coordination**
(SO1) - QLD/COM2482/07

• **Community Services Manager**
(AO8) - QLD/COM2481/07

• **Employment & Training Officers**
(AO7) - QLD/COM2485/07

• **Business Development Officer**
(AO7) - QLD/COM2484/07

• **Administration Officer**
(AO3) - QLD/COM2483/07

These positions are all Specified - Applicants must provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Successful applicants will be appointed until the completion of the Feasibility Study on 30 June 2009.

Position Descriptions: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Phone: Vacancy Processing Officer (07) 3006 7675

E-Mail: vacom@corporatetlink.qld.gov.au

Applications close: 5.00pm Friday 31 August 2007

To find out more about the Government Coordination Office within the Department of Communities, visit www.communities.qld.gov.au



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Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service Chief Executive Officer

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service is a community controlled health organisation which addresses the primary health and social needs of the local Aboriginal community in a culturally appropriate environment.

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service is seeking to recruit a CEO, who will lead the organisation in successfully achieving its strategic goals. The CEO will be responsible for leading a team of professional health care providers as well as committed staff. The CEO will report directly to the IAMS Board of Directors.

The ideal candidate will have a university degree in a relevant discipline along with significant practical experience at a senior level within a similar organisation to the IAMS. The remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

An information package, including position description, can be obtained by contacting:

Merrilyn Nowlan on (02) 4229 9495.

Application and responses to the selection criteria must be submitted in accordance with the information package and received by 5pm Friday 24th August 2007.

No applications will be taken after that deadline. Please note the successful applicant will be required to undergo a criminal record check.



NCOSS is the peak body for non-government social and community services in NSW. We work with our members, on behalf of disadvantaged people and communities, to achieve social justice. **NCOSS is seeking to fill the following positions:**

Senior Policy Officer Living Standards

20 hours per week

We are looking for a skilled and experienced person to fill a senior policy officer position, which is part of a small team of policy staff. The position involves a range of policy development, advocacy and liaison activities with community, government and business organisations.

Currently, this position undertakes policy and project work in the area of transport and utilities including emergency relief.

Annual salary of \$86,000 pro rata (plus super) is payable, with generous working conditions. The position is permanent, subject to a 3 month probationary period.

Applicants must obtain an information package containing job description and selection criteria by contacting Craig Howe on (02) 9211 2599 x101 or via email at craig@ncoss.org.au

For further inquiries please contact Christine Regan, Acting Deputy Director, Policy and Communications on (02) 9211 2598, ext 117.

Applications close 5pm 31st August 2007.

Please visit the NCOSS website at www.ncoss.org.au

Family Support Worker Griffith

Applications are invited for the following positions to work as part of a team providing high quality care to families.

- Family Support Griffith (F/T 38 hpw)
- Two positions

Essential: • Qualifications in Social Work or social welfare, to be working towards a relevant diploma or degree or relevant experience in working with children and adults on an individual basis and within the family unit • Knowledge and understanding of the many issues encountered by many families with children who have additional needs • Ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary team • Experience working with people from diverse backgrounds • Experience in conducting group work and presenting information workshops • Excellent written and oral communication skills • Current drivers licence and use of own car • Proficient computer skills • Current First Aid Certificate.

Desirable: • Readiness to work within the Mission Australia Values Statement • Ability to work according to the principles of family-centered practice • Ability to work according to performance indicators and strategic business planning • Ability to work in partnership with other staff to provide a coordinated and effective support for children and their families.

The preferred applicants will be subject to a Working with Children Check.

For enquiries contact Cheryl Douglas on 02 6933 9709. For an information package including selection criteria and how to apply, please visit the website at www.missionaustralia.com.au

Applications must address the competencies contained in the position description and should be sent to: Cheryl Douglas Manager Community Services, Mission Australia, PO Box 2040 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650. Applications must be submitted by 5.00pm on Friday 24th August 2007.

Mission Australia is a non-departmental Christian community services organisation and an EEO employer

Mission Australia

www.missionaustralia.com.au

Public Notice

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 Section 36(5) (b)

Proposed registration of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body

In accordance with section 36(5)(b) of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 submissions are invited in regard to the proposed registration of the Yumba Burin Heritage Association Inc. as the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body for the area identified in the map. The Yumba Burin Heritage Association Inc. represents the Kairi Clan Group from the Springsure area.

The function of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body is to identify, pursuant to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, the Aboriginal parties for the area or for a particular part of the area.

The Minister may register a corporation as an Aboriginal cultural heritage body for an area only if the Minister is satisfied that:

- the corporation:
 - is an appropriate body to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
 - has the capacity to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
- either:
 - Aboriginal parties for the area that are native title parties for the area agree the corporation should be registered; or
 - if there is no Aboriginal party for the area that is a native title party for the area, there is substantial agreement among the Aboriginal parties for the area that the corporation should be registered.

Examples of corporations that may be appropriate to be registered – a registered native title body corporate, a representative body that is a corporation, an Aboriginal body incorporated for furthering the interests of Aboriginal people in relation to land or cultural matters

The area shown in the map below is indicative only. The exact location of the area and boundaries is held in digital electronic form by the department of Natural Resources and Water and may be inspected on the departmental website:-

www.nrw.qld.gov.au/cultural_heritage/legislation/cultural_heritage_bodies.html

Alternatively, a copy of the map can be obtained by contacting the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit on 07 3406 2387.

Submissions on the proposed registration must be provided:

- in writing, and
- by 14 September 2007, and
- addressed to the Director, Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit, Locked Bag 40 Coorparoo Delivery Centre Q 4151

A decision on the proposed registration will be made after consideration of the submissions received by 14 September 2007.



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Exploration Permit Number	Location (Refer to diagram below)	Description of Area* (Refer to diagram below)	Current Holders
EPM12863	Location of Excluded Land Approx. 14 km NE from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat:20°35'S Long:141°51'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land Area: 93 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 29 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 478 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 479 a, f, l, q, v 550 e 551 a, b, f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x	Queensland Shale Oil Limited 070 930 262

* 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 'y'. 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: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) pursuant to and subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August 2003. On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Exploration Permit(s). This authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Exploration Permit(s).

Name and address of person doing Acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) will be granted by the Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, Coorparoo, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed future Acts including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 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 future Acts. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

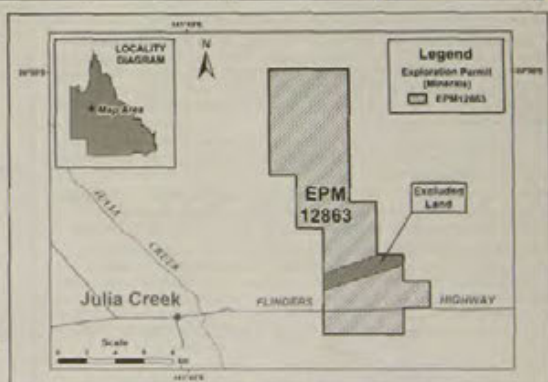
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The Government party considers the future Acts is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

The application to add the Excluded Land to 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 with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the future Acts attract 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, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 5 September 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Public Notice

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 Section 36(5) (b)

Proposed registration of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body

In accordance with section 36(5)(b) of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* submissions are invited in regard to the proposed registration of the East Comet/West Dawson Traditional Owner Group for Land, Culture and Community Development Inc. as the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body for the area identified in the map. The East Comet/West Dawson Traditional Owner Group for Land, Culture and Community Development Inc. represents the Kangoolu People (east of the Comet River), the Ghungulu People, the Kanulu People and the Wadja People.

The function of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body is to identify, pursuant to the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, the Aboriginal parties for the area or for a particular part of the area.

The Minister may register a corporation as an Aboriginal cultural heritage body for an area only if the Minister is satisfied that:

- (a) the corporation:
 - (i) is an appropriate body to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
 - (ii) has the capacity to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
- (b) either:
 - (i) Aboriginal parties for the area that are native title parties for the area agree the corporation should be registered; or
 - (ii) if there is no Aboriginal party for the area that is a native title party for the area, there is substantial agreement among the Aboriginal parties for the area that the corporation should be registered.

Examples of corporations that may be appropriate to be registered— a registered native title body corporate, a representative body that is a corporation, an Aboriginal body incorporated for furthering the interests of Aboriginal people in relation to land or cultural matters.

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www.nrw.qld.gov.au/cultural_heritage/legislation/cultural_heritage_bodies.html.

Alternatively, a copy of the map can be obtained by contacting the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit on 07 3406 2387.

Submissions on the proposed registration must be provided:

- in writing, and
- by Friday 14 September 2007 and
- addressed to the Director, Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit, Locked Bag 40 Coorparoo Delivery Centre Q 4151

A decision on the proposed registration will be made after consideration of the submissions received by Friday 14 September 2007.



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Natural Resources and Water

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

Yarrabee Community Aged Care Program (CACPs)

Yarrabee Community Aged Care Program operates a community care programme for elderly Indigenous persons in the Northern Rivers, the office is located in Alstonville NSW.

Administration Assistant

The service is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to act as its Administration Assistant, reporting to the Community Care Manager.

The service is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and services 35 clients, with a care team, of approximately 14 part time Indigenous care workers.

This position is responsible for providing administrative support to Yarrabee Aged care services for 5 days a week and assist in case management of clients.

Yarrabee supports innovation in service planning and delivery and candidates for these positions will be required to address a range of selection criteria as part of the application process. The successful candidates will be required to undergo relevant statutory checks.

The Social and community services (SAC's) award is applicable and remuneration payable under this award will be negotiated according to qualifications, skills and experience.

The positions is designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, Section 14(d).

Application packages are available by contacting: Mr Gavin Brown on (02) 6620 0644 or email yarrabee@bigpond.net.au

Application close: Friday 7th September 2007.

NSW HEALTH

Justice Health

Aboriginal Sexual Health Education Officer (Graduate or Non-Graduate)

Temporary Full Time (12 month contract)

Sydney

JH No: 07/182

Salary: AHEO classification. Salary dependent on qualifications and experience.

This position is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of a culturally specific health education program for Aboriginal people in custody (adults and adolescents) regarding blood-borne and sexually transmissible infections. Applicants should be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander male (Exemption under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act). The position is Sydney based and some travel throughout rural NSW may be required.

Enquiries: Gary Forrest on 0408 273 465.

Closing Date: 31 August 2007.

Applicants require an information package and application form from the Employee Services Officer (02) 9289 2978 or 9289 2956. Applications to: Justice Health, PO Box 150, Maitland NSW 2038. NSW Health Service - Justice Health Division is committed to OH&S, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1996 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

PROJECT OFFICER

ABORIGINAL CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY STRATEGY

Clerk Grade 7/8

Southern & Western NSW HS Division

Illawarra

Temporary Full-Time

Position No. DOH-07-0168

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (salary \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This position works with Aboriginal communities, working groups, government & non-government human service agencies & other stakeholders to assist, develop & implement Aboriginal Child, Youth & Family Strategy aspects of Families NSW.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated skills in working with Aboriginal people, communities & organisations.
- Excellent written & verbal communication skills.
- Capacity to analyse data, community need, develop strategic plans & service responses.
- Ability to balance competing demands, set priorities & meet deadlines.
- A degree in social sciences, planning, humanities, business or other relevant tertiary qualification.
- Experience in health, education or welfare.
- Current drivers 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: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification & authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. This is a temporary position for a period up to March 2008 in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Lynda Fletcher (02) 4222 8440.

Information Packages: (02) 6200 5826 or email hscouth@buzlink.nsw.gov.au or refer to JobsNSW website.

Applications 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: hscouth@buzlink.nsw.gov.au or refer to JobsNSW website.

Closing Date: Friday 24 August 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
EPM15490	Approx. 67 km NNW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17°21'S Long.138°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Burke	Area: 307 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 94 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1085 f, s, t, u, x, y, z 1086 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1087 g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1088 q, v 1157 d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1158 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1159 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1160 a, f, l, q, v	Metex Resources Limited 057 552 437

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie: MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14th March, 2007 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

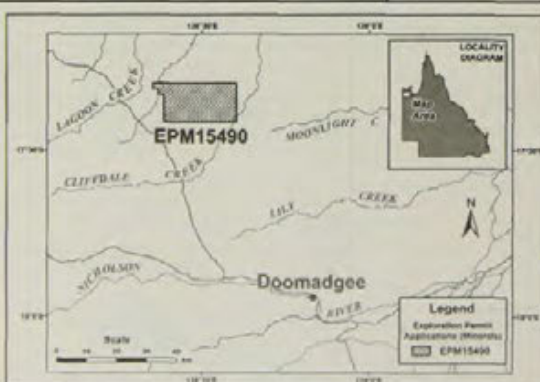
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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: 5 September 2007

Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Targeted Attendance Mentor

A position exists for twelve months for a motivated person to work with families experiencing difficulties in getting their children to school.

You will need to work in the homes of some families with several children from 7.30am to help get children ready for school. You will set up routines that the family can follow so preparation for school becomes a daily practice and can continue without you when you move to another situation.

You must agree to the Department of Education and Training undertaking a "Working with Children" screening for child protection purposes.

You will need a license and your own car and be paid for its use. Hours will be from 7.30am until 1.30pm each school day.

For further inquiries please contact Kylie Pennell on (02) 6828 1022.

A short resume of no more than 1 page plus copies of and qualifications should be marked, "CONFIDENTIAL" and sent to:

Ms Kylie Pennell

Walgett Community College High School, Arthur St, Walgett 2832.

Closing date: 3pm Friday 24th August 2007.

Child Care Worker

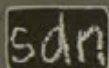
SDN Children's Services is a not for profit organisation committed to providing high quality education and care for children 0-5 years of age and strengthening families, local communities and the children's services sector. We currently have a vacancy for an enthusiastic individual to join in the capacity of Child Care Worker at our Redfern Child and Family Learning Centre.

We are seeking a candidate that possesses a demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and the ability to form warm, responsive relationships with children. You will display professionalism, sensitivity and tact and be able to work with minimal supervision.

This position is available at 16 hours per week across Thursday and Friday. For further information regarding this opportunity, please contact Ms Helen Smith, Manager Redfern Child and Family Learning Centre (02) 9699 3381.

To view the position description and selection criteria for this role, please visit our website at www.sdn.org.au. Applications can be sent to either careers@sdn.org.au or Ms Sonja Ankutic, HR Coordinator, PO Box 654 Broadway, NSW 2007. Working with Children Check and pre-placement medical applies. SDN is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. Applicants from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Closing date: 29 August 2007.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES INC.
educating and caring for our children



Department of Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Juvenile Custodial Services

Aboriginal Team Advisor (50D)

Community and Juvenile Justice

Position No: 005741

Level/Salary: L6, PSGA, \$70,564 - \$78,138 pa

Location: Kalgoorlie / Boulder - Intensive Supervision Program

Do you want to make a difference to Aboriginal families and communities by becoming Australia's first regional ATA in Multisystemic Therapy Program?

The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) is based on Multisystemic Therapy (MST), a proven evidence-based and professionally supervised, well supported program. The ISP has been running in the Perth Metro area since 2004 and has achieved positive outcomes for families and young people by reducing days and times in custody, seriousness and frequency of offending for young people including Aboriginal youth.

MST has been developed and researched for serious adolescent conduct disorder. MST intervenes at all levels of the young person's ecology and works with the family as the primary and enduring agents of change and support for the young person. The ATA plays a critical role in empowering and skilling parents to better support young people. Interventions are flexible and individually tailored for each family. MST interventions focus on the known determinants of adolescent anti-social behaviour and in the environments where they live - their homes, school, peer networks, neighbourhood and informal support systems. More information about the MST Model can be found on the MST Services website at www.mstservices.com. The ISP is specifically for young people who commit serious and / or repeat offences, or who are at high risk of offending. ISP seeks to change the multiple systemic factors that cause this group of young people to offend. The ATA works with the Clinicians and families to ensure cross-cultural sensitivity explain and vouch for the program and monitor to ensure the interventions are best matched to meet the needs of Aboriginal clients, families and communities. ATAs play a major role in working alongside Clinicians and transferring existing evidence-based interventions into effective, culturally appropriate strategies for each family and youth.

All staff including the ATA, participate in weekly group supervision from the ISP Supervisor and the MST Consultant, on the progress and challenges of each intervention. There is ongoing, targeted booster training each quarter as well as ongoing individual tailored professional development within a strength focussed and supportive team.

In addition to the above salary per annum, Aboriginal Team Advisor's receive:

- 4 weeks annual leave, plus 17.5% annual leave loading
- Long Service Leave after 7 years of service
- Compulsory 9% Superannuation paid by Department of Corrective Services
- Paid District Allowance (Married and Single Rates as per Public Service Award)
- Access to Home Garaged Vehicle

*Current holder of or ability to obtain the relevant clearance under the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 (the Act). This position is identified under section 5 of the Act as "Child Related Work". Applicants must have a current Working with Children Check or be able to successfully apply for one to be eligible for appointment to this position.

*Aboriginality as defined under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Miread McCoy on 9251 3300 or Mobile: 0423 584 037.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 20 August 2007 at 4.30pm.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. Please phone the principal for more information or to request an information package. Vacancies currently exist at the following schools:

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

- Armidale High School - 6772 7466
- Dorchester School - 4629 3879
- Lake Cargelligo Central School - 6898 1008
- Macintyre High School - 6722 1555
- Moama Public School (Preschool) - 03 5482 1564
- Nowra East Public School (Preschool) - 4421 3539

TEACHERS AIDE SPECIAL

- Gurrakool School - 4340 1353
- Nowra High School - 4421 4977

TEACHERS AIDE PRESCHOOL

- Kingswood Park Public School - 4721 4414

- Sarah Redfern Public School - 9820 1499
- Toukley Public School - 4396 4275

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Armidale High School - 6772 7466
- Mount View High School - 4990 2566
- Plumpton High School - 9625 7020
- Raymond Terrace Public School - 4987 2083
- Rutherford High School - 4932 5999
- Sydney Distance Education High School - 9383 0200
- Toormina High School - 8653 3077
- Walgett Community College - High School - 6828 1022

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au. Closing date for applications is Friday 31 August 2007. Only Australian citizens, permanent residents or people with appropriate permits to work in Australia are eligible to apply.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (GTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/526	Arco Resources Ltd	102.49km ²	27km SE of Karabiddy	Lat 31°21' Long 121°53'	Coodgerie
15/545	Chalton Gold Mines Ltd	70.14km ²	25km E of Wageru	Lat 31°34' Long 121°41'	Coodgerie
27/344	Rita Mason Brooks	5.02km ²	61km NE of Kalbarri	Lat 32°13' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
29/051	Fission Energy Ltd	92.91km ²	135km W of Merced	Lat 28°16' Long 119°04'	Merced
32/690-B	Korab Resources Ltd	231.23km ²	73km NE of Lander	Lat 32°26' Long 121°11'	Lander
43/2950	Consolidated Iron Pty Ltd	67.90km ²	7km SE of Goldsworthy	Lat 29°22' Long 119°35'	East Pilbara
45/2914	Myrteumina Mining Co. Ltd	160.35km ²	49km E of Shy Gap	Lat 29°42' Long 120°32'	East Pilbara
45/2948	Grail Resources NL	44.65km ²	78km SW of Murrumbidgee	Lat 27°02' Long 119°05'	East Pilbara
46/740	Widgeland Mining Ltd	31.80km ²	38km NE of Murrumbidgee	Lat 27°02' Long 120°23'	East Pilbara
47/1705	Venture Minerals Ltd	47.38km ²	117km SW of Murrumbidgee	Lat 22°41' Long 119°22'	Arbuckle
47/1821	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	57.00km ²	56km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°10' Long 117°41'	Arbuckle
51/1228-B	Duranton Consolidated Ltd	413.18km ²	107km NW of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 119°29'	Meekathana
51/1234 & 51/1238	Sir Samuel Mines NL	431.75km ²	63km NW of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 119°54'	Meekathana/Wiluna
52/0711	Plutonic Operations Ltd	77.61km ²	165km NW of Wiluna	Lat 25°11' Long 119°36'	Meekathana
52/0712	Plutonic Operations Ltd	118.04km ²	167km NW of Wiluna	Lat 25°08' Long 119°47'	Meekathana
52/101, 52/103-5 & 52/103-10	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	1507.48km ²	96km SW of Newman	Lat 24°09' Long 119°17'	Meekathana
53/1330	Monrovia Resources Ltd	215.89km ²	19km E of Wiluna	Lat 27°17' Long 121°06'	Wiluna
53/1339	Northern Resources Pty Ltd	36.86km ²	142km E of Wiluna	Lat 26°28' Long 121°38'	Wiluna
53/1340	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	211.33km ²	77km W of Wiluna	Lat 26°46' Long 119°20'	Meekathana/Wiluna
53/1341	Sir Samuel Mines NL	215.79km ²	56km NW of Wiluna	Lat 26°05' Long 120°03'	Meekathana/Wiluna
53/1342	Sir Samuel Mines NL	215.86km ²	58km NW of Wiluna	Lat 26°04' Long 120°12'	Wiluna
57/669-701	Yamami Metals Pty Ltd	631.83km ²	90km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°40' Long 118°42'	Sandstone
57/702	Yamami Metals Pty Ltd	3.01km ²	79km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°34' Long 118°50'	Sandstone
58/285	Keekley Investments Pty Ltd	36.35km ²	21km NW of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°52' Long 117°48'	Mount Magnet
58/300	Bruce Robert Legendre	212.27km ²	33km NW of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°47' Long 117°56'	Cusack/Mount Magnet
59/1312	TE Johnston & Associates Pty Ltd Corporate & Resource Consultants Pty Ltd	47.99km ²	67km E of Paynes Find	Lat 28°02' Long 118°19'	Sandstone/Kalgoorlie
59/1333	Bruce Robert Legendre Gardabai Metals Ltd Royal Resources Ltd	2.99km ²	70km W of Paynes Find	Lat 28°06' Long 118°59'	Furnace
59/1339	Prosperity Resources (Kalgoorlie) Pty Ltd	24.17km ²	23km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 28°06' Long 118°43'	Yalgoo
59/1341	Prosperity Resources (Kalgoorlie) Pty Ltd	48.25km ²	3km W of Yalgoo	Lat 28°20' Long 118°38'	Yalgoo
63/1067	Lionore Australia (Nickel) Ltd	34.88km ²	121km W of Newman	Lat 32°10' Long 120°28'	Dundas
63/1118	Global United Minerals Pty Ltd	103.75km ²	103km SW of Balladonia	Lat 32°52' Long 122°52'	Exmouth
66/55	Hals Resources Ltd	530.89km ²	16km SW of Northampton	Lat 28°29' Long 114°37'	Chapman Valley/Northampton
69/2346-52	Mineral Sands Limited	1421.54km ²	34km NW of Balladonia	Lat 32°09' Long 123°54'	Dundas
69/2354	Mineral Sands Limited	66.31km ²	44km SW of Balladonia	Lat 32°48' Long 123°58'	Dundas
69/2359	Gregory Ross O'Rourke Malcom Kenneth Virgo Gloria Ruth Virgo	210.72km ²	289km NE of Wiluna	Lat 25°13' Long 122°39'	Wiluna
70/2962	Mark Gareth Casey	566.96km ²	52km SW of Jerramungup	Lat 34°19' Long 118°35'	Albany/Grovetown/Jerramungup
70/2963	Mark Gareth Casey	569km ²	28km SW of Jerramungup	Lat 34°12' Long 118°54'	Jerramungup
70/2994	Mark Gareth Casey	198.79km ²	36km SE of Jerramungup	Lat 34°13' Long 119°14'	Jerramungup
70/3000	Amplex Ltd	565.31km ²	36km W of Mount Baker	Lat 34°22' Long 117°17'	Chamberlain/Perth/Perth
70/3001	Amplex Ltd	44.28km ²	57km NW of Norralup	Lat 34°28' Long 116°52'	Chamberlain/Perth/Perth
70/3081	Jurien Energy Ltd	2.95km ²	31km SE of Cervantes	Lat 30°36' Long 115°21'	Dardanup
70/3082	Jurien Energy Ltd	17.7km ²	30km SE of Cervantes	Lat 30°28' Long 115°23'	Dardanup
74/299	Galaxy Resources Ltd	6.56km ²	25km SW of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°48' Long 119°52'	Ravensthorpe
74/305	Zetec Resources Pty Ltd	42.53km ²	14km E of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°36' Long 120°12'	Ravensthorpe
74/400	Victarite Ltd	8.59km ²	6km NW of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°52' Long 120°02'	Ravensthorpe
74/401	Trika Resources Limited	11.45km ²	6km NW of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°52' Long 120°03'	Ravensthorpe
77/1310	Gerni Phillips	11.63km ²	74km NE of Hyden	Lat 32°09' Long 119°31'	Hyden
77/1311	Gerni Phillips	8.71km ²	79km E of Hyden	Lat 32°12' Long 119°29'	Kondinin/Hyden
80/3671	Thundakana Exploration Ltd	657.08km ²	43km SW of Kununurra	Lat 16°09' Long 128°43'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3820-1 & 80/3823	Agncourt Resources (Exploration) Pty Ltd	1083.81km ²	20km SW of Balgo Wilson	Lat 22°16' Long 128°19'	East Pilbara
80/3822	Agncourt Resources (Exploration) Pty Ltd	441.79km ²	24km NW of Balgo Wilson	Lat 22°52' Long 127°55'	East Pilbara
80/3851	Astar Resources Pty Ltd	39.15km ²	111km NE of Fribro Crossing	Lat 17°40' Long 125°33'	Halls Creek
80/3864	Earth Australia Minerals Pty Ltd Pentimor Exploration Pty Ltd	29.35km ²	70km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°37' Long 127°56'	Halls Creek
80/3873	Thundakana Exploration Ltd	19.59km ²	113km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°20' Long 128°09'	Halls Creek
80/3874	Thundakana Exploration Ltd	3.26km ²	138km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°01' Long 128°10'	Halls Creek
80/3876-7	Thundakana Exploration Ltd	13.09km ²	123km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°14' Long 128°12'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification date: 15 August 2007.

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification date to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 15 November 2007. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9269 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification date (i.e. 15 December 2007), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9266 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of 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
EPM16124	Approx. 16 km S from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°45'S Long.138°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 685 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 215 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1298 f, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1299 v, w, x, y, z 1369 e 1370 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1371 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 1372 a, f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 1373 f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 1442 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, u 1443 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1444 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1515 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z 1587 c, k, p 1588 l, m, n, o, p 1589 l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1590 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1661 b, c, d, e 1662 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, u	Tasman Resources NL 009 253 187
EPM16125	Approx. 27 km NW from Urundangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°24'S Long.138°11'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 628 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 197 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1011 v, w, x, y, z 1082 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1083 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1084 q, v 1154 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1155 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1156 a, f, l, q, v, w 1226 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1227 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1228 a, h, f, g 1298 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 1299 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t	Tasman Resources NL 009 253 187
EPM16126	Approx. 167 km WNW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°29'S Long.138°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 696 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 220 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1947 w, x 2018 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2019 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 2020 l, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2021 v, w, x 2090 c, d, e, h, j, k 2091 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 2092 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2093 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 2094 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2165 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 2166 a, b, c, f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2238 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2239 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	Tasman Resources NL 009 253 187

* 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.

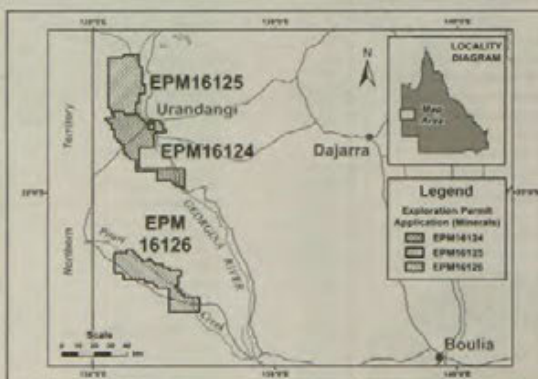
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 5 September 2007



Family Violence Protection Legal Service ALL POSITIONS LOCATED IN KEMPSEY

SOLICITOR

Second Solicitor required for
Family Violence Protection Legal Service

The Family Violence Protection Legal Service unit provides legal advice and representation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in regard to family violence and sexual assault and related areas of law and in accordance with the FVPLS operational framework and any casework guidelines as established by the FVPLS unit.

The FVPLS is seeking enthusiastic and self-motivated persons to join a challenging work environment. You will deal with a wide range of stakeholders across the public and private sectors and draw upon strong analytical, communication and people skills to achieve desired objectives.

Salary in the range of \$50,000 plus superannuation with salary packaging offered.

For the position package: Telephone: 02 6562 5856 or contact Geoff at geoff@fvpplsgam.com.au

COORDINATOR/CASEWORKER

Salary in the range of \$50,000 - \$55,000 plus superannuation with salary packaging offered.

For the position package: Telephone: 02 6642 8677 or contact Pat at accounts@fvpplsgam.com.au

SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE WORKER

Salary in the range of \$42,000 - \$47,000 plus superannuation with salary packaging offered.

For the position package: Telephone: 02 6642 8677 or contact Pat at accounts@fvpplsgam.com.au

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply for the above positions.

Applications closer: 31st August, 2007.



Border Rivers/Gwydir

CMA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

BORDER RIVERS/GWYDIR CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

CATCHMENT OFFICER
(ABORIGINAL SUPPORT)

Clerk Grade 7/8, Inverell, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No. CMA2007/083. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896).

Provide advice and assistance to indigenous groups and CMA staff to maximise aboriginal involvement in natural resource management activities, including funding programs. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Well developed understanding of Aboriginal cultural and heritage issues. Ability to deal with cross-cultural issues. Well developed written and oral communication skills. Demonstrated ability to work with community groups. Facilitation, negotiation and conflict resolution skills. Demonstrated ability to manage projects and organise and prioritise work with conflicting deadlines. Understanding of natural resource management issues and reforms and the NRM policy framework. Good analysis, research and problem solving skills. Ability to work cooperatively as part of a team. Current driver's licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: May be required to attend some evening meetings and other after hours work.

Inquiries: Ashleigh Pitman (02) 6757 2564 0427 789 846. **Information Packages:** cma.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 083 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 24 August 2007

04/177988

Team Coordinator (Specified)

•Department of Communities - Service Delivery

•Salary: \$69,246 - \$74,600 p.a.

•REF: QLD/COM2360/07

•Location: Atherton

Key Duties: Po4 - Team Coordinator Tablelands Service Centre, Youth Justice Services.

The Team Coordinator will oversee daily operations of the service centre. Skills in leading and supervising a multi-disciplinary team; providing high quality advice on case management and practice issues and demonstrated expertise in the delivery of youth justice services are required.

Possession of a degree in the social or behavioural sciences is mandatory.

Specified: Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community

A position description for the role of Team Coordinator is available at www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer:
(07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 27 August 2008



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



Queensland Government
Department of Communities

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Njernda Aboriginal Corporation MANAGER

The Njernda Aboriginal Corporation is seeking a manager to work at the new Barona Youth Healing Centre.

This service model has been developed on behalf of Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, involving our Elders, Youth, other Aboriginal community members and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff based in Echuca and surrounding areas. This collaborative approach has resulted in a program that encompasses the traditional and contemporary needs of our young people.

The Barona Youth Treatment Centre offers a 15 week Residential Journey to Heal the Spirit of our Young People, along with a Post Program Support Phase over a period designated by staff and individual young people. A 12 week Day Program (non-Residential) is also offered. This service model involves our shared Dream (to reduce inhalant and substance misuse amongst our youth), and key Stepping Stones (Program Phases), which encompass a range of culturally, spiritually and holistically appropriate programs, services and activities which are flexible, adaptable, and addressing and preventing inhalant and other substance abuse, in our way. This healing journey will be offered in two forms Residential Program: 14-25 year olds; Day Program: 5-13 year olds accompanied by their parents/guardians.

For a copy of the duty statement please contact Ms Kelli Bartlett on 0354824217.

Applications close 27th August 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.

Senior Aboriginal Health Worker Full-Time

This position will be a supervisory one in which you will be responsible for the operations of the Health Promotion Team. The successful applicant will have a Diploma in Aboriginal Health Services or equivalent and/or at least 3 years experience as an Aboriginal health worker.

Aboriginal Health Worker Generalist (2 positions) Full-Time

The successful applicant will have at least a certificate in Aboriginal Health Services or equivalent.

Aboriginal Health Worker Community Nutrition (Bayside Position) Part time (30 hours per week)

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 on 31st August 2007.

Application packages are available by contacting: The Senior Administration Officer - Jan Lember on (07) 3409 9596.

Business Development Manager Cape York

The Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) Development Group is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified Business Development Manager to implement/facilitate the NPA Economic Development Plan and foster business growth.

Working with individuals, families and community groups the Business Development Manager will:

- Train and capacity build the community to develop sustainable business opportunities
- Provide support, business planning assistance, and project management for regional commercial businesses
- Monitor, advise, negotiate and provide leadership on regional and local economic development issues
- Identify joint venture/partnership business opportunities

To be successful in this integral role you will possess:

- The ability to work effectively in Indigenous Communities
- Strong business acumen and experience in the identification and development of commercial business opportunities
- The ability to communicate with a wide range of individuals, business and government groups
- A willingness to live and work in remote communities

Based in the NPA this role will suit those seeking a challenging but rewarding role with a significant degree of autonomy and diversity. Travel throughout Cape York and Far North Queensland and the opportunity to use your business skills to assist the communities achieve their goals are just some of the advantages of this position.

In reward for your commitment an attractive salary is on offer with conditions such as bi-annual return airfares to Cairns, accommodation, motor vehicle, relocation and advantageous salary packaging.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications close 27 August 2007.

To obtain a job description or for further information please call Janice Shackley (07)4031 8388 or email janice@precrutment.com.au

PRECURMENT

MAARI MA HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Building and sustaining healthy individuals, families and communities

POSITIONS VACANT

Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. All positions are based with our Regional Primary Health Care Support Team in Broken Hill, providing outreach services to regional communities.

Dental Therapist

To work with our award winning program "Clean Teeth Wicked Smiles", an oral health promotion delivered in schools and with community groups across the region. The program is a balance of health promotion and clinical practice as part of the Healthy Start program within the Chronic Disease Strategy.

Salary equivalent to Grade 2, Senior Dental Therapist, range \$54,428 to \$61,062 gross per annum +

Child & Family Health Nurse - Healthy Start

Working with our partner organisation, the position works collaboratively with Aboriginal Primary Health Care Workers to implement the Healthy Start program, designed for families and children from 0 to 5 years and school aged children, with particular focus on early detection and intervention and supporting healthier attitudes, habits and lifestyles.

Salary equivalent to Registered Nurse, range \$45,797 to \$64,315 gross per annum +

Primary Health Care Nurse - Chronic Disease

Working as a member of the team conducting the Adult Health Checks and management of care plans, integral to the prevention, early detection and care streams of the Chronic Disease Strategy implementation.

Salary equivalent to Registered Nurse, range \$45,797 to \$64,315 gross per annum +

For further enquiries for the three positions above, please

contact, Margaret-Ann Cook, telephone 08 8082 9807 or mobile 0428 688 252 or email Mcook@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Senior Mental Health Worker

Responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the smoking, alcohol and mental health programs delivered as part of the Maari Ma Chronic Disease Strategy, participating in Adult Health Checks and follow up programs. The Senior Mental Health Worker will provide direct line management to program staff, including Trainee Aboriginal Mental Health Workers.

Salary equivalent to manager level 2 range \$70,142 to \$83,194 gross per annum +

Project Officer - Smokers Program Evaluation

The Maari Ma Smokers Program is a smoking cessation intervention and is delivered as part of the Chronic Disease Strategy. Over the next two years, Maari Ma will work with its partners to evaluate the program. The Project Officer will assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Smokers Program as well as providing practical assistance to local health service staff to enable them to implement the Smokers Program.

Salary equivalent to Health Education Officer, range \$38,864 to \$66,320 gross per annum, dependent on qualifications and experience +

For further enquiries for the two positions above, please contact, Kate Gooden, telephone 02 6492 7305 or email KGooden@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Application packages for all positions are available from Glenis Barnes, Human Resources Manager, by email glenis.barnes@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing date is 29 August 2007.

Maari Ma has a smoke free health care workplace policy and relevant criminal record checks are required prior to appointment.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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EPM15180	Approx. 60 km SSE from Eromanga Centred at approximate Lat.27°13'S Long.143°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 46 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°Lat.x 1°Long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2800 c, d, h, n, s, t, u, x, y, z 2801 u, v 2872 d, e 2873 a	Opal Horizon Limited 095 974 762
EPM15991	Approx. 85 km N from Eromanga Centred at approximate Lat.25°55'S Long.143°10'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Quilpie	Area: 250 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 81 (each 1°Lat.x 1°Long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1576 m, n, r, s, t, w, x, y, z 1647 u, z 1648 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1649 f 1719 c, k, p, u, z 1720 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 1721 a, f, l, q 1792 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o	Opal Horizon Limited 095 974 762

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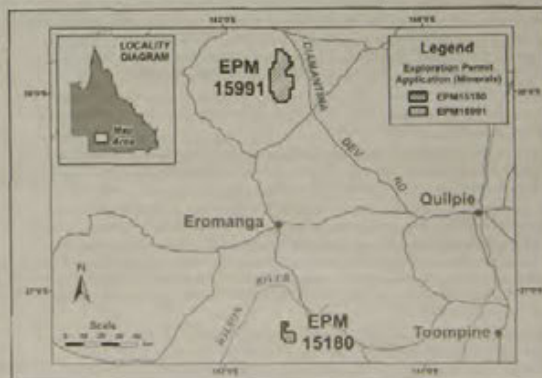
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After a successful 2006 season, the Adelaide Festival Centre is exhibiting OUR MOB 07: A State-wide Celebration of Regional and Remote South Australian Aboriginal Artists until next month.

The free exhibition will be on display in the Festival Centre's Artspace and foyers until 9 September 2007.

The exhibition during the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival features new works by

established, emerging and lesser-known South Australian Aboriginal artists from regional areas such as Ceduna, Coober Pedy, the Riverland and Port Augusta or remote areas of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. All artworks are available for purchase.

OUR MOB 07 also features six visiting Artists-in-Residence, all of whom are exhibiting work too.

One of the artists, Mark Reynolds

(Berri), also has a performance background and will demonstrate the didgeridoo. The other five visiting artists are: Sandra Taylor (Coober Pedy), Isabelle Taylor (Pt Augusta), Regina McKenzie (Hawker), Roy Coulthard (Stirling North) and Mary Brennan (Mt Gambier).

Our Mob 07 opening hours are from 12 noon to 5pm on Wednesday, and from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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EPM16006 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 36 km S from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat. 20°02'S Long. 139°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 2: Approx. 29 km S from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat. 19°57'S Long. 139°27'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 154 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 40 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 16 c, k 17 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 18 j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Normanton 3400 z 3401 v, y, z Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3402 g, m, r, s, t	Echelon Resources Limited 100 287 385
EPM16007 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 70 km NW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat. 20°21'S Long. 138°57'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 2: Approx. 57 km NW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat. 20°23'S Long. 139°05'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area of Part 1: 346 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 108 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 227 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 228 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 229 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 300 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 301 b, c, d, h, j, l, o, q, v, w 372 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 373 a, b, f, g Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 301 u	Superior Uranium Pty Ltd 122 001 969

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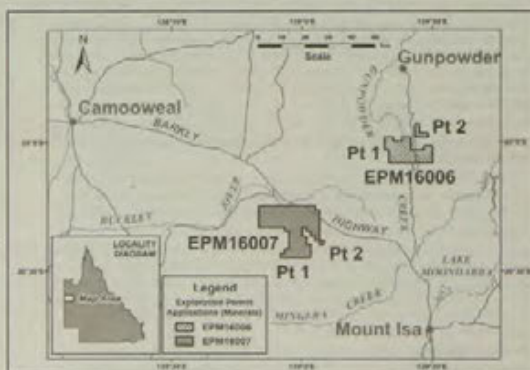
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of Alice Springs, to an Aboriginal mother and a white father, Don grew up on Neutral Junction station, between two worlds: The white settler world of his grandfather and other station owners, and the Kaytetye world of his mother's family.

He knew both cultures, spoke both languages, and experienced the uneasy tension of living between two worlds.

Don was an eager eight-year-old when he first started work in the stock camps on his grandfather's cattle station in the early 1920s.

In a series of yarns, he delights in recalling the many colourful characters who crossed his path, and recollects the arduous and often dangerous life of a stockman.

"I've had some mongrel jobs," Don admits, and the worst? "Shifting bloody cattle. Walking them when it's hot and there's a long way to go to water. Oh gawd, you wonder whether you're going to make it there, but you keep on going ... They called me the versatile man ... I put up windmills, fixed the trucks; I only had to see a thing done once and I could do it. That's how I was."

Don Ross had many children (11). They and their children have made significant contributions to NT life through their leadership and work over the past 30 years in organisations, including ATSIIC, the Central Land Council, CAAMA, Royal Darwin Hospital, the Alice Springs Telegraph Station/Bungalow Heritage site, Congress/Alukura, and the Institute for Aboriginal Development.

Wandihnu and the Old Dugong

By Elizabeth and Wandihnu Wymarra, illustrated by Benjamin Hodges
Magabala Books
RRP \$18.95 (soft cover)

This contemporary Torres Strait Islander children's picture book was written by Sydney mother and daughter duo, Elizabeth and Wandihnu Wymarra, 13, who joined forces with Cairns artist Benjamin Hodges.

Wandihnu and the Old Dugong is a modern-day story about Wandihnu, a city girl who returns to Badu Island to learn about culture and language from her Aka (grandmother).

Wandihnu

becomes distracted, and it is not until her Aka becomes sick that she truly appreciates the value of learning from her Elders.

Having moved to Sydney from the Torres Strait when she was young, Elizabeth knows the importance of holding on to your culture and she is now teaching her daughter, Wandihnu to do the same.

"I have learned to appreciate my culture because I missed out on so much. When my mum read the book she was speechless. She literally could not express, even in her native tongue, what the book meant to her and the people of Badu Island," said Elizabeth.

After writing the story, the pair travelled to Badu Island. A moving journey of reconnection, Elizabeth and Wandihnu were overwhelmed by their family's support.

Wandihnu and the Old Dugong is complemented by soft watercolours from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist Benjamin Hodges. An accomplished artist, Hodges won the NAIDOC national poster competition in 2005. This is his first book.

Elizabeth Wymarra is a well-known performing artist and comedian. She sees the rewards in being able to express yourself through writing, and encourages Wandihnu to do the same. Thirteen-year-old Wandihnu is an everyday teenager. She loves soccer, writing poetry and hanging out with her friends.



Calendar

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.

Until 16 August: Croc Festival. The event aims to inspire and motivate Indigenous and non-Indigenous young Australians in rural and remote communities to take pride in themselves and their culture. Held at Mullewa, WA. Details call Leah Boonhanom on (02) 9417 4122 or Mobile (0411) 860 741 or web www.crocfestival.org.au

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.vic.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.aminline.net.au or visit www.australianmuseum.net.au

Until 19 August: Relief in Sight – Photographic Exhibition. The exhibition features over 60 images sourced both nationally and from around the world featuring powerful images of tsunamis, earthquakes, floods and the work done in these communities to rebuild them afterwards. Held in Jabiru, NT. Details call Eleanor Gorman on (02) 9212 4335 or (0400) 747 615 or visit www.baystmediaworks.com.au or www.reliefinsight.com.au

Until 26 August: State Library Exhibition. Exhibition - Interactive Art etc. Details call Alison Wishart on (07) 3840 7885 or email inquiries@reconciliation.org.au

Until 30 August: Troy Cassar-Daley Scholarship. The Scholarship will fund an Indigenous country music artist based in NSW to attend the nationally recognised Australian College of Country Music. Any NSW based Indigenous artists between the ages of 18 and 35 are encouraged to apply. The scholarship to be announced in September. Details call Cath Grippo on (02) 6766 1577 or email info@country.com.au or visit www.country.com.au

Until 31 August: launch of Indigenous Manufactured Products Showcase. G Country Art Gallery and Emporium are celebrating NAIDOC Week. Products include curtains, tablecloths, table napkins, carry bags, cushion covers, etched timber designs and tables, decorative lead lights, wind chimes and hand painted ceramics. Held at Ulmarra from 10am onwards. Details call (02) 6644 5794 or visit www.gcountry.com.au

Until 1 September: Bangarra Dance Theatre presents True Stories – a spectacular double bill of Indigenous contemporary dance works created by two female choreographers, Frances Rings and Elma Kris. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Details call (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneysydneyopera.com or www.myspace.com/bangarra

Until 16 September: Broken Links. In this moving exhibition, the history of Indigenous child removal is portrayed through the records and documents held in Queensland collecting institutions and the personal stories of five Aboriginal Queenslanders. Details call Elizabeth Faasoo on (07) 3840 7239 or email Elizabeth.Faasoo@slq.qld.gov.au or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

Until 22 September: The Story of the Miracles at Cookie's Table by Wesley Enoch is a powerful family saga spanning four generations on Stradbroke Island. Featuring Roxanne McDonald, Leah Purcell and Russell Smith. Held at SBW Stables Theatre, Kings Cross, NSW. Time Monday at 6.30pm. Tuesday to Saturday at 8pm. Cost involved. Details call 1300 306 776 or visit www.griffintheatre.com.au

Until 26 September: Referees wanted for the 37th Aboriginal Knockout Carnival. You will need to complete a referees credentials and permission form. All referees for this carnival must have a minimum Level II accreditation and must be an active referee. No exceptions. (U/15s, 17s, Womens, Mens) Held at Oakes and Crozier Ovals, Lismore. Details call Ian Bennett on (0410) 728 300 or email twotone_1@mailcity.com

Until 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

Until 1 October: Questionnaire for Indigenous Postgraduate Students. This survey is designed to collect data from Indigenous Postgraduate Students throughout Australia. It will be used as the primary data collection method towards research investigating the support provided to Indigenous Postgraduate students. Details call Michelle Trudgett on (0402) 242 062 or email shell_trudgett@hotmail.com

Until 24 October: Tribal Warrior – Sail the high seas and build a new future. How would you like to spend 10 days at sea with four other trainees, a skipper and a deckhand and learn all about Seamanship, Navigation, Anchorage, becoming a deckhand or even get a Master's ticket. Only 35 positions available. Details call Sera on (0400) 374 237 or Karen on (0417) 444 571 or email indigenous@jobfindindcentre.com.au or visit www.tribalwarrior.org

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. Coordinating 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

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EPM16163	Approx. 106 km WNW from Georgetown Centred at Lat.17°52'S Long.142°38'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the areas: Etheridge	Area: 251 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 77 (each 1° lat x 1° long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1567 u, z 1568 o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1569 l, q, f, s, t, v, w, x, y 1639 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1640 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1641 a, b, c, d 1711 d, e, j, k 1712 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j	Gold Finance & Exploration Pty Ltd 112 075 484

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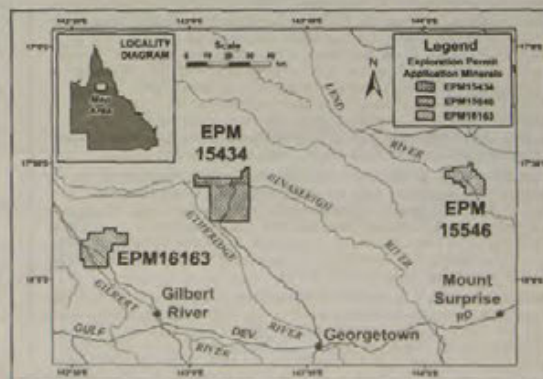
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others, think on your feet, speak in front of a crowd, stage craft and giving constructive feedback. Held at the Redfern Community Centre, Hugo Street, Redfern. Start 6.30pm every second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Details call Julie Welsh on (02) 9550 9964 or email julie.welsh@worldvision.com.au or www.worldvision.com.au/birung

Until 27 December: Koori Line Dancing Classes. Come and join in the fun, have a laugh and get fit all at the same time. Held at Redfern Town Hall from 5.30-6.30pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Details call Laurel

on (02) 9319 5823 or visit www.julietalbot.com

Until 31 December: Men and Family Centre. Dads and Kids Playgroup is a child friendly and fun environment providing a unique opportunity for Dads to play with their children and connect with other dads or male carers. Held at the YWCA, Goonellabah, Monday's and Thursday's from 10am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details call Michael Webb on (02) 6622 6116 or email events@nor.com.au

15 August: Ali Curung. Barracking is a collaborative original new theatre work. We

are looking for an Indigenous actor, aged 17-early 30's to play the role of an aspiring footy player from a Central Australian Indigenous community who is being considered for AFL drafting. Details call Danielle Loy on (08) 8953 3305 or (0411) 498 503 or visit reddusttheatre@switch.com.au

15 August: Coming to Lismore, the Good Service Mob. This is a talk about free services for Indigenous people and to ensure Indigenous Australians are aware of their rights as customers. Free community event. Held at Lismore City Council, Goonellabah. Details call Adrian Harrington on (02) 6627 6508 or Scott

Campbell on (02) 9286 0939.

15-19 August: Cultural Fest 07. Featuring: Pacific Rhythms Concert and Welcoming Ceremony, Youth Hip Hop Show, Cultural Fest Idol Competition and many more. Details call Farvadin Daliri on (07) 4772 4800 or email Farvadin.Daliri@bigpond.com or visit www.townsville.mic.org

16 August: Energise Enterprise Festival 2007. Koori Business Network - Marketing for Success. Meet with local and state government agencies and hear from a marketing expert on how to present yourself and your business. Free entry, all welcome and lunch provided. Held in Melbourne from 12-2pm. Details call Gayle Henderson on (03) 9651 9127 or email Gayle.Henderson@diid.vic.gov.au or call 1300 799 526.

16 August: Pacific Concert, Cultural Fest 07. Witness the arrival of many Pacific groups on the beach and a spectacular ceremony of their acceptance by the Aboriginal traditional Elders and performers. Details call Farvadin Daliri on (07) 4772 4800 or email Farvadin.Daliri@bigpond.com or visit www.townsville.mic.org

16 August: Tennant Creek. Barracking is a collaborative original new theatre work. We are looking for an Indigenous actor, aged 17-early 30's to play the role of an aspiring footy player from a Central Australian Indigenous community who is being considered for AFL drafting. Details call Danielle Loy on (08) 8953 3305 or (0411) 498 503 or visit reddusttheatre@switch.com.au

16-18 August: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival National Tour. This includes shorts, feature films and documentaries providing a powerful and insightful portrait of Indigenous Australia in the 21st century. Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide, all welcome. Details call Emelda Davis on (02) 9321 6444 or email emelda.davis@afc.gov.au or toll free 1800 226 615 or visit www.afc.gov.au/blackscreen

17-19 August: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival National Tour. This includes shorts, feature films and documentaries providing a powerful and insightful portrait of Indigenous Australia in the 21st century. Held at the Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, all welcome. Details call Emelda Davis on (02) 9321 6444 or email emelda.davis@afc.gov.au or toll free 1800 226 615 or visit www.afc.gov.au/blackscreen

17 August: Wanted Alive, Aboriginal Drivers. 22nd Rally for Reconciliation. Licensed drivers supervising Aboriginal Learners working towards the 120 hours minimum that is now required in NSW. Details call Bucky Robinson on (0401) 202 513 or Leonie on (02) 6624 7070 or email drivingproject@yahoo.com.au or visit www.drivingproject.org

18 August: Katherine. Barracking is a collaborative original new theatre work. We are looking for an Indigenous actor, aged 17-early 30's to play the role of an aspiring footy player from a Central Australian Indigenous community who is being considered for AFL drafting. Details call Danielle Loy on (08) 8953 3305 or (0411) 498 503 or visit reddusttheatre@switch.com.au

19 August: Timber Creek. Barracking is a collaborative original new theatre work. We are looking for an Indigenous actor, aged 17-early 30's to play the role of an aspiring footy player from a Central Australian Indigenous community who is being considered for AFL drafting. Details call Danielle Loy on (08) 8953 3305 or (0411) 498 503 or visit reddusttheatre@switch.com.au

21 August: Close the Gap. This is an evening seminar with Andrew Hewett, the executive Director of Oxfam Australia. Costs \$22 and \$11 concession. Held at The Long Room, Customs House, Brisbane at 5.30 for 6pm start. Details call (07) 3220 2198 or email rsvp@brisinst.org.au or visit www.oxfam.org.au

21 August: 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 the Ex-Services Club, Orange. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

23 August: Energise Enterprise Festival 2007. Koori Business Network - Marketing for Success. Meet with local and state government agencies and hear from a marketing expert on how to present yourself and your business. Free entry, all welcome

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Exploration Permit Number	Location (Refer to diagram below)	Description of Area* (Refer to diagram below)	Current Holders
EPC905 This application consists of three separate parts	Location of Excluded Land Part 1: Approx. 37 km NW from Mackay Centred at approximate Lat.21°0'S Long.148°51'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mackay and Mirani Part 2: Approx. 68 km NW from Mackay Centred at approximate Lat.20°48'S Long.148°37'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mackay Part 3: Approx. 62 km NW from Mackay Centred at approximate Lat.20°50'S Long.148°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mackay	Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land Area of Part 1: 262 km ² Block Identification Map: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 82 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 777 n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 778 q, r, v, w, x 850 a, b, c, d, e, j, k 851 f, g, h, i, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y, z 923 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, o, p, r, u, z 924 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 995 h, j, m, n, o, p, s, t, u 996 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q 997 f, i Area of Part 2: 32 km ² Block Identification Map: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 704 g, h, m, n, r, s, t, x, y 776 c Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Map: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 777 a	Swanbank Resources Pty Ltd 108 568 725

* 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. 1456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 1456, 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 1456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z). ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) pursuant and subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August 2003. On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Exploration Permit(s). This authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Exploration Permit(s).

Name and address of person doing Acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) will be granted by the Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, Coorparoo, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed future Acts including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 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 future Acts. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qlidreg@fcdcourt.gov.au

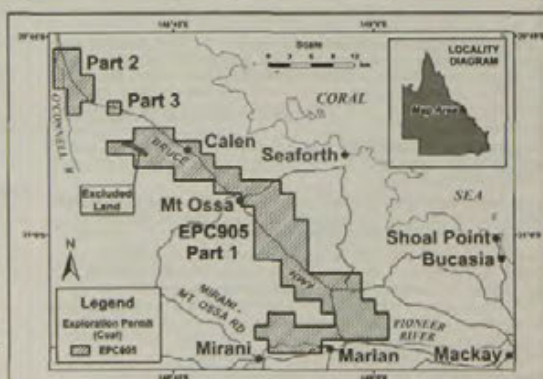
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The Government party considers the future Act(s) is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

The application to add the Excluded Land to 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 with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the future Acts attract 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, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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and lunch provided. Held in Moorooopna and Shepparton from 12-2pm. Details call Gayle Henderson on (03) 9651 9127 or email Gayle.Henderson@dlrld.vic.gov.au or call 1300 799 526.

23 August: Lawyers and Law Students Annual General Meeting. Ngalaya Aboriginal (Lawyers and Law Student's) Corporation will be holding its AGM on Thursday from 5-6pm at the premises of Gilbert and Tobin, Level 37, 2 Park Street, Sydney. All Indigenous Lawyers and Law students are encouraged to attend. Details call Nathan Tyson on (0429) 900 617 or (02) 9911 2637 or email Nathan.Tyson@asic.gov.au or visit www.fido.gov.au

23-25 August: Three performances at Darwin Festival. Barracking is a collaborative original new theatre work. We are looking for an Indigenous actor, aged 17-early 30s to play the role of an aspiring footy player from a Central Australian Indigenous community who is being considered for AFL drafting. Details call Danielle Loy on (08) 8953 3305 or (0411) 498 503 or visit reddusttheatre@swtch.com.au

23-29 August: The Aboriginal Film Commission School Screen Programs. There will be eight films screening. Call your local Cinema for details. The Big Screen Cinema, Harvey Bay on (07) 4124 8200, Forum 6 Cinema, Wagga Wagga on (02) 6921 6863, Rose Point Cinema, Singleton on (02) 6571 5253, The Regent, Yarram on (03) 5182 5420, CMax Cinema, Devonport on (03) 6420 2111, Cinemas, Albany on (08) 9842 2210, Cinemas 3, Katherine on (08) 8971 2522 or Cinema Augusta, Port Augusta on (08) 8648 9999.

24 August: Broken Links Exhibition. Some former residents of the Cherbourg Dormitory will talk about their experiences of growing up there in the 1930s-1950s. Hear their stories and discover more about the Stolen Generations in Queensland and Australia. From 12-1pm. Details call Elizabeth Fa'Aso on (07) 3840 7239 or (07) 3840 7885 or email Elizabeth.Faaso@slq.qld.gov.au or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

24-26 August: The Drumley Walk. This is a three day walking pilgrimage through farms, forests and suburbs, learning local history, culture and lore. Walk or one day or all three. Average fitness required. Details call Rory O'Connor on (0413) 732 529 or Cameron Stewart on (0412) 550 821 or Hague Best on (0400) 080 464 or visit www.thedrumleywalk.com

26 August: Parramatta Filmmakers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email lilys@performancespace.com.au

27 August - 7 September: Chopped Liver. This is a play that looks at Hepatitis C in Aboriginal communities. Grab your mob and come down for a free hour of deadly entertainment. Ask your health service or co-op about the closest performance to you. Held in South Australia. Details call (03) 9329 9097 or visit www.libjerri.org.au

28-30 August: Croc Festival. The event aims to inspire and motivate Indigenous and non-Indigenous young Australians in rural and remote communities to take pride in themselves and their culture. Held at Alice Springs, NT. Details: Leah Boonthanom (02) 9417 4122 or Mobile (0411) 860 741 or web www.crocfestival.org.au

29 August: John Butler Trio - Grand National Tour. All welcome. Held at Alice Springs Convention Centre, NT. Details call (08) 8950 0200 or Lasseters Hotel and Casino on (08) 8950 7777 or visit www.johnbutlertrio.com or www.ticketlink.com.au

29 August: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Newcastle Entertainment Centre. Tickets \$99. All welcome. For tickets call NEC box Office on (02) 4921 2121 or ticketek on 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

31 August: John Butler Trio - Grand National Tour. All welcome. Held at Darwin Amphitheatre, NT. Details call The Lost Arc/Discovery on (08) 8942 3300 or Sound 4 Music on (08) 8927 0990 or visit www.johnbutlertrio.com or www.ticketlink.com.au

31 August: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Brisbane Entertainment Centre. Tickets \$99. All welcome. For tickets call NEC box Office on (02) 4921 2121 or ticketek on 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

1 September: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival National Tour. This includes shorts, feature films and documentaries providing a powerful and insightful portrait of Indigenous Australia in the 21st

century. Held at the National Film and Sound Archive, Canberra, all welcome. Details call Emelda Davis on (02) 9321 6444 or email emelda.davis@afc.gov.au or toll free 1800 226 615 or visit www.afc.gov.au/blackscreen

1 September: Reggae Town. Australia's premiere Reggae and Roots Festival. The festival will span four stages in the beautiful Tjupkai Park, Cairns. Expect top ranking reggae, dub, dancehall, wicked food, bar, tasty vibes and dozens of local market stalls. Tickets available from Ticketlink, Shiva Moon, Arts Nexus and Tasty Records. Details call Judy Lux on (07) 4048 1115 or visit www.reggaetown.com.au

1 September: Casey Donovan Live and Deadly with Christine Anu. Tickets \$20. Held at the Canterbury RSL Club, Hurlstone, NSW. Opens at 7pm and starts at 8pm. Details call (02) 9559 0000 or email chprsl@chprsl.com.au or visit www.chprsl.com.au

1-9 September: National Poetry Week. This year's themes are: Between, Wild Parties, House Arrest, Fruit, Freedom, Loud, Friendship and Open Books to be interpreted in any way you like. Details: Lizz Murphy

(0428) 237 882 or email lizzmurphy@bigpond.com or contact the poets union (02) 9818 5366 or www.poetsunion.com

2 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Gold Coast Convention Centre. Tickets \$99. All welcome. For tickets call NEC box Office on (02) 4921 2121 or ticketek on 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

2-8 September: National Child Protection Week 2007. Continuing to develop a national network of Partners for NCPW will help sustain and increase the profound growth in public profile and participation in the prevention of Australia's most serious social problem - child abuse and neglect. Details call (02) 9211 0224 or email contact@napcan.org.au or visit www.napcan.org.au/NCPW/index

2-8 September: National Child Protection Week. This event provides individuals and communities with a range of opportunities to participate and contribute to the prevention of child abuse and neglect and promote their own programs and projects. Details call (02)

9211 0224 or email contact@napcan.org.au

4-7 September: Hear, Speak, Live Conference. The conference will focus on otitis media and its impact on the health and well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. Held at Seaworld Nara Resort, Gold Coast, Qld. Details: Bonny Marsh (07) 3250 8509 or email RCH-deadlyears@health.qld.gov.au

4-6 September: Croc Festival. The event aims to inspire and motivate Indigenous and non-Indigenous young Australians in rural and remote communities to take pride in themselves and their culture. Held at Port Augusta, SA. Details: Leah Boonthanom (02) 9417 4122 or Mobile (0411) 860 741 or web www.crocfestival.org.au

4 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at the Regional Entertainment Centre, Tamworth. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call Tourism Tamworth on (02) 6767 5300 or visit www.visittamworth.com

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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
EPM14750	Approx. 97 km NNW from Coen. Centred at approximate Lat.13°06'S Long.142°58'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 17 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 996 b, c, g, h, j	Seco Resource Finance Pty Ltd 109 967 348
EPM15813	Approx. 69 km NNE from Coen. Centred at approximate Lat.13°22'S Long.143°27'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 33 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1218 b, c, g, h, m, n, r, s, w, x	Seco Resource Finance Pty Ltd 109 967 348
EPM15951	Approx. 50 km NNW from Coen. Centred at approximate Lat.13°29'S Long.143°10'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 113 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 34 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1286 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1287 g, f, v, w 1358 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u 1359 a, f, i, q	Seco Resource Finance Pty Ltd 109 967 348

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

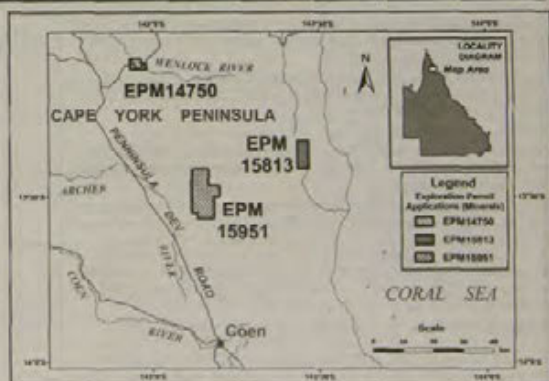
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to

lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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Partnerships Workshop. This workshop is designed to generate individual strategies for increased engagement with business and each participant leaves the workshop with a tailored action plan. Held at Gold Coast City Council from 9am-4pm and costs \$50 per person including all materials, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Details call (07) 5581 6075 or email csdc@goldcoast.qld.gov.au or visit www.goldcoastcity.com.au/cultural

5 September: Indigenous Literacy Project. In partnership with The Fred Hollows Foundation. Our goal is to raise urgently needed funds to address the crisis in literacy in remote Indigenous communities. Join us and help raise our target of \$100,000. Details call David Gaunt on (02) 9660 2333 or email david@gleebbooks.com.au or Karen Williams on (02) 9388 0087 or email karen@worldwithoutbooks.org

6 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Coffs Harbour Showgrounds. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

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6-7 September: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival National Tour. This includes shorts, feature films and documentaries providing a powerful and insightful portrait of Indigenous Australia in the 21st century. Held at Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinema, Lismore, all welcome. Details call Emelda Davis on (02) 9321 6444 or email emelda.davis@afc.gov.au or toll free 1800 226 615 or visit www.afc.gov.au/blackscreen

6-8 September: Alice Springs Festival, Circus Lawns and Araluen Barracking. A collaborative original new theatre work. We are looking for an Indigenous actor, aged 17-early 30's to play the role of an aspiring footy player from a Central Australian Indigenous community who is being considered for AFL drafting. Details call Danielle Loy on (08) 8953 3305 or (0411) 498 503 or visit redusttheatre@swtch.com.au

6 September - 6 October: Ivan Dougherty Gallery presents Papunya Tjupi: A New Beginning. This is the art centre's first exhibition. Paintings and prints showcase the depth talent in Papunya, and the centre's ongoing artistic collaborations with the

College of Fine Arts, University of NSW. The exhibition spans several generations of painters at Papunya and includes well known senior artists, alongside emerging talents. Details call Tracey Clement on (02) 9385 0675 or visit www.cofa.unsw.edu.au/galleries/idx

8 September: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival National Tour. This includes shorts, feature films and documentaries providing a powerful and insightful portrait of Indigenous Australia in the 21st century. Held at the National Film and Sound Archive, Canberra, all welcome. Details call Emelda Davis on (02) 9321 6444 or email emelda.davis@afc.gov.au or toll free 1800 226 615 or visit www.afc.gov.au/blackscreen

8 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at the ACER Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. Tickets \$99.90. All welcome. For tickets call Ticketek on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au

8-9 September: 2007 Women's Torres Strait Cup Competition. This will be a great experience for all players and will be a history making event for the Torres Strait. The competition is open to Indigenous and

non Indigenous women so start your training now. Package will be available by email or fax to all teams that request one. Details call Marlene Thompson on (0427) 576 171.

10 September - 5 October: Chopped Liver. This is a play that looks at Hepatitis C in Aboriginal communities. Grab your mob and come down for a free hour of deadly entertainment. Ask your health service or co-op about the closest performance to you. Held in Victoria. Details call (03) 9329 9097 or visit www.ilibjerri.org.au

11 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at John Dunmore Lang Place, Canberra. Tickets \$99.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

12 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call Ticketek on 132 849 or 1300 762 545 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au or www.ticketek.com.au

13-16 September: 2007 Men's Torres Strait Cup Competition. This will be a great experience for all players and will be a history making event. Package will be available by email or fax to all teams that request one. Details call Wally Bon on (0427) 833 089.

14 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Ornamental Gardens, Mildura. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

14 September: Aboriginal Regional Small Business Awards. These awards recognise successful Indigenous businesses within the Murrumbidgee and Binalia regions of NSW. Held in Dubbo, NSW, and will include the awards presentation, dinner, a guest speaker and entertainment. Details: Scott or Stephen (02) 6862 5511 or 1800 069 723.

14 September: 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 Alice Springs. Details call Grant Paulson on (02) 6273 9200 mobile (0418) 872 717 or web www.reconciliation.org.au

14-15 September: National Indigenous Legal Conference. There will be a panel discussion on significance of the 1967 referendum. Held in Brisbane. Details call Kevin Smith on (07) 3226 8244 or Shane Goodwin on (07) 3238 5109 or email enquiries@reconciliation.org.au or shaynegoodwin@qldbar.asn.au

15 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

16 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Ballarat Showgrounds, Ballarat. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

18 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne. Tickets \$99.90. All welcome. Details call ticketek on 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

18-20 September: Croc Festival. The event aims to inspire and motivate Indigenous and non-Indigenous young Australians in rural and remote communities to take pride in themselves and their culture. Held at Kempsey, NSW. Details: Leah Boonthanom (02) 9417 4122 or Mobile (0411) 860 741 or web www.crocfestival.org.au

22 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Claremont Oval, Perth. Tickets \$99.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or ticketek on 132 849 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

23-25 November: 14th Annual Sports and Cultural Festival. Includes Mixed Open and Men's Open Division, Battle of the State, Secondary Schools Division, Indigenous Australian Mixed v NZ Maori Mixed. Prizes and trophies valued up to \$30,000. Free kids rides, cultural stalls and entertainment. All welcome and is a drug and alcohol free event. Details call (07) 3420 4291

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
EPM13675 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 21 km S from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°14'S Long.144°18'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook Part 2: Approx. 34km SSW from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°21'S Long.144°21'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba and Cook	Area: 126 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 39 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 148 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 220 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, t 221 a, b Area of Part 2: 108 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 33 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 220 v, z 221 v, w 292 a, b, c, e, f, g, h, j, k, p 293 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u 294 f, l, q	Gilbert William Kelly

* 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 60 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.

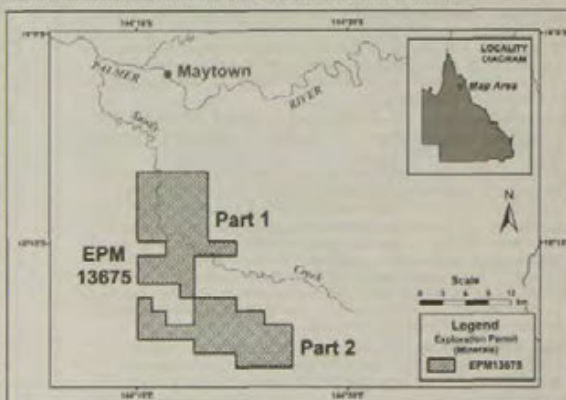
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the filing of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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firstcontact.asn.au

25 September: 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 Multi Purpose Centre 108 Ellsworth Drive, Mt Druitt. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

25-27 September: Croc Festival. The event aims to inspire and motivate Indigenous and non-Indigenous young Australians in rural and remote communities to take pride in themselves and their culture. Held at Dubbo, NSW. Details: Leah Boonthanom (02) 9417 4122 or Mobile (0411) 860 741 or web www.crocfestival.org.au

26 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at the Entertainment Centre, Adelaide. Tickets \$99.90. All welcome. Details call ticketek on 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

26-30 September: The Story of the Miracles at Copake's Table by Wesley Enoch is a powerful family saga spanning four generations on Stradbroke Island. Featuring Roxanne McDonald, Leah Purcell and Russell Smith. Held at the Hume Building Society Butter Factory Theatre in Wodonga. Cost involved. Details call 1300 306 776 or visit www.griffintheatre.com.au

28 September: Aboriginal Women's Beauty Pageant. The Northern United Rugby League Football Club is now seeking expression of interest from young Aboriginal women of the Northern Rivers Region interested in representing our Club in this inaugural gala event. This event will require nine (9) nominations from 16-18 years of age. Details call Colleen Johnson on (0402) 253 965 or Steven Roberts on (0434) 013 469 or Grantley Creighton on (0402) 309 582.

29 September: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Derwent Entertainment Centre, Hobart. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call Ticketmaster on 136 100 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.au

30 September: Parramatta Filmmakers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email blys@performancespace.com.au

1 October: Hurstville Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting. All welcome. Meeting is held every six weeks at the Civic Centre, Level 1, Meeting Room 2. Details: Louise Durmush (02) 9599 0233.

4-6 October: Conference for Indigenous and Native Media. Sámi Journalists Searvi wants to connect indigenous media for exchanging knowledge and experiences. The conference offers discussion, workshops and various arrangements where you, as indigenous journalist, can contribute with experiences. Theme: Same Voice, But Different. Details call Anne Wuolab on + 46 70 597 9119 or email wuolab@uranmedia.se or visit www.galdud.org

5 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Darwin Showgrounds. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit

www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

5-7 October: Wollumbin Dreaming Festival. This is three full days of Elders, dancers, stalls, bands, healing, culture and environmental workshops, children's space with Gypsy Roller Theatre, Chai tent and a full indigenous program. Held at Tualgum Showgrounds via Murwillumbah from 10am onwards. Details call Chana Beck on (02) 6679 3813 or email chana@bigpond.net.au or visit www.wollumbindreaming.org

5-7 October: Working Together Conference. The aim is to provide a forum for enhancing the profile, skills and culture of Aboriginal communities including health, education and employment strategies, enterprise and cultural development. Details call (02) 6650 9800 or visit www.lganconference2007.com

6-7 October: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival National Tour. This includes shorts, feature films and documentaries providing a powerful and insightful portrait of Indigenous Australia in the 21st century. Held at Cinema Paradiso, Perth, all welcome. Details call Emelda Davis on (02) 9321 6444 or email emelda.davis@afc.gov.au or toll free 1800 226 615 or visit www.afc.gov.au/blackscreen

7 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Cairns Showgrounds. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or Ticketlink outlets, 07 4031 9555 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au or www.ticketek.com.au

8 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at the Entertainment Centre, Townsville. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call Townsville Entertainment Centre on (07) 4771 4000 or visit www.tecc.net.au

8-12 October: Chopped Liver. This is a play that looks at Hepatitis C in Aboriginal communities. Grab your mob and come

down for a free hour of deadly entertainment. Ask your health service or co-op about the closest performance to you. Held in Tasmania. Details call (03) 9329 9097 or visit www.lbjerni.org.au

9-14 October: Caring For Country. 2nd National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference. The largest gathering of traditional owners in Australia for 2007. Featuring National and International speakers, dynamic panel discussions, case studies, practical workshops and World Heritage Excursions. Held in Cardwell. Details call (07) 4066 8300 or email enquiries@reconciliation.org.au or visit www.caringforcountry.com.au

9-12 October: 2nd National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference. (Caring for Country, our People, our Nation, our Responsibility) Themes include Governance, Traditional Knowledge, Heritage, Youth, Partnerships and many more. Held in Cardwell. All welcome. Details: Phil Rist (07) 4066 8300 or email eo@girringun.com.au

11 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Mackay Showgrounds. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 132 849 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

12 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Rockhampton Bowl, Rockhampton. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call Box Office Pilbeam Theatre on (07) 4927 4111 or www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

13-14 October: The Great Australian Corroboree - The Girringun Cultural Festival. Featuring main stage program, Aboriginal Rainforest village, film Festival, boomerang and spear throwing, cultural food, painting, weaving and many more. Held in Cardwell. Details call (07) 4066 8300 or email enquiries@reconciliation.org.au or visit www.greataustraliancorroboree.com.au

13-14 October: Girringun Cultural Festival. The Great Australian Corroboree following the conference. All welcome. Details: Phil Rist on (07) 4066 8300 or email eo@girringun.com.au

14 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at USQ University Oval, Toowoomba. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

16-18 October: Croc Festival. The event aims to inspire and motivate Indigenous and non-Indigenous young Australians in rural and remote communities to take pride in themselves and their culture. Held in Shepparton, Vic. Details: Leah Boonthanom (02) 9417 4122 or Mobile (0411) 860 741 or web www.crocfestival.org.au

19-20 October: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival National Tour. This includes shorts, feature films and documentaries providing a powerful and insightful portrait of Indigenous Australia in the 21st century. Held at Orana Cinema, Geraldton, all welcome. Details call Emelda Davis on (02) 9321 6444 or email emelda.davis@afc.gov.au or toll free 1800 226 615 or visit www.afc.gov.au/blackscreen

20-21 October: All Blacks Carnival 2007: Will be held at the Junior Leagues Ground Mann Street. All welcome. Details email info@nzrugby.co.nz. Or visit www.allblacks.com

23 October: 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 Campbelltown City Centre. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

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).

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
MDL272	Approx. 44 km South West of Mackay Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mirani and Nebo	Current Lot 11 on plan CP817819 - GHFL 0/201935 Land Tenures Lot 431 on plan FTY1830 - Mia Mia State Forest - also partly held as Lot 9 on plan C3185 - TL 0/214977 Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 52.8 ha	Clayton Brett Walton (50%) John Daniel Walton (50%)

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding four (4) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding four (4) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1b1, 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence 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 each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Emerald Mining District, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, 4720. Telephone: (07) 4987 9350.

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 Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qlndreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence 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 Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedures.

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: 5 September 2007



NSW Government

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

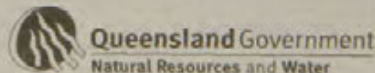
Robin Desmond WHITE & Lewis Ackers WHITE have submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot 7 DP752299, Parish Ulupna, County Denison
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5886-3900.

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 12/09/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1052 on all correspondence. (GA2: 464746)

Lindsay Holden
Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710



Mabuiag look good things

By ALF WILSON

Eight teams are expected to contest the Torres Strait Cup rugby league carnival on Thursday Island from 13-16

September and a Mabuiag Island side looks set to be bolstered by champion Townsville players Billo Mosby and Bruce Joseph.

A Torres Cup spokesman told

the Koori Mail that seven teams would seek to wrest the title from defending champions Badu Island's Kulpiyam, which beat Southern Indigenous 56-20 in the 2006 final.

"Games will be played on the Ken Brown Oval on TI and the interest has been high and team nominations will be finalised at a coming meeting," the spokesman said.

Kulpiyam also won the June final of the Island of Origin Series on Badu Island when Joseph and Mosby shone in their colours.

Lock Joseph was awarded player of the carnival and top try scorer, and halfback Mosby took out the highest number of goals kicked award and shone throughout the carnival.

Both play for leading Townsville club Brothers, who are hot favourites to win the Townsville grand final later in the year.

Joseph told the Koori Mail during a chance meeting in Townsville's Flinders Mall in August that he and Mosby would be switching from Kulpiyam to Mabuiag.

"Mabuiag have been on to us and we will be playing for one of the two teams which they enter called the Raiders. I am looking forward to it as I was born on Thursday Island," Joseph said.

Their defection would be a boost for Mabuiag Island, which would normally not be amongst the favoured teams.

The three-day 24th 2007 Island of Origin Series from 8-10 June

was contested by seven teams – Mugan Warrior (Yam Island), Zuguthiyam (Mabuiag), Mura Buwa Siba Wum (Saibai), Malu Kaia (Boigu), Arkai Brothers (Kubin), Kulpiyam and Mulga Tigers.

Mabuiag failed to reach the Origin semi-finals and with Joseph leading from up front, and Mosby creating havoc in the backs, could prove the surprise packets in the Torres Cup.

In the Origin round-robin series, Mulga Tigers rolled Zuguthiyam 54-0, and Arkai Brothers hammered Zuguthiyam 28-12.

But with the presence of Joseph and other Townsville stars, Mabuiag would be expected to improve sharply.

On the way back from Badu Island after the Origin series, Joseph and Mosby, had to wait at Horn Island airport for a flight, and visited TI for some hours.

"I am really looking forward to the Torres Cup and will catch up with lots of family and friends," Joseph said.

Boigu Island coach Richard Anau has confirmed that his Malu Kiai side would be at the Torres Cup and would be hard to beat.

The weekend before is the Women's Rugby League TS Cup Games which is from 7-9 September.

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept. of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1064	Pokernui Group Ltd	124.5ha	25km N/W of Coolgardie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
51/775	Michael Francis Madigan	5.59ha	79km W/W of Meekatharra	Lat 26°21' Long 117°45'	Meekatharra
51/847	Ward D M Bond Shant R L Bond	222.4ha	70km N/W of Meekatharra	Lat 25°57' Long 118°38'	Meekatharra

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: 15 August 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 15 November 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. 15 December 2007), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 29 August 2007



National Native Title Tribunal

These applications are 'non-claimant applications', applications made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest (which is not a native title interest) in the areas, set out in their applications as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same areas.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to either of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 28 November 2007. After 28 November 2007, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

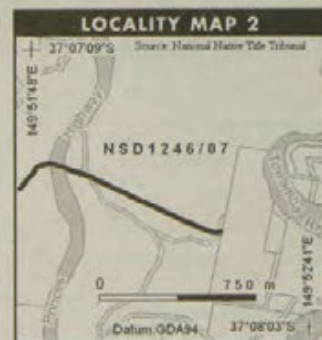
Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the areas on or before 28 November 2007, the areas may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

Map	Applicant's name	Non-native title interest	Federal Court File No
1	Tony Kelly, MLC, Minister for Lands for the State of New South Wales as the State Minister under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).	Minister responsible for administering the Crown Lands Act 1989 (NSW).	NSD1247/07
2	Mr Ossie Stewart on behalf of Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council	Freehold title in certificate of title folios 98/1036338, 99/1040981, 100/1040981 & 101/1040981	NSD1246/07



Location: The area subject to this application is located about 9km south of Eden and covers approximately 4.7 hectares and encompasses an existing pipeline indicated in the diagram by the bolded black line.

The application is located within the Bega Valley Shire Council local government area.



Location: The area subject to this application is located about 9km south of Eden and covers approximately 0.6 hectares and encompasses an existing pipeline indicated in the diagram by the bolded black line.

The application is located within the Bega Valley Shire Council local government area.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Dept of Lands, Land and Property Information Division, NSW.

For assistance or further information contact Carissa Kok or Tom O'Reilly on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



Bruce Joseph, left, and Billo Mosby, from Townsville, look set to play with Mabuiag Island in the Torres Cup on TI during September.

Fairytale in the making

NSW

The story of the South Sydney Rabbitohs couldn't be made up. A once great club, the most successful ever in terms of premierships, falls on hard times and is kicked out of rugby league's elite competition.

An uprising led by a passionate community and celebrity fans gets them back in the game before the club falters again, only to be resurrected once more by the combined clout of an Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe and entrepreneur Peter Holmes a Court.

They bring the means for a rebirth, paying \$3 million to buy the club.

But, as shown in the six-part ABC documentary series, *South Side Story*, money wasn't everything.

For Crowe, the club embracing the notion of love and togetherness was his highest priority.

In a moving address, the actor tells the team how together they will bring Souths back to being the force the club once was.

"The thing that will make the difference is love ... accepting the brotherhood," Crowe says, with as much if not more conviction than his character Maximus displayed in *Gladiator*.

In *Holmes a Court*, the club not only got a co-owner but a new executive chairman with noted business credentials.

He said cynical comments from outside the club about the motives for he and Crowe's takeover prompted him to invite cameras into the club.

"We've got thick skins, been called names all our lives, but there has been so much misinformation around about us and the club," Holmes a Court said.

"We've opened ourselves up for scrutiny, sure, but that's how much we believe in the club."

Filmmaker David Alrich came to the Souths story not as a fan - he prefers rugby union - but as a storyteller who got caught up in a ripping yarn.

He takes viewers back to the start of the Souths club in 1908, to the blokes who would catch rabbits and hawk them for a bit of extra cash in the working-class Sydney suburbs, the 20 premierships and the way the club brought a community together.

It's all to bring context to the present.

Holmes a Court said watching the early episodes of the series made him realise why he took Souths on in the first place.

"It showed me that we had no choice. The club was in that bad a state that it chose us.

We had the capacity to do it, so we jumped on board," he said.

Alrich said Crowe was initially resistant to be interviewed for the film but eventually came around.

With Crowe and Holmes a Court have come Armani suits for the players and the axing of cheerleaders.

But despite their high profiles, the pair's primary focus has been on banding together the playing group, led by coach Jason Taylor, and involving the community.

Backrower Dean Widders said it's working.

He said the changed face of the club has made it a most appealing home for top players.

This fact has been proven with this year's big name signings of Roy Asotasi, David Kidwell, Nigel Vagana and of course, Widders.

He said the influence of Crowe on the players shouldn't be underestimated either.

"We've got an amazing coaching staff and a team that really wants to do well for each other," Widders said.



South Sydney player Dean Widders says the changed face of South Sydney makes it an appealing home for rugby league players.

"Where Russ comes in is on a personal level. He's really approachable, he lets people come to him and is never overbearing.

"They want Souths to be the club where players want to stay, and when they leave they leave as a better person."

Souths is not just a new toy for Crowe

and Holmes a Court, as some critics have suggested.

Holmes a Court told Alrich during the making of the film that with Souths, emotion had come into play with his business dealings for the first time.

"When he said that, it hit home what the club meant to him," said Alrich.

The final episode of *South Side Story* hasn't been completed. It will tell how the team has gone after the regular season.

Having not won a premiership since 1971, Souths haven't made the finals since 1989.

They remain in the race for a place in the major premiership.

So in sporting parlance, Souths have it all to play for.

"We can't take too much out of the wins or the losses will kill us," Holmes a Court said.

"But we're putting ourselves in a good position with good players and a solid business base, so it's looking up."

South Side Story premiered at 8pm on ABC Television on 7 August. - AAP

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26118 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 1 Blocks (1 Sq Km) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAWAH locality.



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Exploration Licence 26153 sought by G.E. RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 096 473 737 over an area of 96 Blocks (289 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA locality.



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Exploration Licence 26161 sought by G.E. RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 096 473 737 over an area of 490 Blocks (1476 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FIELD RIVER locality.



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Exploration Licence 25809 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 6 Blocks (6 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



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Exploration Licence 25810 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 95 Blocks (207 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JAMES locality.



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Exploration Licence 26103 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 58 Blocks (184 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BUSHY PARK locality.



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Exploration Licence 26070 sought by MICHAEL MORAWA, over an area of 7 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 26145 sought by RESOURCE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD, ACN 079 106 684 over an area of 12 Blocks (25 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KEEP locality.



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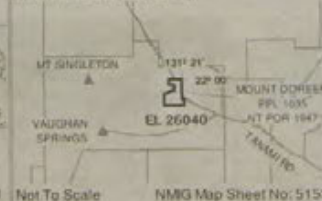
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Exploration Licence 26006 sought by TOUCHSTONE MANAGEMENT PTY LTD, ACN 120 126 838 over an area of 257 Blocks (797 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ANIBURLA locality.



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Exploration Licence 26040 sought by TOUCHSTONE MANAGEMENT PTY LTD, ACN 120 126 838 over an area of 51 Blocks (162 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DOREEN locality.



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Exploration Licence 26033 sought by WESTGOLD RESOURCES NL, ACN 009 260 306 over an area of 1 Block (1 Sq Km) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 15 August 2007

Elite students taste Aboriginal culture

A sporting exchange in Far Western New South Wales recently brought a group of senior students from an elite school in Victoria to Broken Hill to play against an Indigenous youth team.

It was the first exchange of its kind in the far west, with up to 30 students, teachers and parents from Geelong Grammar School travelling to Broken Hill to take part in an AFL exchange with Indigenous youth from Broken Hill, Wilcannia and the Wentworth area.

The five-day trip was organised by Geelong Grammar and Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation.

The first AFL game was held on the night of 11 July, with an estimated crowd of 800 at Jubilee Oval for the Broken Hill under 18s v Geelong.

Aboriginal Health Co-ordinator at Maari Ma, Mark Kickett, said Geelong put up some good competition but it was Broken Hill's game and they came out on top.

"Geelong were short by one player and there were unfortunately a couple of injuries on their side," he said.

"One of the Broken Hill players - Taylor Walker - who has just made the All-Australian team - played a tremendous game and made the difference between the sides" Mr Kickett said.

The main game was on Saturday, 15 July and was also very well supported.

The Indigenous Youth team won 13-11 (89) to 8-3 (51).

Welcome dance

Before the game, a welcome dance was performed by Brendan Adams, from Wilcannia, and the Thankakali Dancers.

While in Broken Hill, the visitors experienced a bush tucker dinner at a creek bed at Silverton, mining tours, a street parade and a formal dinner.

"During the official dinner on Friday night, Maari Ma Board Chairman Des Jones presented Geelong Grammar with a didgeridoo and the visitors presented us with plaques," Mr Kickett said.

"Much appreciated also were certificates presented to Geelong and ourselves from the Broken Hill City Council."

Mr Kickett has been a keen AFL player in his time and his son Tom has signed up with Hawthorn.

"Hawthorn donated their 2006 training jumpers to us, which was great," Mr Kickett said.

"We were also fortunate to get the support of local mining companies - Bemax, Perilya, CBA and Pinnacles Mines - they donated funds for trophies and clothing and Maari Ma had a cap made up for all players as a memento which was presented to them at the bush tucker dinner at Silverton," he said.

Mr Kickett said both parties keen for the exchange to continue.

"The exchange has been more than playing footy," he said.

"It gave our Indigenous youth a whole new experience which could change the direction of their lives."

"We'd like to thank Geelong Grammar for joining us in what we hope will be a lifelong connection."



● ABOVE: A welcome dance was performed for Geelong Grammar prior to the big game by Brendan Adams, from Wilcannia, and the Thankakali Dancers.



● LEFT: An action shot during one of the games in Broken Hill. Photo courtesy Barrier Daily Truth Photographer Gavin Schmidt

● BELOW: The teams do a lap of honour after the game played at Jubilee Oval, Broken Hill. Photo courtesy Barrier Daily Truth Photographer Gavin Schmidt



Mills' boomer of a debut



The basketball world is beginning to ask: Just how good is Indigenous star Patrick Mills.

Last month (31 July) Mills made the transition from an Emu to a kangaroo in spectacular style when he starred in his first game for the Australian men's basketball team.

Mills, 18, scored 11 points on debut as the Boomers downed Austria 84-63 in the Diego Gianatti International Basketball Tournament in Italy.

Just over a week earlier, the point guard helped the under 19s side - nicknamed the Emus - to fifth place in the FIBA world championships in Serbia.

A relatively short 181cm speedster, Mills came off the bench mid-way through the second of three 20-minute periods against Austria and immediately made his mark.

"This kid's special," Boomers head coach Brian Goorjian said after the game.

"He was our best player tonight and that has made people happy - but it has made people nervous too."

"We have four guys on tour for the point guard spot in a 14-man squad, but we'll only play 12 against New Zealand in August, so somebody has to go."

The Boomers have been on a

Will he be selected?

Melbourne Herald Sun writer Ron Reed says it will be interesting to see what, if any, part Indigenous basketball star Patrick Mills will play in the Olympic qualifying series against New Zealand.

No team has been selected for the matches on 20, 22 and 24 August in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, but his obvious talent - he appears to be the best home-grown point guard since Shane Heal - and game-breaking style would seem to be irresistible to Boomers head coach Brian Goorjian, who admitted that Mills' time was now rather than down the track.

If Goorjian fails to take the punt and loses

anyway with a safety-first approach, questions will be asked, Reed says.

There is also the not-entirely irrelevant matter of Mills' background. Although born and raised in Canberra, he is a Torres Strait Islander and only the third Indigenous basketballer to play for Australia behind Olympians Michael Ah Mat (1964) and Danny Morseau (1980-84).

Like most sports, basketball is trying hard to tap into this well of potential, and Mills' presence on the Boomers' trip is because of a grant from the new Indigenous talent ID program run by the Australian Sports Commission and Basketball Australia.

17-day European tour to prepare for the Olympic qualifying series against New Zealand to be played on 20, 22 and 24 August in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

Australia must win the Oceania Men's Championship to automatically qualify for Beijing.

Mills grew up in Canberra and is of Torres Strait Islander descent.

After completing his junior duties in Serbia, he joined the Boomers with the help of an Australian Sports Commission grant.

Mills' talent, Goorjian says,

has never been in doubt.

"I didn't know if it (Mills' step up to the seniors) was going to be down the track or now, but after tonight, I'm thinking now," the coach said.

Goorjian said it was constructive to have players fighting for a spot.

The three other point guards in the squad are Adam Gibson, Luke Kendall and the newly naturalised Darnell Mee.

Kendall didn't play against Austria after a freak accident in his hotel room.

He cut a nerve in his finger when his head struck a ceiling light and shattered glass fell on

his hand.

"Australia and Austria had never met on a basketball court before the 31 July encounter."

Sam Mackinnon top-scored for the Boomers with 14 points while Russian-based David Andersen and Perth Wildcat Damien Ryan both scored 11 points.

In a third place play-off on 5 August, Serbia beat the Boomers 86-81 in overtime.

On 4 August the Australians were defeated by Italy 86-54 in the semi-final of the Diego Gianatti tournament, putting them in the play-off for third.

- With AAP



Patrick Mills in action for the Boomers in Italy.

- FIBA picture



File picture of Patrick Mills.

'Palm' boxers get amongst the gold

By ALF WILSON



Seven Palm Island amateur boxers competed at the prestigious Queensland Golden Gloves held in Mackay on 27-28 July and returned home with five gold medals and two silvers.

Boxers travelled from Mt Isa, Blackwater, Murgon, Moranbah, Rockhampton, Townsville, Black River, Ingham, Babinda, Cairns, Yungaburra and Palm Island.

Mackay was well represented and there were 21 bouts of top action over two nights, with good crowds.

Classy Palm Island boxer Luke Lenoy was judged best junior boxer of the tournament, which was held at the Mackay High School auditorium.

Mark Flanagan, from Townsville, was judged best senior boxer.

Palm islanders travelled by ferry to Townsville and then by road to Mackay. Veteran Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis said that Lenoy was a promising boxer who won gold in the 60kg junior division.

"Luke started boxing for Palm Island when he was 10 and is now aged 15 and has lots of talent," Dennis said.

Selwyn Seaton took out gold in the 63.5kg category and then backed up in the 17 to 19 years intermediate to win another gold.

"Selwyn gave away a lot of weight to win his medals and has been boxing for Palm Island club and was the fittest of all our boxers," Dennis said.

Thirteen-year-old Dennis Haines won his first Golden Gloves gold medal and



Luke Lenoy between his proud dad Wesley, mum Jan and trainer Ray Dennis behind.

only started in the sport last year.

"Dennis won the 42kg schoolboys' division and has a bright future," Dennis said.

Another 13-year-old, John Fourmile, won a gold in the 38kg schoolboys' division and also started boxing in 2006.

Mervyn Bengaroo won a silver medal in the 35kg sub-junior division and another silver in the schoolboys' class.

"Mervyn was very unlucky to lose to the Australian champion in the schoolboys' category and also had his first bout last year," Dennis said.

Mossi Geia won a bronze medal in an elimination bout in the 48kg division and Dennis said he would improve with the experience.

"He lost his elimination bout to the gold medal winner and I think he was unlucky,"

Dennis said.

Albert Gorringer won a bronze in the 32kg division and Dennis said he was another who could have won gold or silver.

"He now has had three decision go against him which he appeared to do well in," Dennis said.

Dennis said Palm Island boxers did well against some of the better performed amateur boxers in Queensland.



Northern Territory boys with Jason McCartney, from left, Steven May, Jason McCartney, Chris Alchin and Anthony Hale.

KickStart to a future

By PETER ARGENT



A positive initiative to promote football as a career path and to create young Indigenous leaders, the 2007 Qantas AFL KickStart camp is being conducted in Melbourne.

Fifty-one boys aged from 14 and 15 years are in camp, which began last Monday and will end on Friday.

The boys have been selected by State development officers from each State and Territory to be involved in the program. The camp is designed to offer Indigenous youth a rare football and educational experience.

To add to excitement of their

stay, the boys will play a curtain-raiser before the Round 20 Collingwood-Melbourne AFL match on the MCG.

Last year they were divided into two groups, the 'Davey' squad and the 'Goodees' squad for a full-scale match inside this world famous Melbourne sporting landmark.

The Qantas AFL KickStart program uses Australian football as a vehicle to promote healthy lifestyles in Indigenous communities. The program notably works with State governments to tailor messages for different regions and communities and the total program includes NAB AFL Auskick and involves children, teenagers, adults, coaches,

administrators and women.

"This is my second year involved with this program and last year I moved the age groups back from under 16s to under 15s and 14s," AFL Youth Co-ordinator and Bali bombing hero Jason McCartney said.



"Now we have a strong working model in South Africa with Indigenous lads going across on a tour, it also serves as a bit of selection trial for this AIS team next year.

"It is aimed to replicate a week at an AFL club around January and give the young men a full grounding of what is required.

"We deal with many AFL programs and policies on drugs and respect and responsibility and there is also 'life skills' sessions."

A part of the criteria, the boys selected must attend school.

Today, (15 August), the group will spend the day at Essendon's home base, Windy Hill and will be addressed by Qantas Ambassador Cathy Freeman and recent AFL 'Hall of Fame' inductee Michael Long.

"For many of this group, this will be their first opportunity in a elite program," McCartney said.

"There will be fitness and performance testing, along with indoor training and learning recovery techniques.

"This is a football and an educational experience, to create strong people and gain leadership qualities.

"I feel confident we will soon see players on AFL lists from this program."

A successful graduate from 2005 was a member of the West Australian under 18s title winning side this year, livewire forward Chris Yarran, while another pair from the west, who McCartney tutored last year, Michael Walters and Clinton Garlett, were involved in the 2007 under 16 national championships in Brisbane.

Byron's 200-game milestone

By PETER ARGENT



In what has been a tumultuous year for both Byron Pickett and the Melbourne Football Club, the dashing star went to Manuka in our nation's capital to achieve the long-awaited feat of his 200th game at AFL against Sydney, on Sunday, August 5.

He played his 199th game under Neale Daniher in round 12 and then had to wait for another five rounds, and was under a new coach for the milestone match.

A game-breaker, the flamboyant and fearless Pickett has been involved in the adulation of two AFL premierships and the Norm Smith Medal, but equally has also endured off-field misdemeanours, which have been vividly highlighted in the media.

Both physical and skilful, the AFL's

cleansing of the game through the tribunal has seen Pickett dealt with by the judiciary. Despite these hiccups, many good judges believe as he has used his strength and hardness at the ball to great effect during his 11-year career.

Originally drafted from the Port Adelaide Magpies back in 1996 (selection number 67) and from the famed football nursery at Mallee Park, in Port Lincoln, Pickett made his AFL debut for the Kangaroos the next season, playing a single game.

He then had a big impact on AFL football in 1998.

After being a part of the pre-season premiership side that winter, he went on to become the first Indigenous player to win what is now called the 'NAB Rising Star' Award, recognising the best up-and-coming rookie talent in the AFL.

Things just kept improving in 1999, as Pickett added his first premiership medallion and All-Australian team

selection to his resume.

"That first flag was very special, especially with the calibre of player I was alongside of Glenn Archer, Peter Bell, Adam Simpson, Mick Martin and Wayne Carey - it was pretty amazing," Pickett said.

After 120 games and 81 goals with the 'Shinboners', the versatile Pickett returned to South Australia and the Power franchise at Alberton Oval.

A noted big-game player, after a magical performance in Port Adelaide's 2004 premiership victory over Brisbane, he became the fifth Indigenous player - following Maurice Rioli, Michael Long, Peter Matera and Andrew McLeod - to be given the grand final ultimate individual honour - the Norm Smith Medal.

Between 2003 and 2005, he played 55 games and kicked 80 goals in the black, white and teal colours.

He was traded across to the Melbourne Demons before the start of the

2006 season and played 20 games in his initial year.

Amazingly, he is also one of 10 AFL players who have a connection with the grassroots football club, Mallee Park, in the fishing village of Port Lincoln, in the Eyre Peninsula of South Australia.

"I have a strong connection with the extending family, uncles and aunts back there and I will be going back as soon as our season is finished," he said.

"The great support of my dad (Byron Snr) and mum (Christine) was important to my football in my youth in this environment."

Pickett also confirmed he has seen dramatic changes over this more than a decade in the game at the top level, but said he would continue to play with the same physical presence, whether he was in AFL, VFL or SANFL football.

"I get as much pleasure laying a good tackle for the team as kicking a goal," he said.

Cricket joins the spirit of NAIDOC



The Queensland Bulls and Queensland Cricket made NAIDOC Week activities a priority recently, making a series of appearances across the State.

Bulls players Chris Hartley and Ryan Broad were interviewed on stage at Musgrave Park, Brisbane, and signed autographs and chatted with fans, while Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players Eddie Mills-Grant, Tyrone Drahm and Kieran Gibbs also flew the flag for cricket.

Drahm, a 16-year-old left-arm pace bowler, made his debut earlier this year for Queensland at the Imparja Cup titles in Alice Springs, one of five teenagers in the Queensland squad.

Queensland Cricket had a display during the main Brisbane day of celebrations at Musgrave Park, with QC game development staff member Heather Wilkins also helping to promote cricket to Indigenous females across the State.

Rookie joins in

Bulls rookie contracted player Worin Williams, the first player from the Queensland Imparja Cup side to win a Queensland playing contract, also took part in the celebrations, with the latest Eddie Gilbert Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Program posters proving a popular item with the crowds.

Bulls all-rounder Aaron Nye attended a NAIDOC celebration in Caboolture, just north of Brisbane, where he signed nearly 100 autographs and mingled with members of the Indigenous community there.

- Jail visits

On a different front, Queensland and Australian all-rounder Andrew Symonds and Bulls team-mate Chris Simpson volunteered to address young Indigenous offenders at the Brisbane Youth Detention centre, while Queensland and Australian fast bowler Michael Kasprovicz and Chris Hartley spoke to Indigenous inmates at the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre.

All appearances were co-ordinated by Queensland Cricket and members of its Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee in consultation with local NAIDOC organisers.

Further afield, Queensland Cricket's Barry Weare and Andy Richards visited a number of islands in Torres Strait last month, as well as attending the annual Croc Festival on Thursday Island and conducted coaching clinics at Bamaga, on the tip of Cape York.



Teenage Queensland Imparja Cup fast bowler Tyrone Drahm pictured with models from the RAW Aboriginal Women's calendar at NAIDOC celebrations at Musgrave Park. The calendar is available now online.



Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander player Kieran Gibbs with Queensland Cricket's Heather Wilkins at NAIDOC celebrations at Musgrave Park.

Stellar performances at junior carnival

By PETER ARGENT



Among the strong performers at the National Under 16 Australian football carnival were a number of rising Indigenous stars who displayed their natural talents.

An annual event since 1996, this year the championships were held between 28 July and 4 August in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast.

Small Aboriginal mid-fielder Tindarra Hood, who hails from the Preston RSL Football Club, was a significant performer for the Victorian Metro side, which was the only Division One team which remained undefeated throughout the championships. This is the third consecutive title win by the Vic Metro combination.

For the Sandgropers, who finished second, promising talent Clinton Garlett was forced to withdraw from the tournament through injury, but Michael Waters and Ballajura lad Michael Cooper excelled.

Nick named 'Sun Sun', Waters, from Midvale Football Club in Western Australia, shared the Kevin Sheehan Medal for the Division One best and fairest player with Tom Scully, from the Vic Metro team.

"Waters was used as a mid-fielder by West Australian coach Brett Barber and was a key player in each game," AIS-AFL high performance coach Alan McConnell said.

"He has all the attributes which typify the talents from his heritage – pace, skills and impressive evasiveness.

"(Michael) Cooper was used across half-back, with occasional runs through the middle."

Waters was the fourth Indigenous player to win the Kevin Sheehan Medal since its inception in 1996. He follows Brisbane premiership player Des Headland in 1997, West Coast audacious talent Ashley Sampi in 2000, and in 2004, current Essendon rookie Leroy Jetta was the recipient.

Lara lad Allen Christensen was selected by the Victorian Country combination, but a broken leg precluded him from participation at these titles.

His father Brendan was a four-time premiership player at St Mary's in the NTFL competition.

For the well-beaten Croweaters side, Pooraka Bulls lad George Long was among their leading players.

"George had a great carnival and was quite outstanding for us in the back pocket," Brenton Phillips, under-age talent manager at the SANFL said.

"He was very creative, wasn't afraid to take opponents on and had the ability to find space in traffic.

In the Division Two section, which was won by the Queenslanders, a part of their undefeated team was 15-year-old Rex Liddy – one of the excitement packages of the tournament.

"Rex is the cousin of Cowboys Rugby League player Matt Bowen and was one of the youngest players at the event," McConnell said.

Through AFL-Queensland he was the first recipient of the Michael Voss Scholarship – he is originally from the Cape, three hours north of Cairns.

"This will give him an opportunity to further his football career in Brisbane."

The Tasmanian squad had two Indigenous players: Daniel Jago, who was back to this event for a second year, along with 195 cm North Hobart lad, Liam Jones – the son of former St Kilda footballer Bob, who played a couple of seasons and 20 games in the VFL/AFL in 1988 and 1989.

Naturally, the Northern Territory side had a large contingent of Aboriginal players. Leading performers in their group, which won their opening game against the NSW/ACT combination, included Pierce Liddle and Shannon Rioli.

"This year 60 per cent of our team were of Indigenous background, but over my three years I've been looking after teams at 16s or 18s level, it has been up to 80 per cent of the travelling squad," Damian Hale, the NT coach explained.

"Our captain Pierce Liddle led from the front and was hard at it in all three games.

"Deon Gordon, who is originally from Beattie Bay, either across half-back or in the full-back line was among our best five.

"Carl Stevens, a player who hails from Hearts Range, 200 km east of Alice Springs, kicked six goals in the first two games as well."

Mauris Clarke, the younger sibling of St Kilda stars Raphael and Xavier, received a quad injury in the final training session, and while he went away with the squad, didn't play in any of the Thunder's three fixtures.

● **Footnote: Indigenous players who have won the Alan McLean Medal for the best and fairest player in division two of the under 16s national football championships.**

1999 Richard Cole (Northern Territory)

2001 Raphael Clarke (NT)

2002 Richard Tambling (NT)

2006 Marlon Motlop (NT)



Ballajura lad Michael Cooper excelled for Western Australia at the national Australian football under 16 carnival in Queensland.

League stars challenging our kids

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"What really impressed me was the friendly nature of all the kids and that they all had a ready smile on their faces.

"It made me happy that I spent my day off visiting them."

The players coming to the NASCA Cup were then put through their paces by the Cowboys and, once again, Southern was full of praise.

"They were all talented but a couple really drew my eye with their ability to draw and pass or step the man," he said.

"Perhaps if I had spent my younger days on Palm, I might have developed a side-step."

The Cowboys have also

developed a 'Making Choices For Champions' poster in conjunction with NASCA, which takes pride of place in the classrooms of the many Indigenous communities visited by the Cowboys.

The poster highlights the likes of Matt Bowen championing healthy choices with the quote: "I chose to lead a healthy life by saying NO to drugs, cigarettes and alcohol so I could follow my dream of playing in the NRL and State of Origin."

Jonathan Thurston reinforces this message with his statement on what it takes to be a true leader.

"To be a leader, you need to

do what is right, even if that means not following what your mates are doing," the Queensland and Australian halfback says.

The theme is continued by Rod Jensen, who, at his time at the Cowboys, was renowned for passing on his passion for learning to kids.

"Education is our future," is the start to his quote. "I became a teacher so I could help young people fulfil their dreams by going to school."

Brenton Bowen – himself a former school captain at Abergowrie College – also encourages the kids to be involved in sport.

"Through playing rugby

league, I have made lots of friends and learned skills that helped me in life," says the other famous rugby league product of Hopevale.

Finally, my big mate Carl Webb goes to my own favourite topic of choice – food!

"I make sure that I eat a healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner every day," he says. "This helps me play my best footy."

I can't help but agree with Webby. I sometimes eat up to three healthy lunches a day such is my commitment to healthy eating – only joking!

The most impressive thing about this poster is that it profiles three shooting stars who

are part of the Cowboys development program.

Obe Geia, from Palm Island, Sam Bowie, from Horn Island, Ray Thompson, from Townsville, and Nathan Barraclough, from Emerald, are all young north Queenslanders following this recipe for success.

At next week's NASCA Cup, we may well see the next Matty Bowen, Jonathan Thurston or Carl Webb.

More importantly, we will hopefully see a whole new generation of kids who will be making choices to become champions in life – whatever their dream might be!

Good luck to each and every one of them!

Pride of the Lions

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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was one of the reasons why the Lions' defensive record improved markedly as the 2000 season wore on.

As all teams who played against the Lions during their premiership run know, it was their tenacity in defence that provided the platform to greatness.

Originally a forward and renowned goalsneak, Chris' move to the back line saw him reach new heights and he is now known as one of the best small defenders in the business.

At 180cm, he is not a tall man, but that doesn't stop him with his evasive skills, great footwork and versatility being crucial parts of the Lions' defence.

Sometimes you never really appreciate something until it is gone and so it was with Johnson when the side really felt his absence when he missed several weeks in 2003 through injury.

He has twice been named on the All-Australian squad – in 2002 and 2004 – and this year captained the victorious Aboriginal All-Stars in the 2005 game against the Bulldogs.

His presence will be crucial as the Lions attempt to secure a finals spot and, if successful, his experience will pose a threat to any opposing side.

His experiences with the All-Stars rate highly alongside his other achievements in the game.

"To be part of the All-Stars, and to be on the field with all of them, is the most amazing feeling," Chris said.

"There's a real sense of camaraderie – not that we don't take the game seriously. We take it very seriously. No-one holds back, you know?"

"But to play together like that,



Chris Johnson on the burst during the AFL Indigenous Allstars v Essendon match at TIO Stadium, Darwin, on 9 February 2007.

— AAP Image

on a team that's all-Aboriginal – you just can't describe the feeling."

2005 was a stellar year for Chris, although it seems extraordinary to think that this was the first season in which the dashing defender finished in the top three in the Brisbane Lions' fairest-and-best count.

In fact, it would probably be said that Johnson's runner-up finish to Jason Akermanis in the prestigious Merrett-Murray Medal was only a matter of time.

After all, Johnson averaged the best part of 15 possessions per game since 2001 – playing mainly in a back pocket.

Most good judges believe Johnson to be one of the real keys to the side's success.

His evasive skills, superb foot skills and the rebound that he provides the side are all an important part of the Lions' defence.

In 2004, he fulfilled a long-held personal goal to play in every game (25) for the year. He added consistency to his dynamic game and was rewarded with eighth place in the club champion vote.

He had nine 18-possession-plus games, including a season high 27 in a brilliant display against St Kilda in Round 21.

Johnson finally received Club Champion recognition for a 2005 in which he was perhaps the Lions' most consistent contributor.

And his joy at being rated so highly amongst his peers was there for all to see with an emotional acceptance speech at the Merrett-Murray function.

Johnson is a quietly determined character and he has to work particularly hard every summer to keep the kilos from his naturally heavy frame.

Like all true champions, he has a background of dedication and perseverance to match his natural ability.

He maintains that the physical pressure on players today is far greater than when he first started.

"There is so much demand on the AFL body now as a professional athlete, with training up to eight sessions a week," he said.

"More endurance capacity is required, the knocks are harder and together with the travelling, the demands are higher."

This is far different from the days when Johnson's natural talent shone through as a junior.

A product of Jacana, in suburban Melbourne, Johnson was a stand-out junior and among many highlights of his under-age career he was a Victorian Teal Cup (U17) representative at 16 in 1992.

In 1993, when he was a key member of the Northern Knights' VSFL U18 premiership side, he kicked seven goals in the second half of the grand final – a stunning effort which earned him selection at No 6 in the National Draft.

He slotted immediately into the Fitzroy side in 1994, starting

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The North Queensland Cowboys and NASCA will join forces this week to stage the third annual NASCA Challenge in the lead-up to the match against St George-Illawarra at Dairy Farmers Stadium, Townsville.

This year's NASCA Challenge which will see kids travel to Townsville as a reward for improved performance at school, with eight teams representing the following schools and communities: Palm Island, Yarrabah, Torres Strait (The Torres Strait Island group and the Northern Peninsula Area), Eastern Cape (Cooktown, Hopevale, Wujal Wujal, Rossville, Bloomfield), Western Cape (Weipa, Mapoon, Aurakun, Lockhart River, Pompuuraw and Kowanyama), North-West (Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Dajarra), Djarragun College (Gordonvale), and Shalom College.

Part of the funds for the program were raised from this year's Reconciliation Cup where the Cowboys' autographed jerseys were auctioned with NASCA also directly



Matty Bowen spreading the healthy lifestyle message in the classroom.



Brenton Bowen with children on Palm Island.

contributing to community travel costs.

The Challenge has grown as a result of the shared values of the Cowboys and NASCA and promotes the key messages of education, healthy lifestyles and positive choices.

The starting point for the Challenge was a request from Palm Island to the Cowboys to send role models to the school attempt to improve levels of school attendance.

NASCA and the Cowboys then combined to provide an incentive to maintain attendance by establishing the Challenge as a reward for students who reached targets set by the school.

The program has now expanded into one of the major sporting events in the calendar for these communities.

During the past week, Cowboys players Steve Southern, Ashley Graham, Brett Anderson and Obe Geia visited Palm Island as part of the program and called into St Michael's Primary and Bwgcolman Community primary and Secondary schools.

Tough forward Steve 'Bluey' Southern was amazed at the impact the visit had on the kids.

"I'm used to our 'Adopt-A-School' program, but it was amazing to see the community turn out when we visited the two primary schools and the high school," the tough-as-teak forward said.

"It's great to be able to reinforce the hard work of the teachers and community leaders when we speak to the kids about the key messages of positive choices, education and healthy lifestyles."



The North Queensland Cowboys' 'Making Choices For Champions' poster produced in conjunction with NASCA. It takes pride of place in the classrooms of the many northern Indigenous communities.



Jonathan Thurston in the classroom.



Obe Geia back at Palm Island.



Big Carl Webb addressing boys from Badu Island.

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Prince a Test must



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Nobody likes to profit from the injury or misfortune of others, but the tragic season-ending injury to Australian and Broncos captain Darren Lockyer has created the opportunity for fans to witness the pairing of North Queensland's Jonathan Thurston in the halves with the Gold Coast Titans captain Scott Prince.

Prince's majestic return from injury against the Wests Tigers should dispel any doubts about his capacity to return to representative football.

Recent reports that Kangaroos selectors are considering making an emergency call to UK-based Trent Barrett as a replacement for Darren Lockyer in the October Centenary Test against New Zealand are an insult and a disgrace.

In making these comments, I mean no disrespect to Trent Barrett, who had a distinguished representative career, but they do show little respect to the likes of Prince and other contenders including Greg Inglis and Greg Bird.

They are particularly insulting when they come just a month after Test coach Ricky Stuart argued that Melbourne centre Matt King should be dropped from the NSW Origin team as it became obvious he would sign with Warrington.

There is no consistency in this argument.

Barrett has naturally declared he would be willing to answer the call and nobody would expect otherwise.

The former St George-illawarra captain broke a 10-month Australian media silence to



Scott Prince and Trevor Gilmeister discuss tactics during the Gold Coast Titans v Melbourne Storm match at BCU International Stadium, Coffs Harbour, on 17 February, 2007. — AAP Image

confirm his desire to wear the green and gold again.

"If asked to come back and play, I'd love to be considered," Barrett said from his home in Wigan. "I know I wouldn't let them down if I was given that chance again."

An Australian player has never been recalled to the Southern Hemisphere for a Test, although it is common practice for the Kiwis.

Stuart defended his stance from with a win-at-all-costs attitude.

"The possibility of selecting players who've chosen to further their future overseas is something I've spoken out against previously," Stuart said.

"But we've also never been in this current predicament that we're facing in regards to our available playing stock. What other options do we have?"

"With injuries to key players and our determination to win, the only option we may have is to follow other international sports by allowing our overseas-based players to be available for selection."

"At the end of the day, my role

as the Test coach isn't something I treat lightly.

"I don't want to look back and think what might have been had we not covered all our options - and that includes looking at players overseas."

I am certain the selectors are aware that Prince and Thurston played much of their junior and early grade football in the five-eighth position.

I can remember comparing Benji Marshall to a young Scott Prince debuting for the Cowboys fresh from the hardened fields of Mt Isa.

Even then, my imagination was inspired by the thought of Prince one day partnering Thurston at the highest level.

Prince has represented Queensland and Australia previously and has led a team to grand final victory, winning the Clive Churchill Medal in the process.

His performances in helping establish the Gold Coast Titans as a competitive team in their first season in the NRL has been nothing short of outstanding.

His inspirational co-captain at

the Gold Coast, prop Luke Bailey, claimed Prince is more important to the NRL club than former Test captain Andrew Johns had been to Newcastle.

Johns was plagued by various injuries throughout his illustrious career and a neck problem forced him to prematurely retire from the game this year.

The Knights often fell to pieces without their chief playmaker until youngsters like Jarrod Mullen, Kurt Gidley and Luke Walsh were groomed to fill the massive void left by Johns' departure.

Bailey said Prince was the jewel in the crown for the Titans, especially considering it was the club's inaugural season in the NRL.

"I think he's more important than Joey was to Newcastle," Bailey said.

"You take out the key player and it's a lot tougher."

His words echo true when you consider how desperate NSW was in their search for a quality halfback for this year's Origin series.

If not for his Queensland eligibility and the form of Thurston,

Prince would be the first halfback chosen for either State.

Crisis.... What crisis?

To not select a fit and healthy Prince would be a slap in the face to one of the most talented footballers to grace our game.

In typical modest form, Prince said while he was comfortable about wearing the number six jersey, speculation about Test chances was a little premature.

"I'd love the opportunity, but in saying that you've still got to play good consistent football for the team and hopefully be part of September," he said.

Prince was more concerned about the danger the Warriors posed to the Titans' finals chances last weekend in New Zealand.

The returning Titans number seven was instrumental in his side's much-needed win against the Tigers just over a week ago, but he expected a much tougher task against a side he believed had the talent to challenge Melbourne for the premiership.

The Kangaroos' Centenary Test with New Zealand will be held in Wellington, two weeks after the NRL grand final, on October 14.

Chris Johnson looks at his career one step at a time

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in the back pocket and adapting quickly to AFL football.

Johnson initially sought a transfer to a Melbourne-based club over the 1997-98 summer for personal reasons, but eventually stayed in Brisbane with a new-found resolve to make the most of his situation.

If you were to look for a moment that defined Johnson's career, you need not look beyond the 2001 grand final which mirrored his season - a little slow to get warmed up, but once he did, look out!

He was brilliant through the second half revival and almost kicked one of the great grand final goals in history during the second quarter when he received the ball in the centre circle and streaked

downfield, bouncing the ball three times.

He had Dean Rioli right on his hammer, but dropped him off with a super swerve.

To the dismay of the crowd, he hit the inside of the goalpost from 35 metres, but still finished among the best players on the ground.

As the cliché goes, he is taking his career one step at a time.

"When you hit 30, clubs don't talk three year contracts, they take it year by year," he said.

If the Lions reach the finals, he is a player capable of lifting all those around him.

He is a professional whose natural talent still shines like a beacon and inspires his team-mates and fans alike. Until next time - Keep Dreaming!

Indigenous footballers now making **Ready to Roar!**



Tahj Minniecon during a training session with the Queensland Roar.
Picture: Queensland Roar FC

Tahj Minniecon, an Indigenous soccer player who has signed with Queensland Roar, has his sights set on the Beijing Olympics.

Beyond that, he wants to play overseas and become involved with young people.

Minniecon was a key member of the Qantas Young Socceroos who have just won the Weifang Cup in China.

The Young Socceroos recorded a 1-0 win over Uzbekistan in its final game of the tournament, finishing a point ahead of hosts China.

The only goal of the game came courtesy of Adelaide United's Matt Mullen after 31 minutes.

Australia won the tournament, ahead of China and Iran. Australia won four of its five matches, its only loss to hosts

China, who scored a late winner.

Given it was the team's fifth game in 10 days and all played in stifling heat and humidity, the match itself was a fairly lackluster affair with little in the way of good goal scoring chances.

Mullen's goal will not be one he will remember for its execution, as he knew little about it. A free kick taken by Ante Cicak, saw a scramble develop in the penalty box and the ball deflected off Mullen's back and into the goal.

The tournament was ideal preparation for the squad in readiness for their AFC under 20 qualifying tournament later this year.

The tournament was the first international outing for the current generation of Young Socceroos who will complete their schedule with further

matches against Uzbekistan and top Chinese club Shandong Luneng.

Qualification for the 2009 FIFA World Youth Cup will start in October with the first stage of qualifying to be followed next year by the AFC under 19 championship.

Two-year deal

Minniecon has joined the Queensland Roar after spending time at the Australian Institute of Sport.

His favoured position is striker.

He signed on a two-year deal with the Roar and said: "This is my home-town club and ever since the Hyundai A-League started, I always wanted to start my career with Queensland Roar. My family and friends are in Brisbane and I can't wait to

get started."

Tahj James Rodney Minniecon was born in Cairns in February 1989. He is of Aboriginal and Island descent, with connections to the Kabi Kabi and Wiradjuri mobs and Vanuatu.

He began playing soccer at the age of 10 in Canberra.

By the time he was 12, he had played in all regional and State levels up to the age of 15.

At 14, he travelled with a 16-year-old non-Indigenous boy to train with Blackburn Rovers in the United Kingdom.

By the time he was 16, he had played soccer at State and national levels and was selected for a full scholarship with Queensland Academic of Sport.

The following year, he was selected for a full scholarship with Australia Institute of Sport (AIS).

When he was 17, he was selected to represent Australia in Japan for the Niigata Tournament, where he scored the winning goal against Hungary to bring home the cup.

He also was selected for the Youth Olympics in Sydney 2007, where he scored the goal that secured Australia the bronze medal.

With the Young Socceroos in the Weifang Cup in China, he set up the winning goal to win the tournament and was selected by the media as player of the tournament.

Minniecon has been approached to become an Indigenous Youth Ambassador for soccer.

He also has been selected to trail for the Qantas Under 23s crucial qualifying match for the Beijing Olympics 2008.

their mark on the round-ball game

Captaincy honours

Jade North, captain of the Newcastle Jets in the Hyundai A-League soccer competition.

Jade North to lead Newcastle

By PETER ARGENT

One of the most high credentialed defenders in the Hyundai A-League competition, the Newcastle Jets have now awarded Indigenous soccer star Jade North with club captaincy.

"It was a bit of a shock, but equally a great honour – naturally I am happy about it," North told the *Koori Mail*.

"Our coach pulled me aside about a month ago and suggested I'd be a part of the leadership group.

"But when it was announced after a gym session, I didn't see it coming."

Having turned 25 last January and having a 'round ball' code resume which stands with the best in our land, North already has two championship titles from the old National Soccer League (NSL) competition – in 2001 with Sydney Olympic, and 2004, while with Perth Glory.

He was a part of the only Australian team to make a 'World Cup' final, at under 17 level in New Zealand. This was back in 1999, when the Joeys went down to the Brazilians in a penalty shootout.

He has won the national strip also a Qantas Under 23s and Young Socceroos level, along with being capped for the senior team on 13 occasions so far.

"I believe to further my career at Australian level, you need to move overseas," North said.

"But I have just signed a two-year deal with the Jets and timing is an issue when you look at opportunities overseas."

Proud of heritage

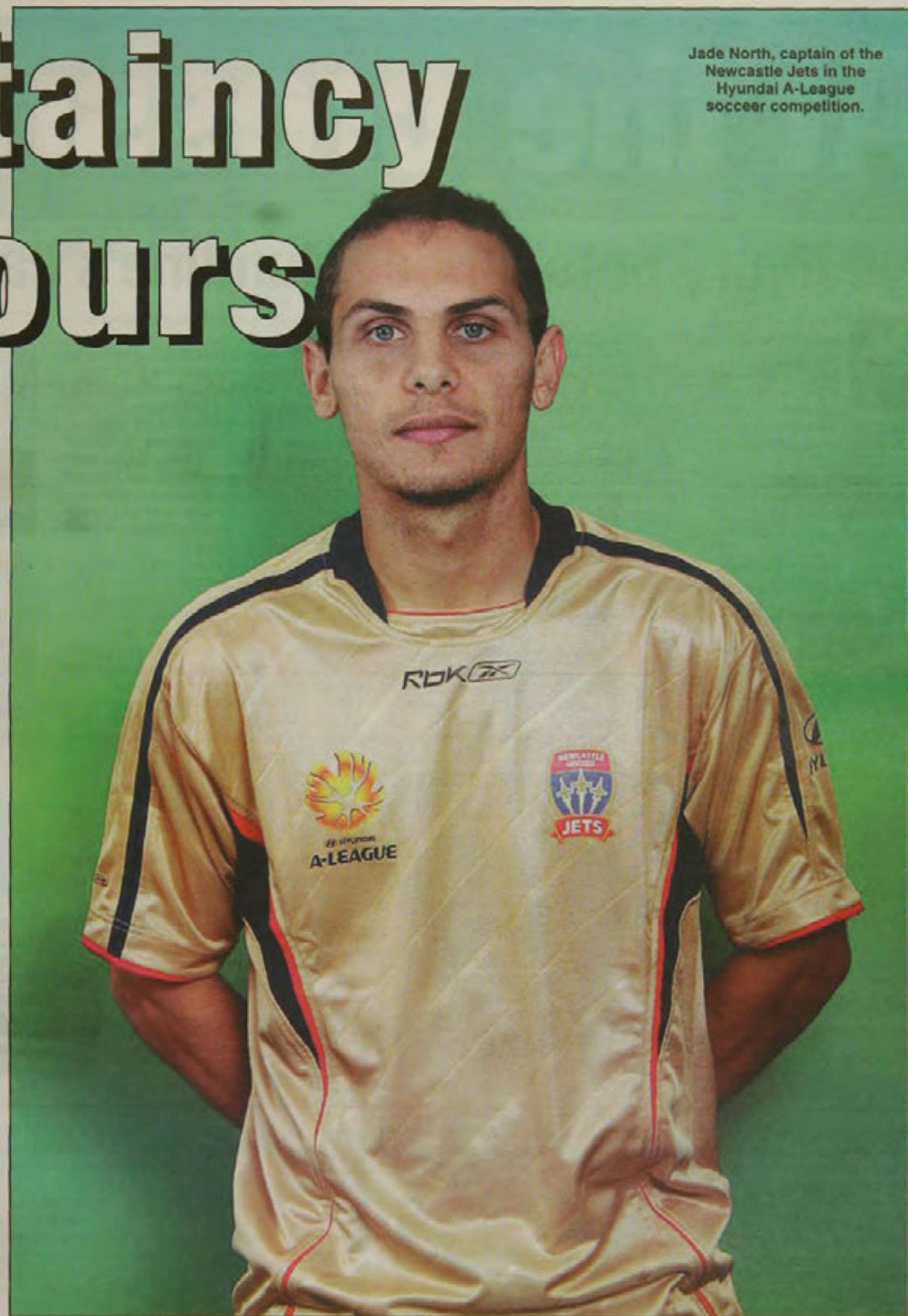
Originally from Taree, in Northern New South Wales, North is from the Biripi people and is a passionate about his heritage as he is about his profession as a footballer.

His 2007-08 regular season starts will a trip across the nation to Perth against the Glory on 26 August.

"They have been a bit of a bogey team from us, but the Jets have been a consistent group over the past two years," North said.

"We have a good hard-working squad and there is a strong bond between all the players.

"This is an important components when it comes the critical times of the year.



"We have the capacity to go all the way and take out the championship this year."

North has seen significant growth in his football code over the past three years since the start of the revised A-League, but since Australia's participation in the World Cup, the game has reached a new dimension.

"It has certainly got more focus since the start of the A-League, but since the World Cup, the passion for the game has exploded in Australia," he said.

"This also has been shown by the respect which has filtered down to the players in the A-League competition.

"It also is bring bigger names to our competition and is putting bums on seats – along with giving our game profile."

The classy central defender, who has been a marquee player for in Australia since the start of the decade, gives credit in his football life to a junior coach Gary Stafford, who was a big influence when he was a junior and was a good

friend after that.

Another person who helped with North's confidence as he progressed was Queensland Academy of Sport championship-winning coach with Sydney, Gary Phillips.

Still with aspirations of playing in the ultimate event for any proponent of his code – the World Cup – and keen to experience football in another country, Jade North's first priority is to be a good leader for the Jets this season and to hold the unusual A-League crown aloft.



Tahj Minniecon is about to make his debut in the Hyundai A-League soccer competition. Read about him on Page 94

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At the crossroads

Eye injury puts 'Choc' Mundine's career in doubt



Tony Mundine has revealed son Anthony, who is battling a career-threatening eye infection, had an agreement in place for a highly lucrative boxing showdown with either Mikkel Kessler or Joe Calzaghe.

WBA super middleweight world champion Mundine remains in a Sydney hospital.

He was still without sight in his left eye.

Mundine's eye specialist John Males has said it is highly unlikely he'll regain full vision.

But Tony Mundine told the Koori Mail that hopes were high that 'The Man' would regain vision.

"He's positive and I'm positive," Mundine Snr said.

"Of course, we're worried about his future.

"It will at least 16 weeks before he

starts training."

Danish WBA super champion Kessler and Welsh WBO title-holder Calzaghe, who are both undefeated, will meet at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium in November to determine who rules the super middleweight division.

Tony Mundine revealed that Anthony, who lost a title fight against Kessler in Sydney in 2005, was set to face the winner in a bout that would have guaranteed the outspoken Australian a multi-million-dollar payday.

"(Kessler and Calzaghe) are fighting later this year and the winner fights Anthony," Mundine Snr said.

"That was the deal."

Mundine's father also revealed more details about the cause of his son's problem, which began after a routine operation to remove a growth in his eye.

He was given some protective

contact lenses to wear before heading to New Zealand.

While dining in a New Zealand restaurant, a lens fell from his eye onto the floor, and Mundine - who doesn't normally wear contacts - picked it up and cleaned it with his mouth before putting it back in his eye.

A severe infection developed. It has put the former NSW State of Origin rugby league representative's boxing career was in limbo.

"We're just hoping and praying that he doesn't lose any sight long-term and he can come back and do what he wants to do in sport," Mundine Snr said.

"I've talked to the doctor and he said it's a dangerous thing at the moment and we'll find out in the next few days how he's going, good or bad.

"I think all they can do is give him antibiotics and check out what damage he's done. Anthony's a very fit boy and lives well so hopefully everything comes good."

If Mundine's eye fails to recover and he is forced to retire, it would be a cruel blow for an athlete who is still improving at his craft.

Mundine crushed compatriot Sam Soliman in Sydney in March, becoming the first boxer to knock the veteran out, to reclaim the WBA belt for a second time and appeared to have his best days in the ring ahead of him.

"The Man" said he was contemplating life without boxing.

"Yeah, not just boxing, but any sport really, sport's a big part of my life (but) I'm just happy I've still got my life," Mundine told the Nine Network.

Mundine is acknowledged as one of the country's most gifted natural athletes. - With AAP



Anthony Mundine inside the ring at Aussie Stadium, Sydney, on 31 January 2006, for the announcement of one of Australian boxing's most anticipated fights - the WBA super middleweight bout between Mundine and Danny Green. Mundine won that fight. - AAP Image



Anthony Mundine rips into Pablo Daniel Zamora Nieves, of Argentina, in the WBA super middleweight title at the Gold Coast Convention Centre last 27 June. Mundine won the fight that went the full 12 rounds. - AAP Image

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