



Stolen Gens claims lodged

By Tasmanian Correspondent
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TASMANIA'S Stolen Generations assessor Ray Groom has confirmed that 151 applications for compensation have been received from Aboriginal people who were removed from their families as children, under racist policies at the hands of former Tasmanian governments.

Payments from a \$5 million fund will be made under the *Stolen Generations of Aboriginal Children Act 2006*, which was passed by the Tasmanian Parliament last November.

The legislation provides for one-off payments to be made, not just to living members of the Stolen Generations, but also for the surviving children of those members who are deceased. Applications closed last month.

Mr Groom, a former Liberal Premier of Tasmania who was appointed as assessor in January, told the Koori Mail that he was 'very, very surprised and very pleased' when the bill was put to the

Tasmanian Parliament last year.

"It's pretty unique, on a national scene it's pretty special. I was formerly in Parliament, in a different party (but) I just think it's a very significant step," he said.

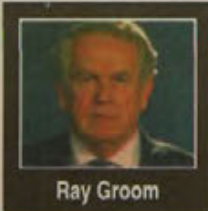
Mr Groom confirmed that other State governments and the Federal Government had contacted his office seeking information about details of how the Tasmanian scheme worked.

"I don't think that they said to us they were creating a similar scheme, but they certainly showed interest," he said.

"I hope other States will consider it, it may be more difficult because of numbers and costs involved but it is a good precedent for (them) to follow.

"I think it's a very good scheme, one that can be managed and provides ex-gratia payments to quite a large number of people affected without all the delays, difficulties and uncertainties faced if you go through the court system," he said.

The Tasmanian scheme came under increased focus earlier this month when the South Australian Supreme Court awarded Riverland Stolen Generations member Bruce



Ray Groom

Seeing the sea differently



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people have drawn sustenance and inspiration from the sea since time immemorial, but there are always new skills to be learned.

In recent times, Indigenous people have been involved in a number nautical initiatives around the country aimed at developing their leadership capacity and employment prospects.

Pictured here are Kristopher Suttle, 13, and Wade Thompson, 17, who are amongst nine young Aboriginal people in a group sailing South Australia's *One and All* from Adelaide to Sydney as part of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Tall Ships Program.

The group members were selected on the

basis of their high achievements which, for many, have involved major struggles against disadvantage and adversity.

"Regardless of the talents or challenges of the young people who take part, they all get something – and something different – out of it," said the *One and All's* Chief Executive Philip Marshall.

"The skills they learn on board don't just stay on the ship. They will carry what they learn and experience with them when they return to their community and hopefully, through their whole life."

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Lowitja turns 75

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Mills makes a stunning debut

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This is a photo of me with my parents Bev and Stan, my children Nichola and Adrian and my nephew Dewayne.

We're standing outside the Aboriginal Children's Centre just out of Hobart, which is pretty appropriate. Me and my sister Diana, or Di Di, as she's affectionately known to the centre's community, have worked here since it opened 19 years ago. My dad is the gardener, my children came here and so did Dewayne, who has also worked here and now comes up here to sing.

It's also how Dewayne came to be in our family. When he was two he started living with my brother Micheal, then with my mother, and still does.

There's also another five siblings: Paul, Kenny, Fred, Joey and Belinda – that makes eight of us. And there's lots of grandkids and great grandkids.

We are a strong, close knit, hard working family, with good old-fashioned values.

We grew up in Nichols Rivulet, in the Channel near Fanny's Church. Fanny Cochrane Smith, who we are descended from, was the first Aboriginal person to be given a land grant back in the 1880s, some of which she donated for the little church to be built on.

My dad worked on the mills that my Pop had all down through that area.

We moved up the road to Electrona when I was five. Other kids called it the ghetto. There were ten of us living in a three-bedroom, seven-square home, with a pool table in the middle of the lounge room. We loved it though, I couldn't have wanted for a better childhood. I always say every child should have a childhood like we did.

My baby sister Belinda had special needs. She lived at home with my devoted parents her whole life. They did everything for her.

As children, we weren't just dealing with living down there, and being an Aboriginal family, but dealing with the discrimination of having a family member

with special needs.

Belinda was and is the reason for my social justice, to go out and fight for equality. I was advocating social justice at six or seven, making people accountable for their comments. I once had a class mate stand up in front of the whole class and apologise for nasty comments she had made about my sister.

Belinda kept us all strong, kept us together. She was just adored by everybody.

My nephew Dewayne would sing to her every night.

Sadly, we lost Belinda earlier this year, she was 37. She passed away only days before Dewayne auditioned for *Australian Idol*, he wasn't going to go to the audition but we all told him that's what Belinda would have wanted.

He sang a song he wrote for her. Those judges said it was the first time they had been touched by any of the thousands auditioning.

He got to the top 50, they asked him to come back next year. I know he's going to go a long way though, *Australian Idol* or no *Australian Idol*.

And I'm proud to say I 'discovered' him,



From left, Bev Smith, Nichola Overeem, Alison Overeem, Dewayne Everettsmith, Adrian Smith and Stanley Smith.

sitting in my lounge room singing. His first break was at an Aboriginal Children's Centre concert and the rest is history.

Anyway, I am now a single mother working full time and proud of it, thanks to the wonderful support of my parents.

I've got a bloody good family. I visit my parents every day, they still live in the Channel Area.

My sister Belinda will live in my heart and soul forever.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

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OUR CHILDREN



Children from Lismore Jarjum Pre-school in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales had a community get-together earlier this month to celebrate NAIDOC and National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day (NAICD). Pictured here, from left, are Jada Williams, Heather Williams and Damon Coldwell.

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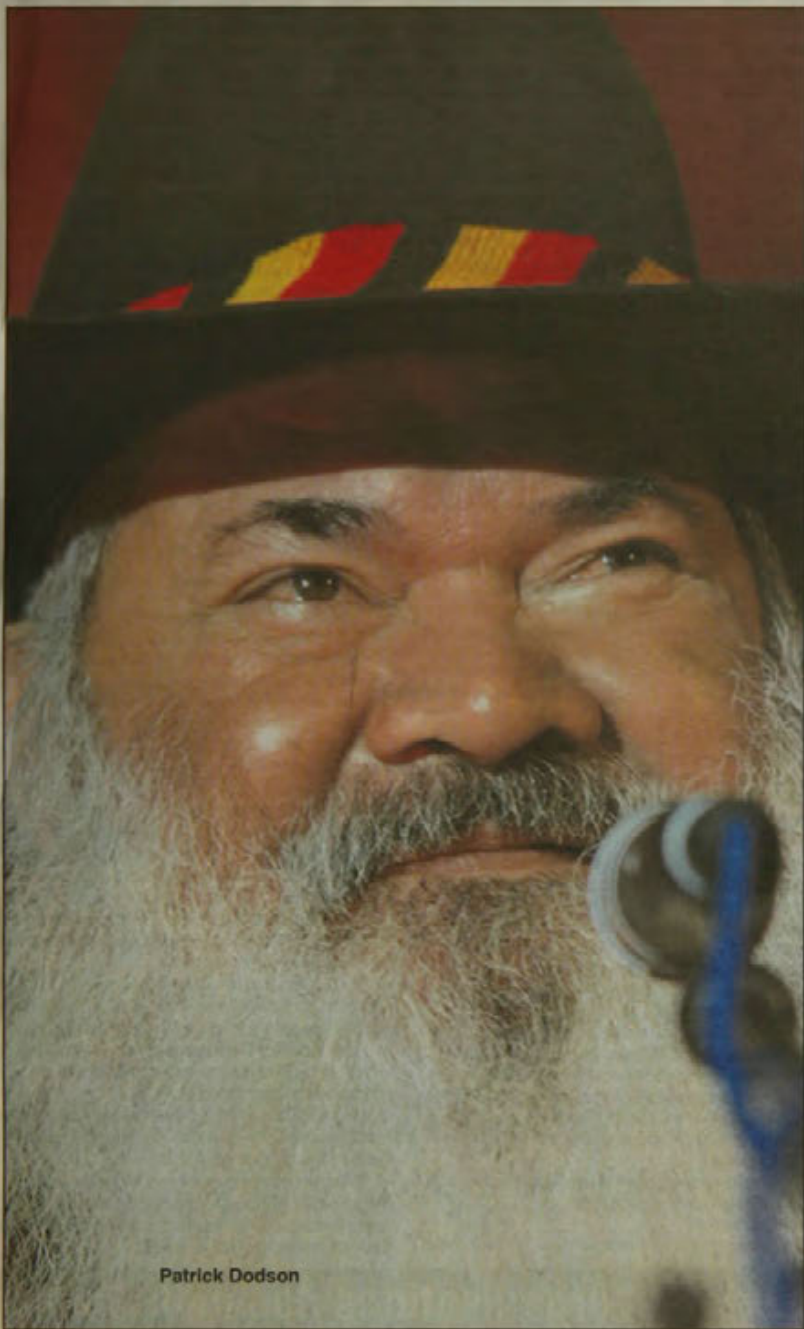
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Pat Dodson's film career is looking up



Patrick Dodson

PATRICK Dodson, one of Australia's most recognisable people, is often referred to as 'the Father of Reconciliation'.

In actual fact, he relinquished the position of Chairperson of the former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR) about a decade ago, but the title has stuck.

And from his traditional country around Broome, in Western Australia's

Kimberley region, the Yawuru man is still working to build a bridge over Australia's black and white divide.

Recently, he has developed new skills as the co-producer of a new documentary called *Liarn Ngarn* that was officially launched in Sydney last week.

The film chronicles the history of Indigenous Australia through the eyes of English actor Pete Postlethwaite and his outback road trip with

singer Archie Roach, whose songs feature heavily.

"*Liarn Ngarn* began as a journey of discovery," said Mr Dodson. "It is now a documentary which aims to change people's perceptions and attitudes to Indigenous people, and to assist with the process of true and lasting reconciliation."

— Photo by James Robertson, and courtesy of ANTAR

● See page 9 for more on *Liarn Ngarn* and its Sydney launch.

151 to seek restitution

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Trevorrow close to half a million dollars in compensation for his treatment by SA government welfare authorities.

Mr Groom has begun interim assessments of applications but they won't be finalised until later this year.

"What I said at the outset was I really wanted to look at all applications and do the necessary study before making the final decision. I'm learning from each application," Mr Groom said. "To be fair to everybody, it's extremely helpful to have all the information available to then make the final decisions."

"Some will be unsuccessful, there's no doubt about that. I would say the majority will be successful."

He said that of the 151 applications received, 63 came from northern Tasmania, 38 from southern Tasmania, 17 from the north-west Tasmania, 32 from interstate and one from New Zealand. Applications have come from Tasmanian and mainland Aboriginal people who were removed by State authorities while living in Tasmania.

Twenty-three applications were from the children of deceased members of the Stolen Generations who may be eligible to claim payments of \$5000 or a maximum of \$20,000 for a family group.

"It's really been a privilege, if that's the right word, to be given this task to look at this very personal information

of people," Mr Groom said.

"All of the files from the relevant government agencies are provided to me and I look through all the detail."

"It's very emotional. The detail of just what people have been through, the circumstances they faced, as virtually babies in many cases, it's very, very sad," said the father-of-six.

"I've met quite a few of the applicants in person to talk about issues I need to understand in a bit more detail. And something that strikes me is the resilience that many have shown, when you know the circumstances they faced and what they've managed to achieve in their lives. Others haven't recovered."

Mr Groom said that quite a few people had learned a lot about themselves through the application process; discovering siblings they never knew they had and birth certificates revealed to some that they had been celebrating their birthdays on the wrong day all their lives.

"At the end of the process, I will report to the Parliament, and I hope to be able to reflect some of the tragic circumstances. I've got to do that within 30 days of my final determination."

"It's a chapter in history that should be told at some stage, in some form. There's been a great lack of understanding of Aboriginal heritage and culture since white people came here."

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Laws pass amid funding furore



Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough.



HISTORIC changes for Northern Territory Aborigines have been signed off by Federal Parliament, ushering in a new wave of intervention in Indigenous communities.

The laws – which are discriminatory, by the government's own admission – were passed after a marathon 27 hours of debate in the Senate.

They include the controversial Commonwealth takeover of indigenous township leases, removal of the Aboriginal land permits system, quarantining of welfare payments for neglectful parents and bans on alcohol and pornography.

The measures were announced in June by Prime Minister John Howard in response to the *Little Children are Sacred* report, which exposed chronic sexual abuse in remote communities.

But as the laws were passed, a co-author of the report told an Aboriginal health conference she felt betrayed and sidelined by the government's refusal to address the document's 90-plus recommendations.

Pat Anderson branded the measures 'just a further form of abuse'.

"What we have is a prime minister and his ministers who don't have a heart," she said.

"Their approach isn't going to nurture any kind of development ... nothing."

Community Services Minister Nigel Scullion hailed the passage of the laws as an historic occasion, saying they would lift a 'veil of silence' around Indigenous suffering.

"This legislation will help open indigenous communities to overcome the circumstances that led to the shocking accounts outlined in the *Little Children are Sacred* report," he said.

Senator Scullion admitted that the NT legislation was discriminatory, but warned the measures could not go ahead if anti-discrimination laws applied.

While supporting the package, Labor tried to make the laws subject to the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* and to guarantee 'just terms' compensation for Aboriginal people whose land will be seized by the commonwealth.

The laws only provide for indigenous people to be offered 'a reasonable amount' of compensation.

Labor also warned abolishing Aboriginal employment programs would be counterproductive.

The government says the temporary seizure of

Indigenous land is needed to ensure open access to previously closed settlements so that houses and community facilities can be built and repaired.

Survey and medical teams have already been deployed to the Territory to assess the infrastructure needs of Indigenous settlements and provide health checks for children.

Australian Greens leader Bob Brown said the laws were racist and discriminatory.

He joined the Democrats in voting against the package in the Senate.

Harry Nelson, a traditional owner from Yuendumu and part of the high-profile delegation of Aboriginal leaders who converged on Canberra to try and stop the new laws, said it was a 'sad day for all Australians'.

"Our dream has been shattered. This is coming from my heart," Mr Nelson said.

"After all these years of fighting for our land and our freedom, this is where we end up."

Funding farce

Labor is demanding the Federal Government explain where more than \$100 million allocated for Indigenous education, health and family violence programs has gone.

Analysis of figures by the office of Labor's Indigenous affairs spokeswoman Jenny Macklin has found \$102.4 million promised in the 2005-06 budget was never spent.

The shortfall included \$25.5 million allocated for health services in Indigenous communities and \$37.4 million for tertiary Abstud.

An extra \$16 million promised for employment and economic development programs was also not spent.

Labor said the figures show the government had failed to spend money on services that would have made children safer.

"Public funding should be accounted for and spent on programs that work to help Indigenous people become self-reliant," Ms Macklin said.

"The Howard Government has a responsibility for using funding properly for the benefit of children and their families."

Ms Macklin said the government should also reveal details of any missing millions allocated to Indigenous programs in 2006-07.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said some allocated money was not spent because organisations slated for funding had not measured up. – AAP

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Aboriginal organisations doomed: Dodson

THE Federal Government's intervention in the Northern Territory will lead to the decimation of Aboriginal support organisations, Aboriginal leader Patrick Dodson says.

Mr Dodson said the government was negating the advancements Aboriginal organisations had made over the past decade.

Only the health services would stay intact as they were critical to closing the life expectancy gap between non-Indigenous and Indigenous Australians, the former chairman of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation



Patrick Dodson

claimed.

"It (the Commonwealth) is seeking to wind back the advances that we've made over the 10 years through the

destruction of all the organisations," Mr Dodson said.

While some bodies would benefit from reforms, Mr Dodson said he feared they would be abandoned without any effort towards improvement. "Land councils, (representative) bodies, legal services, housing associations whatever is left will disappear," Mr Dodson said.

"We'll probably have the medical services just left intact because at least most Australians understand the gap in terms of life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples." – AAP



NT Chief Minister Clare Martin said the first five years of her 20-year blueprint would result in 223 new jobs, 12 new police stations, 40 additional officers, 10 community courts and 47 remote teachers.

Brough says sorry for kava comment

INDIGENOUS Affairs Minister Mal Brough has been forced to apologise to a Northern Territory Aboriginal community for describing it as living 'in a fog of substance abuse'.

The Yirrkala community in north-east Arnhem Land had asked a visiting Federal Government scoping party to leave.

They told the group of bureaucrats they were tired of answering the same questions and frustrated because they were not being provided with any answers.

Mr Brough weighed into the debate on radio later in the week, saying the locals who rejected the party were heavy users of kava and 'in a fog of substance abuse'.

Mr Brough said the next day he was sorry for the comment.

"I'm not here to offend people - we are here to help people," he said.

"And if people have been offended by that I'm really disappointed if they are and I'm sorry if they are."

Mr Brough said he had visited the community and heard first-hand from

senior people that kava was a problem.

The kava ban, however, has resulted in an increase in crime, gambling and a black market trade in alcohol and marijuana, according to the Yirrkala Community Council.

First introduced to Aboriginal communities in the 1980s as an alternative to alcohol, kava was officially outlawed as part of the government's intervention to combat child sexual abuse.

Council coordinator Adrian Rota said crime had increased in the dry Arnhem Land community since the kava ban.

"People who have drunk kava in the past are drinking alcohol, and it's having a very different affect on them, he said.

"There are also people sniffing petrol. It has just gone silly and the weekends are the worst."

Mr Rota said the community, which ran out of the drink three weeks ago, had seen increased call-outs to police, who were unable to cope with the additional load. - AAP

NT Govt responds to abuse report



THE Northern Territory Government has unveiled its response to the child abuse report that prompted a radical federal intervention, almost four months after it was handed the findings.

The \$286 million 'plan for generational change' aims to tackle Aboriginal disadvantage by working on seven priority areas, including security, housing and unemployment.

NT Chief Minister Clare Martin said the first five years of her 20-year blueprint would result in 223 new jobs, 12 new police stations, 40 additional officers, 10 community courts and 47 remote teachers.

"This is a long term, generational plan of action to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Territorians," Ms Martin said.

"There is no quick fix, this problem needs a serious, sustained solution."

The move comes two months after Canberra announced its emergency intervention in the Territory to tackle child abuse, which will cost more than half a billion dollars in the first year.

The Howard government has been critical of Ms Martin's government, saying it failed to act quickly enough on the report.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said the Martin government's response was 'underdone' with 'a significant law and order capacity gap'.

"I am underwhelmed by what was promised to be a big bang, long term commitment," he said.

"If this is just a first instalment - then it might be reasonable, but if that's the extent of the commitment it's inadequate and it begs as many questions as it answers."

Grog bans

Meanwhile, the Northern Territory Government will have power over liquor licences and alcohol supply plans for a town or community, while police suspecting a black market trade can search homes and cars, under new legislation.

The NT's new Alcohol Policy Minister Chris Burns introduced to parliament last week a raft of 'urgent reforms' to the Liquor Act, giving the government increased powers to tackle the drinking crisis.

Alcohol has long been a problem in the territory, in which some regions consume more than double the 2004-05 Australians per capita

average of 9.8 litres.

The NT Government already has introduced legislation pertaining to alcohol in general, public and private restricted areas.

"The legislation now before parliament allows the licensing minister to take urgent action regarding alcohol matters," Mr Burns said.

"The cornerstone of the Liquor Amendment Bill is the creation of a special restricted area category that will ban alcohol consumption in certain areas."

The measures also include ministerial discretion to impose special licence conditions, issue, modify or revoke alcohol permits in a special restricted area, and impose a liquor supply plan on a town or community.

It also involves increasing powers for police to make random searches of vehicles suspected of grog running into restricted areas. This includes searches of a person's home.

The process of book-up, or the retention of a customer's bank card and pin number, on any product including groceries by takeaway licensees also will be illegal.

Sex Crimes

Other legislation introduced by the NT Government includes laws making it harder for offenders of sex crimes to return to remote Aboriginal communities and intimidate their victims before court hearings.

The bill hopes to achieve this by reversing the presumption in favour of bail for serious sex offences.

NT Attorney-General Syd Stirling said victims had the right to feel safe and the new laws would protect them from intimidation and further violence.

"Amendments to the Bail Act will make it harder for alleged serious sexual offenders to be released on bail," Mr Stirling.

"If victims have the courage to report serious offences, then I believe they have a right to feel safe and protected."

Courts will also need to seriously consider the protection of a victim of a serious sexual offence, as well as family members and carers, before deciding on bail.

"There is evidence that some alleged offenders released on bail are going back to remote communities prior to a court hearing and intimidating witnesses," Mr Stirling said.

"I am concerned that victims are being put at further risk and there is the potential for an alleged offender to commit further crimes." - AAP

CDEP cuts threaten town camp aged care services



Tangentyere Council is the only agency providing community and aged care services to residents of town camps in Alice Springs, like the one pictured above.

Old folks and town camp residents will suffer with loss of CDEP



THE future of an Alice Springs Aboriginal aged care facility hangs in the balance after the loss of funding under the Community Development Employment and Participation (CDEP) scheme.

Despite widespread community support for its culturally appropriate model of care, Tangentyere Council's Aged and Community Services will struggle to cover the loss of CDEP wage subsidies for its Aboriginal staff, after the Federal Government scrapped the scheme in many communities around the country.

The loss of CDEP has left the 30-year-old aged care service \$98,000 worse off in 2007/08 than in 2006/07. Funding for the service has been increased by only \$25,000 to take account of the cut.

Tangentyere Council is the only agency providing community and aged care services to residents of town camps in Alice Springs.

Tangentyere Aged and Community Services provide various levels of support in the home for 60 people, and operates seven days a week. There are 55 people already on the waiting list.

"We have people whose lives literally depend on our services



Tangentyere Council's Executive Director, William Tilmouth

every day," said Tangentyere Council's Executive Director, William Tilmouth.

"We have a dedicated team of skilled Aboriginal men and women who provide support to our clients, all of whom are vulnerable.

"We now employ less staff, due to the loss of CDEP. So, we need to consider a drastic reduction in services, such as closing down our weekend service provided to people with the greatest support needs.

"This will place them at risk of neglect and abuse, and of hospital admission. If we are forced to reduce our level of service delivery through lack of funds, it is

our clients who will suffer.

"No other service can provide culturally appropriate supports to town camp residents. Our service is critical in supporting the lives of vulnerable town camp residents."

Tangentyere Council is urging the Northern Territory and Federal Governments to work with it to fill the gap in essential services, by meeting the funding shortfall.

Federal Labor MP Warren Snowdon said he didn't believe it was possible for anyone to do the job as effectively or efficiently as Tangentyere, and that the organisation should be provided with the appropriate resources.



Cameras are still allowed but tourists will be denied their 'sundowners' under new alcohol bans.

No 'sundowners' at Uluru under tough new alcohol bans



TOURISTS at Uluru have long enjoyed a beer or glass of wine as they watch the sun set over the iconic red rock.

But the tradition of a chilled 'sundowner' will be banned from next month, as part of the Federal Government's radical intervention in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities to try to stamp out child abuse.

Alcohol has been banned on Aboriginal land and from next month the ban will affect the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

"What has happened is that under the restrictions of alcohol on

Aboriginal land you will be able to drive through Aboriginal land with alcohol but you can no longer drink it or dispose of it," said a spokeswoman for Parks Australia.

"Uluru is on Aboriginal land which is why the bans affect people who are visiting the rock," the spokeswoman said.

The ban will not apply to the nearby Ayers Rock Resort.

Chairman of the Central Australian Tourism Industry Association Steve Rattray said the ban would spoil the experience for many travellers.

It will be an offence to consume or dispose of alcohol in the park from 14 September. — AAP

Gang report anger

Indigenous people say they are being left out of SA crime solution

By DARREN COYNE

SA

CONCERNS are being raised about the South Australian Government's new plan to tackle crime involving Aboriginal young people.

The SA Government recently adopted 46

recommendations from a report commissioned to investigate what could be done to 'rein in out-of-control Aboriginal youths'.

But Indigenous community leader Tauto Sansbury, who helped in the preparation of the report, said the Government's push was destined to fail because Aboriginal people were not being consulted about the proposed solutions.

The report, *To Break the Cycle*, was completed by SA's Social Inclusion Commissioner, Catholic cleric David Cappo earlier this month.

It was commissioned by Premier Mike Rann in the wake of concerns surrounding the dangerous and reckless activities of a group of offenders tagged by media and police as 'the Gang of 49'.

Monsignor Cappo was asked to examine the offending patterns uncovered by 'Operation Mandrake', a police operation targeting the so-called gang, and provide a profile of those people classified as 'persons of interest'.

After consulting about 1000 people, more than half of whom were Aboriginal, Monsignor Cappo found that there was in fact no formal gang structure, at least half of those identified through Operation Mandrake were over the age of 18, and not all were Aboriginal.

Mr Sansbury said although he was happy the report had been finished and accepted by the Government, he was not satisfied with the way it was going to be implemented.

"The Aboriginal community seems to have been eliminated from it. We have no involvement now and yet the only way it can work is if the Aboriginal community is involved," Mr Sansbury told the Koori Mail.

"The major community consultation with the Aboriginal community was done by me



Heather Agius, pictured with her son Charles, wants grassroots involvement when dealing with youth justice issues.

but recommendations included in my report to Monsignor Cappo were not included in the final report," he said.

"I'm a bit concerned about it and I've raised those concerns with the Whip in Parliament and he's now in the process of helping me get to the Minister (for Aboriginal Affairs) Jay Weatherill."

Involve us

"If we can have a major involvement then a lot of things can change for the better in our community.

"We asked for an Aboriginal Social Justice Commissioner to ensure that these recommendations are followed through but that recommendation was not in the final report.

"We used to have an Aboriginal Advisory Body which involved people from the remote areas, the rural regions and the metropolitan areas but just recently the government got rid of them."

Heather Agius, a member of the Grannies Group of women elders consulted by Monsignor Cappo, said while many of

the report's recommendations looked 'okay', they needed grassroots people involved to make them work.

In welcoming the report, SA Premier Mike Rann promised that the 16 most urgent recommendations would be implemented immediately, with the remainder to be followed through within six to 12 months.

Mr Rann said the urgent recommendations which would be given priority included expanding home detention; ensuring that young people identified through Operation Mandrake received priority access to programs and services; investing in programs for young Aboriginal people at risk using cultural education and activities to build confidence and pride, and supporting an annual Aboriginal cultural, sports and arts festival to be funded through the Social Inclusion Unit.

Mr Rann also promised increased engagement with Aboriginal communities to maximise the effect of new initiatives.

But Heather Agius remains unconvinced, especially with some of the more punitive

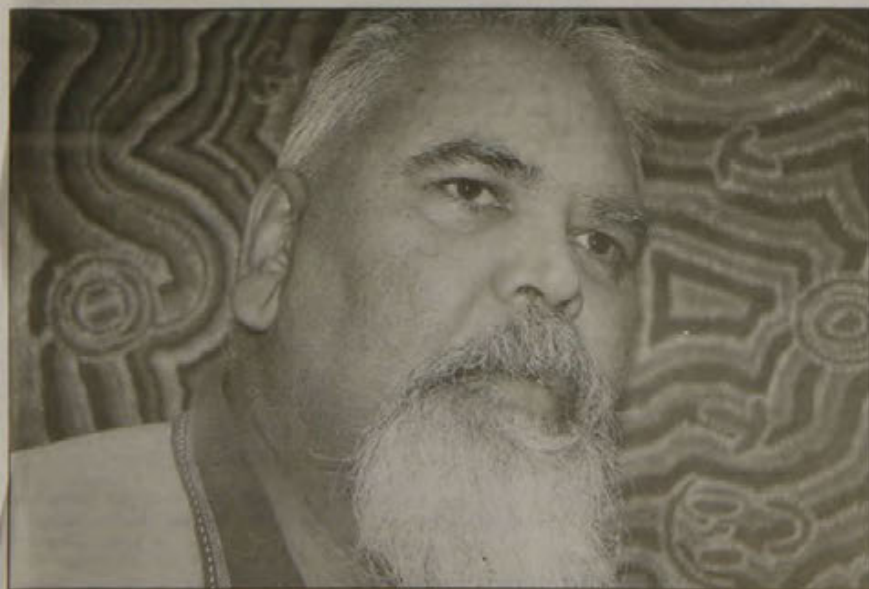
measures proposed by the government.

"I certainly don't like our children being tried as adults. We seem to be going around in circles because people don't understand our cultural stuff," she said. "We have a lot of dysfunctional families but we've also got lots of good families."

"A lot of these kids are living in an environment of drugs and poverty, racism and no resources, and unless we go to mainstream services we get no help. But I have a problem going to mainstream services because we're sending our kids to people who don't understand what's going on in our communities.

"The recommendations might look okay but we need grassroots people involved. People hand-picked by the Premier don't live here. We've got groups like the Grannies or elderly women who are linked to the community and we need to set up a process so everyone is involved.

"Assimilation - which I don't believe in - is happening across the country. Look at the Northern Territory. We've got a history that we've been displaced from and now we're being degraded and humiliated."



Tauto Sansbury believes Aboriginal people are being ignored.



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O'Donoghue: Still here

"...but I'd like to see some young people step up"

By KIRSTIE PARKER



SHE has dined with Prime Ministers, lobbied alongside the world's leading rights activists,

hung out with the Queen of England, and been touted as a potential future Governor General of Australia.

For years she carried the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians on her shoulders.

And she continues to blaze a trail for the thousands who share her experiences as a member of Australia's Stolen Generations.

It is little wonder that Yankunytjatjara woman Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE – officially retired but still setting a cracking pace – longs for a little time out of the spotlight.

The former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) Chairperson's busy schedule shows no sign of abating soon but her recent milestone 75th birthday did provide the impetus for her to pause momentarily and take stock of the challenges facing Indigenous Australians.

Pressure

And she conceded to the Koori Mail that she wasn't especially pleased with what she saw around her and was 'feeling the pressure'.

"I'm not really sure that it has anything to do with my age because I still feel well and I'm still able to do things but I am tired," she said over breakfast in a suburban shopping centre in her long-time hometown of Adelaide.

"And, of course, I constantly say that I would like to see some young people step up."

O'Donoghue has frequent high-profile speaking engagements. Recently, she gave the Inaugural Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration for Adelaide's Don Dunstan Foundation. She is a patron of the Hawke Centre, a non-partisan learning and research facility established by the University of SA. Like most of her positions

Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue with a copy of SA artist Robert Hannaford's portrait of her. The original was commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery.



these days, that one is honorary, and she's part of an unofficial but influential forum of Adelaide-based Indigenous leaders.

The 1984 Australian of the Year has been a vocal critic of the Federal Government's abolition of ATSIC several years ago and, more recently, its military-style emergency intervention in the Northern Territory in response to child abuse.

"Speak out in the public service these days and you generally get the 'three Fs'. You give frank, fearless advice and then you're fired."

"Indigenous people have no national voice and we have nowhere else to go," she said. "Because things have been mainstreamed, the Federal Government has actually now silenced us and we have got to fight that."

O'Donoghue says recent years have seen the development of an unhealthy regime of punishment and sidelining of any Indigenous people, especially bureaucrats, who question or criticise

government agendas.

She spent various stints in the public service during her working life, most notably as ATSIC Chairperson, and believes public servants can no longer give governments frank and fearless advice.

"Speak out in the public service these days and you generally get the 'three Fs'," she says, characteristically succinct. "You give frank, fearless advice and then you're fired."

But O'Donoghue doesn't reserve her steely gaze just for the Federal Government. She says the Australian Labor Party has hardly covered itself in glory over its handling of Indigenous affairs in recent times, with former leader Mark Latham having been the first to declare he'd abolish ATSIC if his party came into power.

More recently, she says, the ALP has shown little leadership

regarding the Federal Government's intervention in the Northern Territory.

Neither does she make any bones about her disappointment in the National Indigenous Council (NIC), chaired by Perth Children's Court magistrate Dr Sue Gordon whom the former nurse has known for many years.

"They're letting the Government get away with murder,"

O'Donoghue said of the NIC in November last year.

Yes, O'Donoghue is cranky but she knows it. Not long before the recent 40th anniversary of the historic 1967 Referendum, she was described in the media as 'grumpy' so one of her old friends, SA Aboriginal stalwart Shirley Peasley, made up some badges with her image and the words 'Lowitja's in the Grumpy Club. So am I'. They were something of a hit.

Challenge

"This is a challenge that I would throw out to other Aboriginal people," O'Donoghue says of what she sees as apathy. "I get a bit upset with our people



Lowitja O'Donoghue chats with a family who recognised her in a suburban shopping mall.

sometimes and then I think to myself, 'well, they have to live, they have a job and don't want to jeopardise their future'.

"But there's ways of speaking out and then there's ways."

"It really is about the fact that we don't have a national voice, one that can actually speak out without fear or favour."

"At one of those leadership courses, a couple of the young women said to me 'why don't you stand aside for us because we want the media to come to us'."

"I said to them 'it doesn't work like that. You need to do the hard yards and get a profile and then the media will come to you'."

O'Donoghue's own activism has come at a price.

"You are interviewing me at a time when I am feeling really burnt out," she admitted. "I need to take some time. I feel like I'm being buried under paper."

"Many people think it's a fairly glamorous sort of life but it comes at a cost to your health when you are expected to respond to all of the issues of the day."

Coping mechanisms

One of O'Donoghue's coping mechanisms is her close relationship with siblings including her older sister Amy and a tight-knit band of old friends.

"They'll back and support you in many ways and keep in regular contact," she said. "I have friends who regularly go on a trip somewhere and invite me to go with them but I'm not really good at taking holidays."

"I'm probably happiest just doing the rounds of the cafes and the odd Thai restaurant, retail therapy and having a yarn with friends with no pressure."

One of O'Donoghue's close friends is fellow Adelaidean, long-time and award-winning ABC presenter Stephen Watkins, who presents a classical music program on the national broadcaster.

In 2001 Watkins researched O'Donoghue's story for The

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A journey of hope

By MARGARET SMITH



THE Australian premiere last week of former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Chairman Patrick Dodson's first film as co-producer was a spectacular occasion.

The launch was held by Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) in a 700-seat cinema at Sydney's Cremorne Orpheum last Wednesday.

More than 400 people had to be turned away before the popular event started.

The film is titled *Liyam Ngam*, which means 'coming together of the spirit' in the Yawuru language of the west Kimberley region, and in the afternoon before the screening Patrick Dodson and Archie Roach talked about its genesis.

"*Liyam Ngam* began as a journey of discovery - it is now a documentary which aims to change people's perceptions and attitudes to Indigenous people, and to assist with the process of true and lasting reconciliation," Mr Dodson explained.

He added that white Australia 'still fears the desert, the bush, the country and its spirits, the different race of its Indigenous people, and they try to compensate for this by planting rose gardens and other activities. There's a lack of understanding of us and what we symbolise'.

"But they're not afraid of Aboriginal people, as can be seen by the Federal Government's latest policies to intervene with troops in the Northern Territory," he said.

"The Government is even prepared to push aside the Racial Discrimination Act for the purpose of dispossessing our people of their property rights."

On the irony of the film being launched so soon after the Federal Government's 'intervention', Mr Dodson added, 'the intervention is objectionable and obnoxious. They assume that Aboriginal people will accept whatever the government throws at them'.

"But I have faith in our leaders, our actors and writers," he said. "These people will give a voice to our people in a new way. We have marvellous writers and songwriters who are speaking out. There's a great effort on behalf of our people to bring a new perception."

Archie Roach, who took time



Archie Roach, Patrick Dodson and Pete Postlethwaite at the *Liyam Ngam* launch. Photos by JAMES ROBERTSON, and courtesy of ANTaR

out from setting up for his performance later, said he had written new songs for the film which will be released on an album. He sang with Broome's Pigram Brothers for the first time, 'and it was great to work with them, after having heard their music for years'.

But he said he was worried about the reaction of Aboriginal youth to the NT intervention.

"My sons and nephews are angry at what has happened," he said. "There's not enough going on for them in terms of career possibilities. They are also angry at what's happening to the old people."

Patrick Dodson believes that Mabo gave credibility to Australia in 'so many ways', but that was now under threat.

"The resources of our nation need to be ploughed back into Aboriginal programs in a positive way," he said. "But self-determination has never been given a real chance."

The film through which Archie Roach sings his songs chronicles the history of Indigenous Australia through the eyes of English actor Pete Postlethwaite, (famous for 'Brassed Off', 'In the Name of the Father' and other



Archie Roach's songs feature heavily in the documentary

films), and his outback road trip with Archie Roach.

Postlethwaite happened upon his journey in Perth a few years back, when he was performing in a play and met a boyhood friend.

The friend, Bill Johnson, had been in a British seminary with Postlethwaite where they were training to be priests. Both had left and when Johnson married he had adopted a young Indigenous boy. But Postlethwaite didn't know that the boy had been murdered

when he was just 19, by two young English immigrants out for some 'racist fun'.

Pete Postlethwaite took the personal repercussions of this meeting home to England, and decided he wanted to return to Australia to see his friend and explore the legacy of British colonial rule in Australia.

He was helped in this new journey by his friend Archie Roach and Aboriginal leader Patrick Dodson, who became his mentors and guides.

Postlethwaite then accompanied Roach on a six-week performance tour of WA, where they explored country and the underlying issues that divide Australia.

The two men's journey was recorded on video, and through their investigations Postlethwaite learned about Indigenous land claims, the terrible legacy of Aboriginal deaths in custody (Louis Johnson, John Pat and Robbie Walker), stolen children, Vincent Lingiari and the first handback of Indigenous land, Mabo, Paul Keating's Redfern speech, 'Pauline Hansonism', the 2000 Sydney Bridge Walk for Reconciliation, and the Federal Government's 'practical' approach to reconciliation.

After the Sydney screening there was ecstatic applause from the audience, and many said it had been the most powerful Indigenous documentary they'd seen for years. Patrons were encouraged to buy the DVD of the film, to start discussion groups, and to do what they can to assist a cinema and television release. It was hoped that the Melbourne screening might produce a distributor.



Karla Grant and Angela Bates from SBS TV's *Living Black* program



Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson, Rob Welsh, Marcia Ella-Duncan and Phil Duncan



Jacquie Houston and Megan Davis from the University of New South Wales' Indigenous Law Centre

Coroner lays blame for fatal crash



A pilot with a penchant for speed attempting an unauthorised manoeuvre and an airline with a poor safety management system were responsible for the deaths of 15 people, a coroner has found.

Two pilots and 13 passengers aboard died when a plane ploughed into South Pap mountain on approach to the Lockhart River Aboriginal community on Cape York, in far north Queensland, on 7 May 2005.

The plane, a Fairchild Metroliner III, was operated by TransAir, which is now in liquidation.

In his inquest finding on 17 August, Queensland Coroner Michael Barnes split

the blame between the pilot in command, Brett Hotchin, and Transair.

Mr Barnes also criticised monitoring by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, but said CASA could not have prevented the crash.

He said 'primary responsibility' rested with Mr Hotchin, an experienced pilot who was attempting an unauthorised manoeuvre and flying too close to the ground. He said Transair had a 'suboptimal' safety system.

The inquest took evidence on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait and in Brisbane. On Thursday Island, the inquest heard from a relative of one of the Aboriginal crash victims that the tragedy had triggered a mass fear of flying in his community.

Injinoo Aboriginal Shire Councillor Robert Bagie, stepfather of crash victim Helena Woosup, 25, said many of the families and other community members had lost confidence in the authorities and airlines, and felt increasingly isolated.

"Many of my family have never flown by plane since the accident," he said.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Mark Vaile, acknowledged the coroner's findings.

"I thank the Coroner for his efforts," Mr Vaile said. "The safety of the fare paying passenger is of paramount importance. The Australian Government will do whatever it can to ensure such a tragedy is not repeated."

"While I note that the Civil Aviation

Safety Authority (CASA) has already taken significant steps to improve the safety of regular passenger transport services since the Lockhart River accident, I nonetheless expect CASA to implement the Coroner's other three recommendations forthwith.

"I note the Coroner's comments on the need to address the relationship between the safety investigator, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) and the safety regulator, CASA. I will be acting immediately to implement the Coroner's recommendation in this respect."

"The accident was a terrible tragedy." No charges can be laid against TransAir because it is too late – under a 12-month statute of limitations – to take legal action. – with AAP

Funding for existing school age care facilities

Funding is available to assist school age services to meet legislative requirements published in Part 22: Child Care Centres of the *Child Care Act 2002*. Eligible services must have existed before 1 September 2003 and have until 1 September 2008 to comply.

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Funding submissions must be lodged with the department by 4 pm Monday 22 October 2007.



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PROPOSALS ARE NOW INVITED FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY HEALTH BROKERS

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As part of the Australian Government's *Improving Indigenous Access to Health Care Services 2006-07 Budget Initiative* the Government has provided funding to establish five Indigenous community health brokerage services in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia.

The first site under this Initiative has been selected. Organisations are now invited to apply to become one of the remaining four community health brokerage sites.

These brokerage services will increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' access to mainstream health services by linking members to a network of health service providers. The success of any brokerage service model will depend on the support of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, local doctors, and allied health professionals.

If you are an organisation with proven links with the local Indigenous community and health professionals, and are interested in becoming an Indigenous community health broker, you are encouraged to apply now.

How to Apply

For an Application Package please go to Tenders and Grants link on: <http://www.health.gov.au>

If you think an Indigenous health brokerage model can work in your area, you are encouraged to submit a proposal by 4pm AEST on Friday 21 September 2007.

Further Information

An information session for this funding process will be conducted in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth during the week of 3-7 September 2007. Queries regarding these sessions should be forwarded to Ms Liz Clout on 02 6289 7336.

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Where's Caleb's competition? He blew 'em away



Young ACT didge champ, Caleb Juda. "I like pretty much everything about it," he said.



REMEMBER this little guy?

Last year, Caleb Juda made a name for himself by winning the Under 20s division of a didgeridoo playing competition at the National Museum of

Australia in Canberra.

The eight-year local resident has pulled it off again, last month taking out the same honour. Not bad for someone at such a tender age who has battled diabetes for several years.

Talent for the traditional wind instrument

must run in the family with his Dad Jon Juda also repeating a win in the competition's over 20 division. Caleb and his dad clearly know how to please a crowd because it is audience members who judge the competitors.

Caleb learned to play from his dad, along with ACT didgeridoo teacher Phil Brown. "It's fun, I like the sound, I like the carvings on the didgeridoo, I like the shapes of it, I like pretty much everything about it," said Caleb after his latest win.

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Your chance to vote



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Votes are now open in the 2007 Deadly Awards, where you vote for your favourite Indigenous Australians in the fields of music, sport, entertainment, the arts and community achievement.

The Deadlys have become one of the

most important events on the Indigenous calendar and, after a tumultuous year for Indigenous Australia, they're a chance for all of us to stand together proudly in recognition of the things that make us and our cultures great.

This year's nominees include golden girl Catherine Freeman, Supercross star Chad Reed, Melbourne Storm hero Greg Inglis, South Sydney Rabbitohs legend David Peachey, singing sensation Christine Anu, actor Wayne Blair and the 2007 Miles Franklin award-winning writer, Alexis Wright.

"I hope this year's Deadlys will do much to bring the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people together," said Gavin Jones, executive producer of the Deadlys.

"The Deadlys have the ability to inspire energy and pride at all levels, and remind us of the good in our community at a time when we are hearing so much bad."

To vote in the Deadlys, pick up the latest issue of Deadly Vibe magazine or head to deadlys.vibe.com.au, where you can submit your vote online or download a voting form and fax it to the number

provided on the form.

Voting closes 15 September. Winners will be announced at a ceremony at the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall on Thursday, 27 September.

● Tickets are now on sale for the Deadlys 2007. To book, call the Sydney Opera House Box Office on (02) 9250 7777 or visit sydneyoperahouse.com

Tickets are \$40 or \$25 for concession or groups of 10. The Deadlys 2007 awards ceremony will also be broadcast on SBS at 10pm on Tuesday, 2 October, 2007.

The 2007 Deadly nominations are ...

Most Promising New Talent in Music

- Shauntail Batzke
- Patrick Davies
- Shaz Lane
- Radical Son

Single of the Year

- *Brown Bird* – Nabarlek Band
- *Are You With Me Out There?* – Brothablack
- *How 'Bout Never* – Shamee Fenwick
- *Your Love is Like a Song* – Dan Sultan

Album of the Year

- *Cannot Buy My Soul* – Kev Carmody
- *Manmoyi Radio* – Nabarlek Band
- *Waiting Road* – Shellie Morris
- *Hope* – Kutcha Edwards

Band of the Year

- Nabarlek Band
- The Grenadines
- Black Image
- Yillia

Artist of the Year

- William Barton
- Troy Cassar-Daley
- Jessica Mauboy
- Dan Sultan

Most Promising New Talent in Sport

- Kurtley Beale – Rugby Union

- Robbie Crowther – Athletics
- Dale Richards – Surfing
- Nathan Jawai – Basketball

Outstanding Achievement in AFL

- Shaun Burgoyne
- Lance Franklin
- Andrew McLeod
- Danyle Pearce

Outstanding Achievement in Rugby League

- Greg Inglis
- David Peachey
- Scott Prince
- Johnathan Thurston

Female Sportsperson of the Year

- Kirby Bentley – Netball
- Rohanee Cox – Basketball
- Bo de la Cruz – Touch Football
- Leah Torzyn – Netball

Male Sportsperson of the Year

- Patrick Mills – Basketball
- Anthony Mundine – Boxing
- Chad Reed – Supercross
- Joshua Ross – Athletics

Outstanding Achievement in Film, TV or Theatre

- Richard Frankland – Director, *The Circuit*
- Darlene Johnson – Writer/director,

Crocodile Dreaming

- Catriona McKenzie – Director, *The Circuit*
- Ivan Sen – Director, *A Sister's Love*

Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment

- Christine Anu – *Chrissy's Island Family*
- Tessa Allas and Lina Kastournis – *Coral and Beryl*
- Bigotbri Concerned Women's Association
- Sean Choolburra – Comedian
- Luke Carroll and Cathy Freeman – *Going Bush*

Male Actor of the Year

- Wayne Blair
- Luke Carroll
- Aaron Fa'aoso
- Aaron Pedersen

Female Actor of the Year

- Tammy Clarkson
- Deborah Mailman
- Ursula Yovich
- Lou Bennett

Dancer of the Year

- Elma Kris
- Deon Hastie
- Dalisa Pigram
- Earl Rosas

Outstanding Achievement in Literature

- Jane Garfil Christophersen – *Kakadu Calling*
- Richard Frankland – *Digger J Jones*
- Dr Anita Heiss – *Not Meeting Mr Right*
- Alexis Wright – *Carpentaria*

Visual Artist of the Year

- Christine Christophersen
- Julie Dowling
- Dennis Nona
- Judy Watson

Other award categories:

- Jimmy Little Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music
- APRA Song of the Year
- Ella Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport
- Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education
- Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Broadcaster of the Year
- Trainee or Apprentice of the Year
- Young Leader of the Year



Artist of the Year nominee Jessica Mauboy



Outstanding Achievement in Literature nominee Alexis Wright



Visual Artist of the Year nominee Dennis Nona



Dancer of the Year nominee Elma Kris



Female Actor of the Year nominee Lou Bennett



Most Promising New Talent in Sport nominee Robbie Crowther



Most Promising New Talent in Music nominee Shauntail Batzke

'Nigger' documentary shortlisted for awards



A DOCUMENTARY detailing a Queensland Aboriginal academic's fight to have the word 'nigger' removed from a Toowoomba sports

ground has been judged as a finalist in three categories of the EnhanceTV Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) awards.

Nigger Lovers, which follows University of Southern Queensland (USQ) academic Stephen Hagan's quest to have the word 'nigger' removed from

the E S 'Nigger' Brown Stand in Toowoomba, was directed by Stephen's wife Rhonda.

The film is a finalist in the Best Documentary – General; Best Documentary – Short Form; and Best Documentary Social and Political Issues categories.

ATOM is an independent, non-profit, professional association for Teachers of Media, who established the awards to promote, encourage and reward the work of Australian screen and media practitioners.

"It was a pleasant surprise to be one of the finalists in the awards, but I always felt that it was a unique film," said Mr Hagan, who is also a Koori Mail columnist.

"It uses animation to tell the story and that is unique in the documentary world."

After nominating *Nigger Lovers* for the awards earlier this year, Mr Hagan was hopeful of taking home at least one of the honours.

He said he had also nominated the film for other honours around the world.

"We have nominated it at the Cannes and Sundance Film festivals, as well as film festivals in Germany, Spain, New Zealand and Hawaii," he said.

"It would be good if we could win one of the ATOM awards as that would give us an added credibility and a greater chance at winning other awards."

Nigger Lovers was created on a budget of \$120,000. It screened as part of the Messagistics Festival, at the 2007 Dreaming Festival and was part of the recent Melbourne International Film Festival.

Culture festival



Traditional dancers from Palm Island wait on the Strand beach for canoes to arrive.

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON in Townsville



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander culture featured prominently at the 13th annual Cultural Fest held at Townsville's Strand Park from 15-

19 August.

An estimated 80,000 people attended the event, which had a global village and a beach village between Strand Park and the ocean.

The theme was Unity in Diversity and even rain on the final day did not stop the crowds from coming to enjoy food from an array of cultural stalls, and entertainment on three stages.

More than 30 cultures featured with people coming from all over north Queensland and beyond. The King and Queen of the Global Village were again Aicie Day and his partner O'Tare Day.

Another highlight of the Fest was the street parade along the Strand on the Saturday, which had scores of floats.

The Koori Mail was there every day and saw Faron Merrypor and his daughter Shannon Merrypor preparing for the official opening ceremony at which canoes landed on the beach nearby Strand Park.

Mr Merrypor was one of the Palm

Island Aboriginal traditional dancers who lit a fire on the beach and met the South Sea Islanders in the canoes just on dusk.

"We are very proud to represent the Aboriginal people," Mr Merrypor said.

Hundreds of men, women and children watched the opening ceremony and at 6pm crowds entered the Strand Park area where many cultural stalls were serving food and displaying craft and artefacts.

Peta Healy was behind the counter of the Heartland CDEP stall selling Aboriginal artefacts and next to her were Merlene Henaway and Tonya Grant at the Torres Strait Islander stall.

Cultural Fest organiser Dr Farvardin Daliri introduced Aboriginal singer Tonky Logan and his back-up singer Lyndall Marshall to the crowd.

"Tonky Logan is a too deadly singer," Dr Daliri said as he warmly greeted Mr Logan and took him to centre stage.

Mount Isa man Andrew Starr was one of the artists from the Stagpole Street Rehabilitation Centre who displayed their work at the Beach Village on days one and two and later moved into the Global Village.

With Mr Starr were Nathaniel Walsh, Dennis 'Snowy' Jack, Emily Brooker, Kirsty Hungerford and Roy Izzard.



Organiser Dr Farvardin Daliri with Aboriginal singer Tonky Logan and his back up singer Lyndall Marshall at the Cultural Fest.



Peta Healy at the Heartland CDEP craft stall.



Lilian Willis and Jai Cummings.



Vicki Sailor checks the goods at an Aboriginal craft stall.



Shirley Collins at her Aboriginal craft stall.



Security officer Richard Solomon from Moa Island.



Displaying art at the Beach Village were, from left, Nathaniel Walsh, Dennis 'Snowy' Jack, Emily Brooker, Kirsty Hungerford, Andrew Starr and Roy Izzard.

promotes unity



Aboriginal dancers lead the Cultural Fest street parade.



Food preparation at the back of the Ailan Style TSI stall.



King and Queen of the Global Village Aicie Day, O'Tare Day and one-year-old daughter Addie-Mae.



Mount Isa man Andrew Starr at the entrance to the Cultural Fest.

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Clockwise from back, Allan Jackson, Tanya Sumner, Darren Compton and Paul Antaw aboard the Tribal Warrior.

NSW THIRTY-FIVE Indigenous young people will get a taste of sea air and a potential new career as they help sail the Aboriginal training vessel Tribal Warrior from Sydney to Queensland's Palm Island and back during the next two months.

In a unique initiative, the trainees – some of whom have been unemployed for up to six years – will undertake their maritime deckhand's certificate as part of journey north to the island off coast at Townsville.

The trainees will make the trip in legs, under the watchful eyes of qualified crewmembers from the Tribal Warrior Association including captains David Vincent, Keefo Zechariah-Watters, and Tribal Warrior CEO Shane Phillips.

Ports of call include Port Macquarie/Coffs Harbour, the Gold Coast/Tweed Heads and Rockhampton.

Intensive practical and theoretical training over six days will teach the trainees about the rules of the sea, occupational health and safety and

anchoring. They'll be qualified to work as deckhands or as crew members on ferries. SunFerries in Townsville has already offered up to 20 positions for trainees.

At the end of each leg, the Jobfind Centre will fly the retiring crew back to their home port and ship in the next crew.

Five trainees will be on the boat during each leg. The first trainee group is made up of Paul



Leaving Sydney en route to Townsville.

Antaw, 28, Allan Jackson, 46, Darren Compton, and Trent Bell 17 and Bernie Barker, both 17. All are from Sydney.

They set off from Palm Grove in Darling Harbour on 13 August after a launch attended by Federal Workforce Participation Minister Dr Sharman Stone.

The next groups will be from Sydney, Ballina, Townsville and Palm Island.

The project, which aims to create sustainable employment opportunities and empower the people taking part, runs for more than 12 weeks with ports of call along the eastern seaboard and each leg is 10 days in duration. At each port a new crew will join the boat.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these guys with the outcome being offered jobs in the maritime industry," said a spokesperson for Jobfind.

The training exercise is an initiative between Jobfind, the Tribal Warrior Association and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR).

SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Depart
Darling Harbour for
Tweed Heads, Monday
13 August
Arrive
Tweed Heads, Thursday
23 August
Depart
Tweed Heads, Monday
27 August
Arrive Rockhampton,
Wednesday 5
September
Depart Rockhampton,
Monday 10 September
Arrive
Townsville, Thursday 20
September
Depart
Townsville via Palm
Island and Cairns,
Monday 24 September
Arrive
Townsville, Wednesday
3 October
Return Legs
Depart Townsville,
Monday 8 October
Arrive Rockhampton,
Wednesday 17 October
Depart Rockhampton,
Monday 22 October
Arrive
Tweed Heads,
Wednesday 31 October
Depart
Tweed Heads, Monday 5
November
Arrive
Sydney Harbour,
Thursday 15 November

Learning the ropes on ocean trips

SA MOST of them had never set foot aboard a boat – let alone sailed a ship. But for 18 young South Australians, that changed last weekend when they headed off on the high seas bound for Sydney Harbour.

The crew – including nine Aboriginal boys – are sailing South Australia's *One and All* from Adelaide to Sydney as part of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Tall Ships Program.

More than 100 youth crew trainees from all over the country and Asia are involved in the program, which involves seven tall ships travelling to Sydney from various parts of Australia and Indonesia.

The initiative will showcase the harbour and Australia's cultural heritage to the leaders of the 21 APEC members meeting on 8 and 9 September and highlights the APEC Forum theme – investment in youth for the future.

The Aboriginal crew members were selected by South Australia's Social Inclusion Unit with the support of community service groups including Mission Australia. The group was selected on the basis of their high achievements, which, for many, has

involved major struggles against disadvantage and adversity.

The other nine students representing South Australia are from Adelaide's St Peter's College.

While on the *One and All*, crew will learn aspects of sailing a 44-metre, square rigged tall ship on the open sea including climbing the 27-metre mast, setting sails, navigating, keep watch and taking the helm.

Commissioner for Social Inclusion, Monsignor David Cappo, said SA Tall Ships Inc approached the Social Inclusion Unit to organise a group of 'high achieving' young Aboriginal people to get on board.

"Over recent months, we've heard a lot about a small group of young Aboriginal people who are not doing the right thing," Monsignor Cappo said.

"What must not be forgotten is that most Aboriginal young people are carving out positive futures for themselves.

"These young people who have been selected are among many high achieving young Aboriginal people in our community who need to be acknowledged and rewarded for their effort and accomplishments."

Monsignor Cappo said the program

participants might get to meet some of the APEC representatives while in Sydney.

"APEC is one of the most important annual meetings of world leaders and this Economic Leaders Meeting will be one of the most significant international meetings ever hosted in Australia," he said.

"While this adventure will extend them – physically, mentally and emotionally – there is no doubt it will be one of the most rewarding journeys of their lives."

The *One and All's* Chief Executive Philip Marshall said students on the sail training voyages, including the trip to Sydney, will be credited with a unit towards their South Australian Certificate of Education.

"This voyage is great for our program, but most importantly, for these young people," Mr Marshall said.

Other fleets participating in the APEC Tall Ships Programme are: Arung Samudera (Republic of Indonesia); James Craig (Australian Heritage Fleet); Bounty (New South Wales); HM Bark Endeavour Replica (Australian National Maritime Museum); Young Endeavour (Australian Navy) and Windward Bound (Tasmania).



Kristopher Suttle (front), 13, and Wade Thompson, 17, in front of the *One and All*. Both will participate in the Tall Ships Program.

Photo courtesy of The Advertiser.



Babana Chairperson Mark Spinks, Babana member Grahame Weatherall and Sydney Town Crier Graham Keating.



ABOVE LEFT: Aboriginal dancers share a joke with Sydney Town Crier Graham Keating. ABOVE RIGHT: Carin Wills from Centrelink, Centrelink Area Manager for Sydney East Peter Rock, and DHS ambassador and Sydney Swan Michael O'Loughlin.



Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day



INTERNATIONAL Day of the World's Indigenous People was celebrated at Sydney Town Hall on 14 August.

The event featured an acknowledgement of country, a smoking ceremony by Uncle Max Eulo and a Maori Haka followed by speeches by Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore, Department of Human Services (DHS) ambassadors Arthur Beetson and Michael O'Loughlin, representatives of Centrelink and Care Connect, and Tribal Warrior CEO Shane Phillips.

"For too many years, the Indigenous story that is the very basis of modern Australia's story has been largely hidden or ignored. Events such as today's bring that story to the forefront, allow us to celebrate it, and acknowledge it as a vital and living part of this City and the nation," said the Lord Mayor.

Feature acts included the Doudoumba Drums of Africa, Cook Island Dancers and the Aloha Dancers, all in traditional dress, and the Shamee Fenwick Band.

The event was organised by the Redfern-based Babana Men's Group.



The celebration of 2007 International Day of the World's Indigenous People at Sydney Town Hall. Photos courtesy of MARK SPINKS



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The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme

Closing date extended to Friday 7 September 2007

Call for applications for the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme will now be accepted until the close of business on Friday 7 September 2007.

If you envisage problems in submitting your application by this date please contact Royal College of Nursing, Australia.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAMS

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest are invited from eligible incorporated non-profit community organisations to operate funded projects under the NSW Department of Corrective Services' 2008/2011 Community Funding Program.

The project streams currently open to Expressions of Interest are for the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Region (unless stipulated otherwise) and include:

☐ Inmate Support Stream

The objective of the Inmate Support Stream is to provide inmates with practical assistance when they enter the correctional system to aid in the transition from the community.

The two projects currently open to Expressions of Interest are:

- ISP1-SM: Property and Finance Service
- ISP2: Aboriginal & TSI Family Reintegration Project - NSW Statewide

☐ Transition Support Stream

The objective of the Transition Support Stream is to provide comprehensive support to offenders throughout their period of transition from custody back into the community with the explicit aim of successful community re-integration.

The seven projects currently open to Expressions of Interest are:

- TSP1-M/SM: Intensive Supported Accommodation Project (Male)
- TSP1-F/SM: Intensive Supported Accommodation Project (Female)
- TSP1-IR/R: Intensive Alcohol and Other Drug Rehabilitation Project (Male) - NSW North Coast Region
- TSP2-SA/SM: Transitional Supported Accommodation Project (Male)
- TSP2-SA/S: Supported Accommodation Project - Specialised Mental Health (Male)
- TSP3-SM: Transitional Case Workers
- TSP3-H: Transitional Case Worker (part-time) - Hunter/Central Coast Region

☐ Family and Children of Offenders Support Stream

The objective of the Family and Children of Offenders Support Stream is to provide practical assistance and support to the families and children of offenders who are serving a custodial sentence in NSW correctional centres.

The four projects currently open to Expressions of Interest are:

- FSP1-SM: Family Support Worker
- FSP1-H: Family Support Worker - Hunter/Central Coast Region
- FSP2-SM: Children's Support Service
- FSP3-SM: Family Transport Service

For applications packages and further details, please contact Ms Tova Podjarski by e-mail at tova.podjarski@dcs.nsw.gov.au OR telephone on (02) 8346 1664

Application packages can also be downloaded via the Department of Corrective Service's website at: www.dcs.nsw.gov.au * Community Engagement - Community Funding Programs

Funds stoush threatens Qld housing body

By KIRSTIE PARKER



The Federal Government is refusing to comment on claims by a Queensland Indigenous housing body that more than 500 rental tenants including elderly people could be forced 'out onto the streets' unless a funding dispute is resolved soon.

Indigenous Housing Services Central Queensland (IHSCQ) manages about 230 houses for 12 Indigenous housing associations in places like Rockhampton, Longreach and Winton.

Its management team has claimed that Indigenous Affairs Minister Mai Brough's Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) owes the organisation about a million dollars in funding from the 2005/06 financial year but won't say why it is withholding the funds.

About \$850,000 of that amount is believed to be for capital and repairs, while \$150,000 is for operations.

IHSCQ's technical director Janet Lee told the Koori Mail the ASIC-registered organisation had had advice that it would win any legal case against the Government but was struggling to stay afloat in order to be able to

pursue the matter through the courts.

She said that FaCSIA has tried for several years to get IHSCQ to sign a special purpose agreement that would give the Government the power to seize the housing assets from black hands on a whim.

Earlier this year, Minister Brough announced he would scrap the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP), citing mismanagement and corruption amongst Indigenous housing organisations.

IHSCQ's Chief Executive Officer Thalep Ahmat said that while the organisation had been late in filing its 2004/05 audit report, he said a subsequent 'forensic audit' conducted by accounting firm Ernst and Young at FaCSIA's request had found no evidence of misappropriation.

"That report found that we were in financial crisis, which we admit, because we were carrying high levels of debtors," Mr Ahmat said.

"But Ernst and Young also said the company appears to be well structured, although understaffed, and 'keeps its records to a high standard of detail and transparency'."

"It says the company is able to manage its finances but is hamstrung by its debtors."

Mr Ahmat said rents received

could not cover IHSCQ's annual operational costs of about \$612,000 because they barely covered rates, insurance and minor repairs.

He said the organisation had managed to scrape through since the 2005/06 funding had been withheld by cutting staff and upping rents, which had, in turn, placed more pressure on housing tenants.

He conceded that up to three quarters of the organisation's renters were in arrears but said the worst offenders had additional problems including mental health issues and the private housing squeeze meant evicted tenants had few options.

"We already know that in a high-risk environment, we are going to be pushing to recover rents," he said. "But for us, kicking people out is a last resort. It we do that, where do they go? To the next relative who are renting from us as well, so we create a vicious cycle."

The Koori Mail contacted FaCSIA and was provided with a brief written comment, that 'FaCSIA is in contact with the solicitors for Indigenous Housing Services Central Queensland and is unable to comment publicly on this matter'.

However, Mr Ahmat says there's been story silence from the department's Queensland and national offices for months.

75th birthday a time to reflect

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Australian newspaper in the wake of attempts by a Melbourne journalist to discredit claims that she was forcibly removed from her Yankunytjara mother and family as a child.

O'Donoghue and Watkins have become something of a fixture together on the SA social scene and both are passionate supporters of refugees and asylum seekers.

Their evolving friendship set some tongues wagging a few years back, something O'Donoghue admits she still finds 'a hoot'. Her playful sense of mischief prevents her from wholly scotching the rumours but at a recent event she declared to those gathered that she was unofficially adopting Watkins and South Australian painter Robert Hannaford as her 'brothers'.

O'Donoghue and Hannaford became close last year when the artist painted her portrait for the Archibald competition while he battled cancer.

"We had probably six or eight sittings," he told the ABC. "It was a wonderful experience for me, especially as I'd just come back from throat cancer. I was so glad to be alive and it was just wonderful to paint Lowitja."

Spending an hour or so with O'Donoghue in a café illustrates just how high her public profile remains. Many passers-by recognise her. They pause, smile and try to catch her eye.

"Aren't you that lady on TV," asks one. "Good on you Lowitja. Keep up what you're doing," says another.

A young boy at the next table is fascinated by the framed copy of the Robert Hannaford painting, which O'Donoghue has with her to show friends she's catching up with for lunch.

She graciously obliges when the boy's dad whips out a digital camera and asks if she'd mind being photographed with his son so he can do a school project on her.

"People generally keep a respectful distance and that's where I want to leave it," she says afterwards.

O'Donoghue puts her tendency to hold something of herself back from all but a few people down to having been brought up in an institution, in this case the Colebrook Children's Home in the Adelaide Hills.

"I never had a family in the traditional sense, a nuclear family, so I find it difficult to get too close to people," she laments towards the end of our interview.

"It stems from being in a children's home where there was no love. You were never cuddled and embraced, and they'd send us off to these white families for the weekend that would want to patronise you and cuddle and kiss you goodnight and that kind of thing. I have always shunned that."

"I suppose in a way that that's my downfall, part of the reason that I can't share much. It's a self-preservation thing."

But few people could deny that O'Donoghue has generously given plenty of herself to both her own people and wider Australia.

Long may that continue, along with a good measure of 'down time' with good friends of course.

Dance students rebel

By DARREN COYNE



STUDENTS at the national Indigenous dance school are rebelling against the school's management.

They have been refusing to attend classes and representatives say they will stay on strike until Fay Nelson, the acting director of the National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA), is removed from the position.

But Ms Nelson is adamant that she is not going anywhere and told the Koori Mail that the students had no right to ask for her sacking.

The stand-off arose after students spoke out publicly recently about what they described as 'mission-like' conditions at the school, and all 26 students walked out when student support officer Ruth McHugh was sacked on 14 August.

The National Tertiary Education Union is understood to be pursuing a wrongful dismissal action on behalf of Ms McHugh. Ms Nelson would not comment on Ms McHugh's dismissal.

Meanwhile, student representative Genoa Gela said students had been 'treated like rubbish', and the sacking was the final straw.

"It started out as minor things but the whole thing has escalated. We've had a lot of issues regarding the way the hostel is run and we have lodged complaints and



NAISDA acting director Fay Nelson

tried to follow the procedures but nothing is done," Ms Gela said.

"All students want is a positive outcome from this strike all that we ask is that our school can continue to be here in the future and that the school can continue in a positive manner where students can feel confident in the management."

In a statement released shortly after they walked, the student body said they had tried to deal with their complaints behind the scenes.

"The students have continually made attempts to fix the mismanagement from within this organisation by following set out

procedures including mediation processes as well as formal letters of complaint by individuals and by the student body as a whole," the statement said.

They said letters had been given to Ms Nelson, as well as to executive board members but nothing had happened.

"NAISDA is a unique world-class cultural organisation providing excellence in Indigenous dance and performing arts education and training. This organisation has been around for over thirty years and the current student body are determined to ensure that it thrives for at least another thirty," students said.

"The student body treat this organisation as more than just a school. It's a meeting place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from all over this country to strengthen and join together in order to create a strong, bright future for all of our people," the students said.

Ms Nelson rejected the complaints of the students and claimed that it was only a small number of students who were bullying others into continuing the strike.

She also accused some students of breaking hostel rules regarding alcohol and drugs, and said that outstanding fees and rent were also a factor.

Ms Nelson has had a long association with NAISDA. She was the founding chair and chair for first 13 years. She returned four years ago, again as chair, but stepped

down to become acting director this year after the departure of director Cliff Foley.

She rejected suggestions that the troubles at the college would have any long-term effect on its reputation.

"NAISDA is growing from strength to strength," she said.

"NAISDA has nothing to be ashamed of. We provide good service, good food and accommodation."

"Students who wish to participate in NAISDA are most welcome but for those disagreeing, well they can make their own choices."

It's understood that the strike follows months of disquiet, which has involved staff departures and student suspensions. Trouble escalated with the school's move from the Rocks in Sydney to Mount Penang, on the Central Coast, last year.

Ms Gela said students had lodged legitimate complaints and were not satisfied those complaints were being taken seriously by the board of directors, or dealt with correctly.

The Koori Mail was unable to contact board members last week and was told queries were being directed to Ms Nelson.

Meanwhile, Ms Nelson said NAISDA was in the process of negotiating with Aboriginal Hostels Limited to take over the running of the hostel because of what she said were 'personal attacks' on herself and other staff members.

Digby tells it like it was

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



NORTHERN Rivers artist Digby Moran (pictured right) has always seen himself as a bit of an open book.

Now, once a month at the Lismore City Council Library, Digby allows himself to be 'borrowed' by people wanting to learn from the 'living book' titled *Digby Dreaming*.

The book is described as an Indigenous Australian who has overcome alcohol and tobacco addiction to forge a successful career as an artist who has exhibited overseas; who has become an Australia Day ambassador; and now works as a drug rehabilitation centre.

After being recommended by a friend, Bundjalung man Digby signed up for his first library session in July.

"I feel good doing it, and also proud to talk with other people about myself," he said.

"I believe because it is designed to break down stereotypes, it's good to be helping someone else. I try to tell people about racism and that we are equal and that colour is nothing.

"People want to know about me, my artwork, my upbringing and what it was like growing up in this area.

"It's okay because I am used to getting up and talking in front of people, it comes naturally for me."

Digby is the first ongoing Aboriginal 'living book' at the Lismore City Council Library.

He said the reaction towards him had been good so far. Lismore City Council Librarian Lucy Kinsley agreed, saying she'd received good feedback about *Digby Dreaming*.

Digby encouraged any other Indigenous people in the Northern Rivers area interested in becoming a living book to 'have a go'.

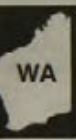
"I encourage people to take every opportunity they are offered while they can," he said.

● If you want to be a living book or to be a reader at LCCL, contact Lucy Kinsley on (02) 66 212 464 or email lkinsley@rtl.nsw.gov.au. If you live outside the Northern Rivers, why not suggest the idea to your local library?



Collapsed ceiling a symbol of inequity?

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THE day the Koori Mail arrived to interview Yirra Yaakin Executive Producer Sam Cook about comments made by an American arts marketing expert on the state of Indigenous theatre in Australia, things weren't looking good.

Some might venture the hole in the ceiling, the water dripping on to bare electrical wires, the wet floor and soiled paperwork collapse caused by relatively light rain the previous day symbolised the regard that governments and general society has for anything Indigenous.

New York Arts Marketing Professor Donna Walker had spoken earlier with the Koori Mail about why Aboriginal theatre companies struggled so hard to get recognition in Australia, and yet were famous overseas.

"I think that will take the Australian community recognising the injustice that's been done to them," Professor Walker said.

"Apologising, because that's what's preventing that growth and until there's an apology, they'll be stuck.

"There has to be an acknowledgement that what happened was wrong, because the community is carrying that pain."

Sitting in the Yirra Yaakin office, the sound of water gurgling behind her, Ms Cook said that while she agreed that Professor Walker had a point, there were also some basic home truths to be told.

"The reality is that it's a little more complex than just a straight-out apology," Ms Cook said.

"What we come up against on a national level is a lack of consideration for Indigenous theatre in general within Australia in the context of Indigenous art.

"We're not even on the periphery, and I think that's because of the way we're perceived as being traditional and remote and there's no comprehension of where Aboriginal theatre sits in terms of culture.

"We don't see ourselves as a contemporary movement; we're part of a living culture that's connected to 60,000 years of history and storytelling and song cycles and what we do is represent how that looks in 2007 and beyond.

"We don't feel that we're appreciated by the government and yet when we go overseas, the

profile is significant and the response is significant and the way we touch communities is as a valuable Australian cultural export.

"When we come home, we're up against all the levels of politics and we're in survival mode. We operate in third-world conditions, but we're still required to be macro-compliant or we're deemed a failure."

Ms Cook said that the collapsed ceiling in her office was an ongoing saga stretching back more than seven years, and it seemed incongruous that Australia's 'leading Indigenous theatre company' was still battling basic occupational health and safety standards in 2007.

"It was originally brought to the attention of government three years ago and it took a year for any kind of formal repair and refurbishment to get done. It's a constant struggle," she said.

"We're caught between government departments who are blaming each other and shifting their responsibility," Ms Cook said with tears of frustration appearing in her eyes.

"This ceiling collapse is symbolic of the sort of struggle that we face every day. It's a disgrace."

Ms Cook said there was high interest in Aboriginal theatre overseas and yet mainstream Australian theatre companies received high levels of funding to produce and market theatre with its roots in the UK and Europe.

"On an international level, people don't want mainstream companies telling Aboriginal stories and we've pulled it off, but we've run at a loss every time we've toured internationally.

"We've done it for our community to be seen on a global front and for our work to be celebrated widely.

"Australian mainstream theatre companies are being over-funded to do remakes of classical western works such as Shakespeare to go back internationally as an Australian-branded product and that doesn't make any sense.

"International audiences see Australian theatre as being connected to the Indigenous experience, but we come up against this inequity of resources and support compared with mainstream theatre.

"In the Australian mind we seem to be still at the Discovery Channel level."

● RIGHT: Donna Walker.
● BELOW: Yirra Yaakin Executive Producer Sam Cook points to the collapsed ceiling at Yirra Yaakin.



Funding for existing school age care facilities

Funding is available to assist school age services to meet legislative requirements published in Part 22: Child Care Centres of the *Child Care Act 2002*. Eligible services must have existed before 1 September 2003 and have until 1 September 2008 to comply.

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 22 October 2007.



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PROPOSALS ARE NOW INVITED FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY HEALTH BROKERS

Organisations are invited to apply to become Indigenous community health brokers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in urban Australia.

As part of the Australian Government's *Improving Indigenous Access to Health Care Services 2006-07 Budget Initiative* the Government has provided funding to establish five Indigenous community health brokerage services in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia.

The first site under this Initiative has been selected. Organisations are now invited to apply to become one of the remaining four community health brokerage sites.

These brokerage services will increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' access to mainstream health services by linking members to a network of health service providers. The success of any brokerage service model will depend on the support of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, local doctors, and allied health professionals.

If you are an organisation with proven links with the local Indigenous community and health professionals, and are interested in becoming an Indigenous community health broker, you are encouraged to apply now.

How to Apply

For an Application Package please go to Tenders and Grants link on: <http://www.health.gov.au>

If you think an Indigenous health brokerage model can work in your area, you are encouraged to submit a proposal by 4pm AEST on Friday 21 September 2007.

Further Information

An information session for this funding process will be conducted in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth during the week of 3-7 September 2007. Queries regarding these sessions should be forwarded to Ms Liz Clout on 02 6289 7336.

www.dhag.gov.au

Dice with death

Sinking boat leaves Horn Island man in shark-infested waters for 1½ hours

By ALF WILSON

TSI WHEN George Nona's dinghy sank in shark-infested waters between Thursday Island (TI) and Horn Island in the dark of night on 31 July, he had few thoughts of winning a premiership with his beloved rugby league team Pioneer Knights.

But on Saturday 18 August, it was like Nona had gained a second life when he accepted the victor's trophy on behalf of the Knights from Torres Shire Mayor Pedro Stephen.

Nona's team Pioneer Knights beat the Roosters 28-24 in the nail-biting grand final of the Kaiwalagal Torres Strait Competition at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island (TI).

It topped off an amazing recovery for 32-year-old Nona who, just four days after his terrifying ordeal at sea, had helped the Knights qualify for the final by beating minor premiers Suburbs 24-22 in the major semi-final.

Nona kicked a goal deep into golden point extra time after the scores had been deadlocked at full-time and the Knights qualified for the season decider.

Just days earlier, after his dinghy sank, Nona spent a terrifying 90 minutes swimming in waters notorious for huge man-eating sharks.

Speaking to the Koori Mail by phone last week, Nona told how water had gushed through the floor of his three-metre dinghy, which was powered by a 30hp outboard motor.

What followed turned out to be every boat traveller's worst nightmare.

Nona had been to TI for football training, followed by Bible study before he headed back to Horn Island.

"It happened on the Prince of Wales Island side out from TI and the time from when my boat sunk until I was found was four-and-a-half-hours," he said.

"I was in the water for an hour-and-a-half before I managed to climb on to an anchor chain of an empty tour boat off TI."



Torres Shire Mayor Pedro Stephen (left) presents George Nona with the victor's trophy after the Pioneer Knights won the grand final of the Kaiwalagal Torres Strait competition on Thursday Island. The big match came just a few weeks after Nona's night-time rescue from shark-infested waters.

While in the water, the father of four and TI customs officer could see the lights on TI and Horn Island.

Once he was on the tour boat, Nona discovered a VHF radio amongst a panel of

switches. He was picked up by a pilot boat and taken to the TI wharf and was given a phone to ring his wife Emily who had been driving around the Horn Island side looking for him.

"I am a Christian and just

prayed to God, who all credit belongs to," he said.

● For the full story on the Kaiwalagal Torres Strait Competition grand final, go to Page 90.

Financial boost for SA's mental health services

SA MENTAL health services will increase in central Australia and the Eyre Peninsula of South Australia following a \$2.2-million boost in Federal funding.

Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing Senator Brett Mason announced the funding earlier this month.

"The Australian Government is funding five new professional staff to provide mental health services from Ceduna and across the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yunkatjatjara (APY) Lands," Senator

Mason said.

The new services were launched in Whyalla by the Member for Grey, Barry Wakelin, on behalf of Senator Mason.

Mr Wakelin said the funding would ease the difficulties that people who lived in rural and remote areas experienced when they needed mental health services.

"The Eyre Peninsula Division of General Practice (\$1.1 million) and Nganampa Health Council (\$1.1 million) have been selected to provide mental health services in rural and remote areas of South Australia under this initiative," he said.

Senator Mason said: "At the outset, the Government is providing more than \$21 million for areas of high need - providing funds to organisations that include Divisions of General Practice, Aboriginal Medical Services and the Royal Flying Doctor Service."

"The increased funding is part of the first stage of the Australian Government's \$72.3 million investment in the Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas initiative."

"The Australian Government is funding selected support organisations that are able to deliver mental health services in

identified geographical areas-of-need," said Senator Mason.

"These organisations will deliver mental health services provided by professionals who include psychologists, occupational therapists, social workers, mental health nurses, Aboriginal health workers and Aboriginal mental health workers."

Stage two of the initiative will provide more mental health services in areas where capacity for service delivery is low. It will also focus on drought affected areas across Australia, with \$20.6 million specifically earmarked for mental health services in these areas.



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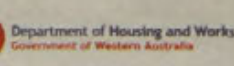
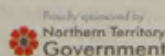
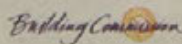


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A Yarn With...



Neville Gollan

Volunteer at Camp Coorong, a cultural camp near Meningie in South Australia's Riverland district

Favourite bush tucker?

I like whatever fish is biting, mullaway or mullet, and the 'pigface' plant. You grab the flower, turn it upside down and squeeze for the seeds and the juice. It's delicious!

Favourite other food?

Rabbit, duck and wild geese grilled over the coals.

Favourite drink?

Water

Favourite music?

(Laughs) I'm a singer and I like the sound of my own voice so myself! I play banjo, guitar and the spoons.

Favourite sport/leisure?

Wrestling, judo and all other martial arts although I'm getting a bit 'young' for that.

Favourite holiday destination?

On my country in the Coorong.

What are you reading?

Books on history, especially Ngarrindjeri language, and fishing books.

What are you watching?

Mysteries, murder and travel shows.

What is your greatest highlight in life?

Too many to choose from.

What do you like in life?

Being alive and surrounded by Ngarrindjeri people and good friends.

What or who don't you like?

John Howard.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?

Joanna Richardson (lawyer for my countryman Bruce Trevorrow who won his Stolen Generations court case), my cousin from Bundjalung country in NSW Christine Walker, and my niece and Ngarrindjeri weaver Ellen Trevorrow.

Who or what inspires you?

Camp Coorong.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
I'd give everyone full and equal rights.

Quote



... something that strikes me is the resilience that many have shown, when you know the circumstances they faced and what they've managed to achieve in their lives.

— Tasmanian Stolen Generations compensation assessor, and former Premier Ray Groom

Unquote

Underspending is 'a bit rich'

The Federal Government's response to claims that it underspent around \$100 million of Indigenous affairs funding in the 2005/2006 is a bit rich, no pun intended.

The other mob, the ALP, claim that's about the size of the underspend on programs including family violence, health, children and education. And there are reports of a few missing millions allocated to critical Indigenous violence, drugs and education programs last financial year.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough gave the claims short shrift saying it wasn't the Government's fault if Indigenous organisations couldn't get their act together enough to be deemed worthy of receiving available funding.

Which, in turn, prompted suggestions that the Government is happy to look good by promising big spending in black communities but then imposes so many heavy-handed conditions that it would be either impossible or just downright shame job for Indigenous organisations to agree to, let alone deliver, on them.

Certainly, the Minister seems to cut himself and the Government an awful lot of slack a la 'I'm not perfect and I can't give firm details but that's the nature of this business and such a big job', while being tough with Indigenous organisations. It has been a while since that kind of largesse was extended to them.

Of course, it's all about who holds the purse strings. And who sets the criteria for what is classified as Indigenous program spending in the first place. Like a major municipal swimming pool which an Aboriginal committee has reportedly not seen fit to support with black money. Or



OUR SAY

like millions of dollars allocated to help non-Indigenous parties fight native title claims. Or like the cost of dismantling ATSIC.

In the end, the Government would probably say that \$100 million is a reasonable underspend given the 'grand' total, which is probably not so grand when all things are considered.

We note, too, dire predictions that the writing is on the wall for many Indigenous organisations.

With the abolition of ATSIC, mainstreaming of some services and programs and the scrapping of others, and the scaling back of the NT permit system and with it the influence of some land councils, one might be forgiven for being a little paranoid.

That would fit into this notion that 'We're all the same us Aussies, aren't we maaaaate?' which seems to apply only when Indigenous people have something that non-Indigenous people find appealing e.g. land and what can sometimes be found under it.

We did hear that the Prime Minister might be heading off to Hermannsburg, south east of Alice Springs, this week for a bit of a look-see at how the revolution is going down. We wait to hear.

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Economic freedom



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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However, and in light of this observation, I do believe many of our mob are doing themselves a disservice by routinely singing the 'poor bugger me' tune while apportioning blame to non-Indigenous people for their insufferably slow progress in gaining economic equality.

Have we been too quick in 'spitting the dummy' when the going gets tough at times instead of soldiering on and striving to overcome the minefields of obstacles deliberately and strategically laid out in our pathways by uncaring civic leaders?

Many white social commentators and some of our upwardly mobile black success stories might argue that we are. My attraction to this important communal disparity debate has seen me look more closely at the reasons why Indigenous people consistently achieve below par levels of economic success in this country.

Social capital

The term often used by social theorists in describing this observable fact is called social capital and contains the following components:

● Bonding social capital (that is, links among people who are like one another), which is important for 'getting by'

● Bridging social capital (that is, links among people who are unlike one another), which is crucial for 'getting ahead' and

● Linking social capital (that is, vertical links to people in positions of authority), which plays a special role in development and poverty alleviation. (Woolcock, M 2004)

Take, for instance, my Year 12 Marist Brothers College Ashgrove (Brisbane) Class of '77 reunion held recently. During a memorable evening with around 70 old classmates, I pondered the question why every member of my class had recorded parallel stories of success as measured by job security (steady prosperous vocation), asset security (investment portfolio, house and car), family security (happy working wife and ambitious children at boarding school or university) and admirable leisure pursuits (favourite national and international holiday destinations).

Contrast that class with my Indigenous brothers and sisters from my Cunnamulla Junior State High School years who, in the main, are now living on welfare, working as labourers or have been lost to us many years prior through accidents or illness.

Most of my Cunnamulla classmates would not have a superannuation fund, have a dual income stream, own or have a mortgage on a house or take national or international holidays.

The dissimilarity of the groups is considerable and at times it feels like they live diametrically opposite lifestyles – and in reality

they probably do.

At the school reunion, which I initially tried desperately to get out of because it sounded too pretentious (middle-aged blokes reminiscing about their privileged formative years wasn't exactly my cup of tea), but was persuaded collectively to attend by many sincere and well intended old friends, I got to answer the question 'why?'

Why is my Class of '77 doing exceedingly well in life while my classmates through Cunnamulla Junior High School, in the main, continue to experience challenging times?

The social capital paradigm raised earlier provided me with answers based on a group's practical capacity to identify and maintain its complex network of associates operating directly and indirectly with them.

Family links

Bonding is often the category where most of my Cunnamulla classmates would get a tick because they have fairly close family links and enjoy relatively amiable relationships with people they know in their small community, especially in times of crisis: Floods and drought.

Bridging is a little higher mark to achieve as many Indigenous people lose contact with many of their white classmates as they drift apart after school years while chasing different career paths; some inherit family businesses; others get the nod for scarce jobs in their small country town through family connection.

Linking is near impossible to gain a tick on as many of my mob are looked upon by those in authority as not being a big vote issue (at election time) or are not seen as significant economic contributors to their 'white' community.

I'm not sure whether my good fortune on occasions can be put down to old school tie connections or simply a coincidence.

Take my success in my domestic legal campaign over the E S 'Nigger' Brown Stand as a case in point. My barrister was in my Class of '77 and the presiding

Federal Court judge was an Ashgrove old boy.

Then take the time I applied to get a home loan from the Commonwealth Bank and was approved on the spot and given special treatment – something that I just didn't expect – and yes again, the bank manager was an Ashgrove old boy.

There have been other notable instances of good fortune that I suspect have arisen through a connection with my old school tie.

At the reunion dinner, after the Past Students Eucharistic Celebration in the Chapel of Our Lady and St Marcellin, in the spectacular function centre overlooking the John Eales Oval, business cards were being handed out like confetti with offers of the best legal advice, stock market pointers, discounts on European cars etc.

This socialising process of business card distribution is the raw ingredient that enhances ones chances of leap-frogging the field to achieve a goal; social or economic, with all active players knowing that favours gained through the old school tie connection will be reciprocated, when called upon, in the future.

The majority, if not all of the Class of '77 would be able to secure a tick against each of the social capital components – bonding, bridging and linking, as they perform the networking activity on a daily basis without consciously knowing they are doing so.

I am aware of networks of Indigenous people, connected through their common causes – land, legal, academic, public service etc – that have assisted in advancing their members' plight and that of other Indigenous people seeking a fair go. The degree to the success from such Indigenous networking activities is not fully known – or at least not by me.

Later next month I will get a chance to speak and hear of the successes of Indigenous leaders at the second annual Indigenous Leadership Forum '07 in Brisbane. The theme for the conference is 'Empowering the next generation

of leaders to bring about social change, economic development and community independence'. Speakers at this conference will include Waverly Stanley, Founding Director Yalari; Professor Mary Ann Bin-Sallik, Charles Darwin University and member of the National Indigenous Council (NIC); Peter King and Allan Murray, Unity Foundation, and Jacqui Katona, former CEO Lumbu, to mention a few.

A week later I'll also get to meet another group of leaders and speak at a conference at the Queensland University of Technology. The title of the conference is Indigenous Economies Symposium with a theme that looks at '... ways Indigenous people are engaged or disengaged in the various economies that have emerged since colonisation'.

Keynote speakers at the conference include Dr Maggi Walters, Dennis Jose, Professor Aileen Morton Robinson, Steve Larkin and possibly a book launch of Professor Martin Nakata's latest publication.

Need to learn

I believe Indigenous people need to learn from and duplicate non-Indigenous people's social and economic practices that have brought them prosperity in today's demanding times while maintaining the richness of their traditional culture inherited from their ancestors.

I also believe a sound economic footing allows for peace of mind and a high degree of freedom from stress and anxiety.

It is through my literal interpretation of economic freedom in this article that I believe we can work towards addressing the concerns raised by Malcolm X in the 1960s: "You can't separate peace from freedom because no-one can be at peace unless he has his freedom."

● For more on the second annual Indigenous Leadership Forum '07 in Brisbane, go to the conference website at http://www.liquidlearning.com.au/documents/ILF0907_1.pdf



Stephen Hagan, middle left, at the Ashgrove College Class of '77 reunion.



At the Lhere Artepe ILUA signing in 2004 are, from left, then Minister for Central Australia Dr Peter Toyne, Chief Minister Clare Martin, Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation Chairman Brian Stirling and Deputy Chairperson Betty Pearce. Photo courtesy of the Northern Territory Government

Groups achieve success

A boriginal land issues in the Northern Territory have recently received mixed public attention.

However, despite some negative responses, three groups of native titleholders have managed to achieve great things for their people.

In Alice Springs the Mparntwe, Ilpme and Antulye estate groups represented by the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation have managed to gain economic independence while achieving recognition and respect for their cultures.

Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation (LAAC) was set up to represent the three estate groups in 2002.

Since that time, the corporation has managed to negotiate an Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA)*, employment training for young native titleholders and grants for cultural awareness posters and DVDs.

The ILUA was signed in 2004 following

Native Title and You



By **TONY SHELLEY**
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negotiations between the Northern Territory Government and the LAAC to develop 20 hectares of native title land in the Larapinta Valley subdivision east of the Alice Springs town centre.

From that agreement, funds were distributed among native titleholders who

used the money to provide for their families and pay for administration costs to run the LAAC office.

LAAC executive member for the Mparntwe Estate group, Karen Liddle said native title recognition gave the traditional owners a chance to negotiate, which in turn gave them recognition and respect within the community.

"Now we are asked to do 'Welcome to Country' speeches and dances whenever there are conferences in town," Ms Liddle said.

"We can get between two to five conferences here a week, so that keeps us busy and helps educate non-Indigenous people about our culture."

On top of that, LAAC has worked with the Territory Government to produce posters, DVDs and television commercials to raise awareness and respect for local Aboriginal culture and its connection to the land.

Although the Mparntwe, Ilpme and Antulye Estate groups are proud of what they have already achieved, they also have their sights set on the future.

Six young traditional owners have successfully completed horticulture courses through the Federal Government's Green Corps program. The LAAC helped the young native titleholders apply for the program and now they will be able to use their knowledge to care for their own country or gain employment.

The LAAC is also negotiating another ILUA, this time for land development in the Mount John area of Alice Springs.

Karen said this time they hoped to negotiate more employment opportunities for traditional owners as it would give them greater independence.

● ILUAs are voluntary agreements about the use and management of land, made between Indigenous groups and other people.

Young filmmakers promote water conservation



Fledgling filmmakers Leilani, Laurita, Zoe, Khadijah and Stevie from Cherbourg.



ASPIRING filmmakers from Cherbourg State School are creating waves with their film *The Secret Waterhole* which has just been selected as a finalist in Riverfestival's Liquid Lens Awards for short films about water.

As one of the worst droughts in Australian history continues, the Liquid Lens Awards for short films encourage filmmakers to express their views on water with category winners sharing a slice of \$35,000 thanks to the Department of Natural Resources and Water.

The grade six students from Cherbourg State School dubbed 'The Angel Babes' were inspired by the dreamtime story *How the Echidna Got its Spikes*. The film features a sneaky echidna who survives remarkably well during a drought by hiding a secret waterhole from the other animals.

The students designed the film to encourage people to not only save water but to share it too.

The Secret Waterhole is a finalist in the Short Film Category, Award for the Best Short Film in the Open Category and also in the Brisbane International Animation Festival (BIAF) - Queensland Schools' Animation Competition Category.

Riverfestival Director Jonathan Parsons said entrants in this year's Liquid Lens Awards for short

films about water thought outside the square.

"The Liquid Lens Awards for short films about water continue to grow in stature and will go international for the first time this year when they are screened by the British Film Institute as part of the Thames Festival."

● Free screenings of some of the films will be shown at Liquid Lens @ Lunch, held at Suncorp Piazza at 12pm from Monday 3 to Sunday 9 September 2007.

● Riverfestival runs from Friday 31 August to Sunday 9 September 2007. For more information log on to www.riverfestival.com.au or call the Riverfestival infoline on 07 3403 8066.



Filming *The Secret Waterhole*



Les Ahoy says John Howard and Mal Brough are 'drunk with power'. Read his comments on Page 24

Remove the abusers, instead of children

I write as a concerned and caring Wiradjuri great grandmother.

I was born in a town camp in Griffith, brought into this world by my Aboriginal grandmother. I was also reared in town camps throughout the Riverina, so I know what it is like to be an Aboriginal and to be treated as one.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has stated that he has 1.8 per cent Aboriginal in him. I wonder what part of him is that. Or what Wannabee tribe does he come from? I believe that you are either an Aborigine or you are not.

Shame, shame, Mr Howard, and Mr Brough for taking the army into those Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory. Can you imagine what trauma and suffering that these innocent little black children must have gone through, when they were invaded by the army?

Child abuse is rampant, right throughout Australia, not only among the Aboriginal communities. Australia is a multi-cultural country and it is happening among other communities as well, even among your own work colleagues – check your data.

I don't see these other communities being invaded by the army!

When I was younger and in the workforce, I attended conferences in the Northern Territory where I heard Aboriginal mothers crying out for assistance decades ago, but their pleas fell on deaf ears as usual.

So Mr Brough and Mr Howard, be honest with yourselves. Are you using innocent little black children as an excuse for a blatant land grab for your own gain? Even a blind person can see what you are doing. I call this

an act of racism and greed. You may be able to fool us most of the time, but not all of the time.

Treat the abusers the same as you would as in the mainstream communities, charge them, and then remove them. Not the innocent little black children, they should not have to suffer for something they had no control over.

I foresee another Stolen Generation coming out of this, innocent black children taken from their parents and their communities, more suffering and trauma at the hands of our Government.

The Government latches on to so-called 'leaders' in our communities who they know will be 'yes' people; these people will say yes to anything that the Government proposes.

I call these people traitors – traitors to their own land and culture. Haven't you people heard of the famous saying, 'Divide and conquer' rule? Our Aboriginal people have roamed this land for 60,000 years and survived. Yet it in this day and age, we are still being treated like foreigners in our own country.

Shame Noel Pearson, I watched your interview on the Lateline television program where you claimed that 'Aboriginal people had turned into a nation of cripples'. Shame Noel Pearson, you are a disgrace to our Aboriginal race.

Aboriginal people have worked hard all their lives and paid their taxes. I suggest that this Government look over their shoulders to see where our taxes are going.

There is good and bad among every race in Australia, but if an Aboriginal person commits a crime, it is highlighted way out of proportion. The good and positive things that are happening in our



Valda Weldon

communities are totally ignored.

There are good role models in all our communities, including in the Northern Territory. So why not use them in partnership with mainstream workers for a positive result for all communities?

Work from the bottom up. Not from the top down.

In our society today, alcohol and drugs are rampant too. Today, children are drinking at a very early age, taking drugs at an early age and having sex at an

early age. Because of this our children – whether they are black, white or brindle – cannot handle it. The cause and effect of this is that our precious children are dying at an early age.

So what is the Government doing about this? Alcohol and drugs are taking over Australia.

VALDA WELDON
A Proud Wiradjuri Elder
Griffith, NSW

YOUR POETRY Intervention

This new world is taking more control of things they do not know.

Passing laws to claim more land and our sacred spirit through their one-eyed commands.

Disregard for our way of thinking No respect for our old way of speaking.

Instead, barging in with army colours and demonising all of our precious brothers.

Our land will soon be given up unless we fight with truth.

The implementation of these measures will not stop abuse.

Talking story, sharing culture, seeing us as equal will be, the only way to start to break the chains stifling what is free.

RACHEL DAVIDGE
Old Errol Bay, NSW



Poet Rachel Davidge

Rivers of Blood

Rivers of blood they cover the earth
Most people have swum in them
From the time of their birth
When will it all end?
And the rivers run clear?
We all return to what we held dear
Family values, family love
These are things sent from above
We must go back to the past
To go forward at last.

DEIDRE CURRIE
Tweed Heads, NSW

Government Controlled

White mentality thinking
Don't you know?
This is why our people are sinking
We've taken on their ways
Left ours behind
We must find our way back
We're running out of time
Fight for our culture
Fight for our ways
Morals and values of past days
Bring back unity and family.

DEIDRE CURRIE
Tweed Heads, NSW

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Howard, Brough power-drunk

I read with interest the article 'Racist' bill on way in the 15 August 2007 edition of the Koori Mail, and the opposing sides of the Federal Government and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations and individuals.

This article stirred emotions of despair for me as an Aboriginal person.

It got me thinking about how can a government be allowed to enact such legislation.

One obvious answer is that they control both houses of Parliament.

Then, for some reason, I thought about 'drunks' and how, when they go in the horrors, you can't talk to them, there's no reasoning whatsoever and they don't want to listen to anyone.

When a drunk is in the horrors, they believe they are so powerful, they can take on the world. Unfortunately, their power only comes from the bottle. I am sure many of us have seen this person at one time or another.

Sometimes, you feel helpless and wonder what you can do to stop this drunk. The only thing you can do is take away their power. Pour it out of the bottle. Let them sober up, then maybe after everyone telling them what they have done, they will wake up to themselves ... maybe, just maybe?

In this article, everyone was urging



Les Ahoy

John Howard and Mal Brough not to enact this legislation – not for the child abuse because everyone agrees that it needs to be addressed – but to prevent the loss of the permit system to Aboriginal lands.

People, these two men are drunks. Not with alcohol, though, they are drunk with the power they have over Aboriginal people.

They are in the horrors and because of that, you all need to stop trying to talk to them. It's no good and it's too late.

They refuse to listen or recognise you.

So what can we do? We need to take their power away, to pour it out of the bottle.

How? You mob, there is an election coming up and instead of wasting our words trying to speak with these power drunks, why not turn our words into action? Use our energy convincing all Aborigines Australia-wide to unite and vote against them. We have land councils, community corporations, organisations, sporting groups, youth groups, and influential individuals right across this country.

We all should be out there rallying the troops to stop this power-drunk Government at the election.

I'm shouting out to you: Come on Aboriginal Australia, fight back and vote them out. Take away their power. Pour it out of the bottle before they destroy us.

LES AHOY, JP
Lake Macquarie, NSW

YOUR POETRY

I am crystal meth

My name is ice
I destroy homes, I tear families apart.
Take your children and that's just the start.
I'm more costly than diamonds, more
precious than gold, the sorrow I bring is a
sight to behold.

If you need me, remember, I'm easily found.
I live all around you in schools and in town.
I live with the rich, I live with the poor, I live
down the street and maybe next door.

I'm made in a lab, but not like you think, I can
be made under the kitchen sink. In your
child's closet and even the woods, if this
scars you to death, well it certainly should.

I have many names, but there's one you best
know, I'm sure you've heard of me.
My name is crystal meth (ice) my power is
awesome
Try me – you'll see but if you do, you may
never break free.

Just try me once and I might let you go, but
try me twice, and I'll own your soul.
When I possess you, you steal and you lie,
you will do what you have to just to get high.

The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic
charms will be worth the pleasure you'll feel
in your arms (your lungs and your nose).
You'll lie to your mother, you'll steal from you
Dad, when you see there tears, you should
feel sad.

But you forget your morals and pride and
how you were raised. I'll be your conscience.
I'll teach you my ways.
I take kids from parents and parents from
kids, I turn people from God, and separate
friends.

I'll take everything from you, your looks and
your pride, I'll be with you always right by
your side.
You'll give up everything, your family, your
home, your friends, your money then you'll
be alone.

I'll take and take till you have nothing more to
give, when I'm finished with you, you'll be
lucky to live.
If you try me, be warned, this is no game, if
given the chance I'll drive you insane.

I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind, I'll
own you completely, your soul will be mine.
The nightmares I'll give you while lying in
bed, the voices you'll hear, from inside your
head.

The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll
see, I want you to know these are all gifts
from me.
But then it's too late, and you'll know in your
heart, that you are mine and we shall not
part.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always
do, but you came to me, not I to you.
You knew this would happen, many times you
were told, but you challenged my power, and
chose to be bold.

You could have said no and just walked
away, if you could live that day over, now,
what would you say?
I'll be your master, you'll be my slave, I'll
even go with you, when you go to your grave.

Now that you have met me, what will you do,
will you try me or not. It's all up to you.
I can bring you more misery that words can
tell, come take my hand, and let me lead you
to hell.

● This poem is believed to have been
written by a NSW prison inmate some
time ago. It was forwarded to the Koori
Mail by a client of a drug support service
in the hope that it might discourage
young people from using drugs.

What if?

What if there was a public holiday that really
celebrated Aboriginal survival and liberation of
the mainstream from the lies that have
beleaguered all since 'settlement'?

Imagine creating spaces where Aboriginal and
mainstream Australia could learn of each other's
histories, where there was respect, compassion
and sympathy for each other's political and
personal oppression, and we could draw the best
of both worlds into something worth celebrating.

Imagine a reality where our national
resources were managed wisely and the land
protected from misuse, because the rights of
Aboriginal people as legal owners were
protected. Where acknowledgement of Aboriginal
people's rightful dues – the rent – was clear,
common knowledge so all Australians could see
a future where equality, justice, national wealth,
peace, cultural diversity and adhesion and a
holistic approach to health, education, ecology
and economy were reasons for the whole nation
to rejoice.

This could happen if the one 'responsible' for
the Prime Ministerial portfolio addressed the lies
perpetuated until now, said 'sorry' to us for the
systematic decimation of our numbers and
offered proper support for our recovery.

If that person also said 'sorry' to white
Australia for pulling the wool over their eyes for
so long and offered proper support for education
for those in the mainstream who wanted to be
free of perpetuating second-hand racist values
and thus the mental ill health we see.

Or is that what it takes for the government to
do, say, be and have what they want at the
expense of Aboriginal Australians? For the
benefit of whom?

MICHELLE CHILDS
Western Australia
Via Email

Tribute to Illawarra's Aunty Mary Davis

The Illawarra community has
lost an all time champion of the
people in Aunty Mary Davis.

Aunty Mary stood by the
people, worked for the people
and loved the people. She never
wavered in her conviction that
the world could be a better place.
Indeed, she made it her business
to ensure that it was for those
whose lives were improved by
her hard work at the coalface
over many years.

Aunty Mary was also humble.

She wasn't one to push her way
in.

But her might and authority as
the person who would know best,
act fast and save the day when
all else failed was legendary.

Go well, Aunty Mary – thank
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TAURI D'EATOUGH and
KARI M S KRISTIENSEN
Wombarra, NSW

Piecing together Daley family tree

I live in the western suburbs of Sydney. My
Aunty Gwen Daley and I are tracing the family
tree.

So far, we have the names of William
George Daley (born in Wellington in NSW),
Uncle Carol Daley, Norman Daley, great great
William Daley (also from Wellington), and Brian
Daley, who lived in Woodburn, NSW, until he
passed away. His wife Marion still lives there
with their children. My Aunty Patricia also lived
in Dungog when she was young.

If anyone has any other information on the
Daley family tree, I'd appreciate it if they could
contact me on email Melohn@tpg.com.au.

PAUL MELOHN
Sydney, NSW

Grounds for Gandhi-style disobedience in Territory

A National Party MP from
Western Australia has called
for Mahatma Gandhi-style
civil disobedience against
actions by the WA
Government.

Such action could well be
taken by Indigenous people
in the Northern Territory
against loss of the permit
system and land tenure.

COL FRIEL
Alawa, NT

Walter McGuire: An icon of the Nyoongar people

Nyoongar Elder Walter McGuire, 1935-2007

The Aboriginal community has lost an icon of culture, love and kindness in the death of Elder Walter McGuire Senior, who passed away on 7 August 2007 after just a few days in hospital.

Mr McGuire was 72.

He was loved by everyone who knew him and the entire WA community will be the poorer without him.

He was born in 1935 in the bush with his family near Mt Kokeby, between Brookton and Beverley, about 100 kilometres east of Perth, surrounded by the ancient traditions of his Nyoongar culture and customs.

His wife and dear friend May McGuire said he learned the Nyoongar language from his mother and the old people.

"Growing up, we would always go hunting so we always had our traditional food and he showed the boys how to hunt and where to hunt and he told them the old stories," she said.

Mr McGuire taught his family the ancient traditions of Nyoongar culture, including the language and how to conduct themselves.

"He showed us how to make a fire and smoke ourselves before hunting, always following the ways of the old people," said his family.

"He taught us how to speak the language in the bush and it was always a spiritual experience and how to keep the connection between us as men and our land.

"He was true to his country and the ways of the old people and he shared those things with us and taught us that they were our rights too.

"He would always speak in Nyoongar language, and it wouldn't take long and a kangaroo would appear in the bush.

"He taught us how to skin the yonga on the ground or in the tree and how to make the pudding out of the stomach, and we would always put the meat, stomach, kidneys and liver into the ashes of the fire to eat, then washing it down with a billy-tea.

"We learned through him to be respectful to the animals that you killed and only to take what you can eat and what you need for your family and never to waste anything.

"He was very strict in relation to the laws of the bush and if you did wrong, you weren't allowed to go on the hunt."

Wonderful upbringing

Although in mourning, the family was quick to smile when remembering what they shared with their father.

"We were so blessed to have such a wonderful father and he taught us to be proud as Aboriginal people and never to be afraid and always to stand up for the truth," they said.

"We had a wonderful upbringing and he taught us to love, respect each other and support each other and give help and never expect anything in return."

Mrs McGuire said that her husband started working when he was 13, mainly for farmers, and then later for Co-operative Bulk Handling, the Water Corporation and the WA Railways.

"When we came to Perth, he was one of the first Aboriginal student health workers in the area of alcohol and drug abuse, and since that time he did all sorts of different things," she said.

"He was involved in the Aboriginal Legal Service and he started off the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme for the jails because he saw so many of our people suffering and dying in jail.

"He also had an input into developing the Aboriginal police aides."



Walter McGuire

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'Bow River Boss' passes

Gidja Lawman, Elder and renowned world artist Paddy Bedford passed away at his residence in Kununurra on 14 July after a long period of illness.

Although his exact age is not known, it's thought that he was at least 85.

Mr Bedford's daughter Kathy Watson said he was born about 1922 at Bedford Downs pastoral station, in the East Kimberley, and he was given his first name after the station manager and his last name from the name of the pastoral lease, a common practise during colonial times.

"He was a stockman and drover during his working life and he didn't get into his art until after he was a great grandfather in his retirement years," Ms Watson said.

"He learned the ways of the bush and his culture by sitting around the campfires with his Elders and his countrymen.

"Then in his 30s he contracted leprosy and went

to the leprosarium in Derby, and that's where he met my mum. I was born there out of that relationship and they got well again and went their separate ways.

"He was very involved with the community and he was a lawman so he conducted law business and attended community meetings and ceremonies right through the Kimberley."

Ms Watson said it was in his retirement years that her father first began experimenting with art.

"It came out of the blue, and the story that I've been told was that Tony Oliver, who now runs the Jirrawun Art Centre in Warman, was handed a painting that was found in a rubbish bin by Chocolate Thomas.

"Tony asked who's it was and he was told it was by my father and that's how they got their art workshops going at Crocodile Hole which is a Gidja community out from Warman.

"I can recall going to Crocodile Hole and watching them painting on the ground and it was pouring with rain and there were frogs everywhere and they were sitting on some calico by the light of a kerosene lamp.

"That was my first introduction to him being an artist."

Mr Bedford went on to become a renowned artist throughout Australia and overseas, exhibiting regularly at some of Australia's top galleries, but the ultimate recognition came when he was chosen to join a group of Indigenous artists commissioned to create a permanent work as part of the new arts centre building in Paris, France, the 'Musée du Quai Branly,' opened in 2005.

"He freaked out and even I freaked out when we found out that he was going to Paris and I said isn't that marvellous for a person who is illiterate and has English as his second language to get a commission overseas and bring Australia together as one," Ms Watson said.

"I really admired him and I take my hat off to him and all of the other old people who put their stories into art and shared it with the whole world.

"He is well remembered as a quiet achiever as an artist and a traditional dancer through corroboree, especially the Fire Fire Burning performance which was shown outside of Gidja country in Perth and other places.

"He always cared for his family and his people and he gave me the gift of life and love and taught me to respect people, especially our Elders, and to look after others."

A funeral service will be held for Mr Bedford at 10am on Saturday, 1 September at the Bow River community, and he will be laid to rest next to his brother-in-law.

"He wanted the headstone to read Bow River Boss. That was their description of each other," Ms Watson said.

- KEN BOASE



Paddy Bedford at home.

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CREATING VOICES FOR THE FUTURE

Walter McGuire: A great Nyoongar man

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His sons Walter Jnr and Barry said the family helped their father to learn English when they moved to Perth in 1979.

"We helped him to understand the English language and it took us several years before he could speak English but he couldn't read it properly, so we could give back to him. We could never give enough for what he gave us," they said.

"He told us it doesn't matter what colour they are, if they smile at you, then that's the fella to go with.

"If they don't smile, don't worry about him because

he's got nothing for you.

"We want him remembered as a great man who feared God Almighty and loved Jesus Christ.

"He taught his family to always be respectful, to always acknowledge your People.

"He was a person who loved his country and loved the bush, loved to hunt and kept his culture and his customs and his law, but he also taught us how to live in both worlds.

"He loved and respected a lot of people and a lot people loved and respected him, not just here but across the state and nationally, as well as overseas."

Canadian Indian Chief

Phil Fontaine was a special guest of Mr McGuire and his family at a special gathering on the Swan River last year, and Dr Fontaine is the head of 639 chiefs and they're going to go through a Inuit ceremony in respect to Dad for what he's done for their nation when they came here in our country."

Mrs McGuire said she was grateful she and her husband had grown closer in the years before his death. "In the last few years me and my dear old friend grew

close to each other and it's going to be hard coming to the old home and not seeing him here," she said.

"We had wonderful times together and we're very proud of our seven children. He was a staunch, strong man and he stood seven foot tall, and that's when he was sitting down."

A funeral service for Mr McGuire will be held at 10am on Saturday, 1 September at the Swan Christian College, Great Northern Highway, Midland, and afterwards for a traditional burial at the Graveside Cemetery at Midland Cemetery in Swan View at 11.30am.

- KEN BOASE

SA's Link-up is seeking Shirley Dawn Hansen

The SA Link-Up Program is seeking to contact Shirley Dawn Hansen. Ms Hansen formerly worked as a trainee nurse at the Charters Towers Hospital in Queensland and resided at Old Townsville Road, Charters Towers.

I am seeking to contact Ms Hansen in regards to a family matter.

If anyone knows of her or their whereabouts, please contact me as

follows: John Webb, Caseworker, SA Link-Up Program, Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, PO Box 7202, Hutt Street SA 5000, phone (08) 8223 5217, fax (08) 8223 6086, or email johnw@nunku.org.au

JOHN WEBB
Caseworker, SA Link-Up Program
Adelaide, SA

● The SA Link-Up Program began at Nunkuwarrin Yunti in the year 2000 to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who have been separated under the past policies and practices of Australia's Governments. SA Link-Up seeks information, files and records relevant to the varied clients' requests to assist with family tracing and reunions.

AhSee reunion planned

Family and relatives of the late Jack and Laura AhSee, of Wellington, NSW, are invited to attend a family reunion to be held in Wellington in 2008.

Any persons that are interested please contact Pauline Wicks, Tina Newman, Loretta Stanley by email at paulinew@wachs.net.au or tina@wachs.net.au or loretta@wachs.net.au

Once we have numbers, we will set a date and get back to interested persons so please email your details to us as soon as possible.

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DAVID BOWEN

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.

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For further information on how to nominate and request the information pack contact
Ms Denise Palethorpe at Batchelor Institute.

Tel: 08 8939 7226 or email denise.palethorpe@batchelor.edu.au
Nominations close Monday 24th September 2007.



Bandjalang Native Title Claims Authorisation Meeting

Date: Tuesday 11th September 2007 and
Wednesday 12th September 2007

Time: Tuesday - 9:00am, arrival and morning tea
9:30am start - 4:00pm

Wednesday - 9:00am, arrival and morning tea
9:30am start - 1:00pm

Venue: Coraki Conference Centre,
Union Street, Coraki NSW 2471

NSW Native Title Services Ltd, provides legal assistance to the Bandjalang #1 (NG 6034/98; NC 96/16) and Bandjalang #2 (NG 6017/98; NC 98/19) Native Title Claims and is convening a meeting of all members of the Bandjalang native title claim group.

Purpose: NSW Native Title Services Ltd is convening a meeting to discuss and 'Authorise' the following:

- Report on developments in the Native Title claims;
- To adopt a decision making process for the claim;
- Authorisation of amendments to the claim/s including:

- Clarification of the claim group description;
 - The description of the claim area;
 - To replace the applicant
- Other amendments required for the registration test; and
 - Appoint a Working Group for the Native Title claims;
 - Discuss Yaeji and Bandjalang Native title claim boundaries;
 - Discuss desired outcomes sought from the Native Title claims;

Who should attend: The following people are encouraged to attend the meeting:

- All people who hold or may hold native title for the land and waters in and around Evans Head, Coraki, parts of Broadwater National Park, Bundjalung National Park, Broadwater Headland to Shark Bay island to Southgate Lagoon, Busby's Flat and Naughton's Gap.
- All descendants (including adopted descendants) of: King Harry; Jack Wilson; George James; Frank Jack Sni and Susanna; George Robinson and Maria Freevin.
- Any Indigenous parties to the two Bandjalang Peoples Native Title claims No.1 and No.2.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

If you wish to attend the meeting, please ring the NSW Native Title Services Ltd Coffs Harbour Regional Office to confirm your attendance and any other details which may be required on freecall 1800 111 844 or 0256 514 580.

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NSW Native Title Services' policies. Please note that accommodation is limited and will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.

All enquiries should be directed to Natalie Rotumah - Community Facilitation Manager at the Coffs Harbour Regional Office of NSW Native Title Services.



Jade Appo on the Young Endeavour.

Jade's cruising

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



THE idea of cruising on a tall ship is a confronting one for anyone, let alone if you're an Indigenous Australian and the ship is named after the

Endeavour.

Captain James Cook sailed the 'first' Endeavour to Australian shores and to many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the name has connotations of colonisation and invasion.

Young Aboriginal woman Jade Appo, was aware of that fact but in the end wasn't deterred from the challenge, after getting the blessing of her family, to sail on the Young Endeavour.

The 23 year-old applied to be a part of Young Endeavour Youth Scheme and received a scholarship through the Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA).

Jade, who works as a resource officer for youth justice with the Department of Communities in Queensland, sailed the 11-day voyage on the tall ship with an Aboriginal perspective and objectives.

"I didn't know a lot about the Young Endeavour, but after reading more about it I asked my Nan how she would feel if I applied for the trip," she told the Koori Mail.

"One of the main things my family and I wanted me to do was to use this as an opportunity to raise awareness, to make it worth it."

Jade said it was 'pretty full-on' watching the ship come in.

"The navy crew were very patriotic and placed importance on the Australian



Abbalena Whalan from Stanley in Tasmania with Jade Appo.

flag. I did struggle with it," she conceded. Having been involved in Indigenous leadership, Jade said it added to the challenge to raise awareness among other participants.

"The voyage had a different dynamic from what I have experienced in other situations. I had to go back to basics in some cases to explain Indigenous issues," she said.

Besides the mental challenges, Jade also had to face the physical challenges and the practicality of it all.

"On the practical side I learned how to sail a tall ship, climb the mast and navigation, as well as how to cook for 40 people in a small kitchen," she said.

"It was a full-on physical mental challenge, and I was out of my comfort zone the whole time."

Jade wasn't the only Aboriginal participant on the ship, in fact she

developed a close friendship with Moses Gibson and Abbalena Whalan with whom she had been involved in other leadership activities.

She said the trio created a close support system together.

Jade is involved in the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, as well as being the Chairwoman of the Walpara Indigenous Youth Leadership Group based on the Sunshine Coast where she now lives, and says she grew as a leader after undertaking the voyage.

"I learned that being a leader, sometimes you have to let other people drive, and that I am not always in control," she said.

"When we had youth command, I was voted second-in-charge and I had to make a lot of decisions quickly. I had to accept that in life you have to deal with the consequences."

She said the experience was a lot of fun and that she would recommend it to other Indigenous people.

"If you are thinking about doing something like this then you have to be prepared to be tested. This is one of the hardest things I have had to do in my life, both physically and mentally," she said.

"I would tell people give it a go, but no one is going to make allowances for you, you have to have a tough 'can do' attitude. I came, I saw, I conquered."

The end of the voyage for the Young Endeavour was at Bundaberg, which is Jade's traditional country.

She was greeted by family members, including her Gooreng Gooreng Nan Phyllis Appo who welcomed her back to country. "Nan said that she was happy to be welcoming a ship named after the Endeavour this time around," said Jade.



The Young Endeavour in full flight on the ocean



Moses Gibson from Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia

Research boost

Climate change focus for new JCU centre

By CHRISTINE HOWES
in Cairns



COMMUNITY-DRIVEN research will be the basis of a new Queensland-based Centre for Sustainable Indigenous

Communities launched on 9 August, coinciding with International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

Working from James Cook University's Tropical Forest Institute in Cairns, the Centre will focus on ensuring sustainable management of natural and cultural resources on communities, particularly across northern Australia.

Christensen Fund Program Manager for Northern Australia Henrietta Marrie said the philanthropic organisation had contributed US\$180,000 towards establishing the Centre and was proud to be working in partnership with the university.

"JCU is looking at an approach to economic development, particularly for northern Indigenous communities, that will look at issues of sustainability as well as ensuring livelihoods," she said.

"This is probably the only centre, which has been an initiative from JCU, which has been established through a private philanthropic body and not started from government funding.

"However, we are speaking to the Queensland Government with respect to the possibility of partnering with us and we hope it will achieve its objective."

JCU Tropical Forest Institute Director Professor Steve Turton



Henrietta Marrie and Professor Steve Turton at the Cairns JCU campus

said the Centre's areas of research would focus on a 'bottom-up' approach.

"In the first year we're looking at establishing the Centre and maybe running some pilot projects," he said.

"One of those will relate to issues to do with impacts of climate change on Indigenous communities, in particular on parts of Cape York and also the Torres Strait. The other area is Indigenous peoples' involvement in on-country management, managing their own country and how that knowledge can be utilised to manage protected areas, natural and cultural resource management."

Ms Marrie said to date the climate change issue had been ignored for remote communities.

"They've been ignored in terms of the frameworks, discussions or research that's

already taken place, particularly in Australia and hopefully we can facilitate the kind of role Indigenous people will play," she said.

"I think it's a serious issue that needs to effectively involve Indigenous people in how they're going to manage their livelihoods and environment."

"Many of these communities have come forward and said that they're already noting changes within their community, particularly in the low-lying and wetland areas."

"Professor Turton said projects such as climate change would be driven by the communities themselves."

"They'll actually say what the issues are that need to be researched, that's the focus," he said.

"So when they say people are noticing changes (in relation to

climate change), they're noticing changes in the breeding behaviour of animals and a whole lot of things because they've been on this country for thousands of years."

"There's a lot of knowledge there that really can add value to the scientific or Western knowledge of climate change, so if you bring the two together you get a very powerful view of what's happening with climate change other than just relying on temperature records going back over 150 years for example."

"Also in these initial years the focus is on developing sustainable communities, and that means economically sustainable communities as well as culturally and environmentally, and helping communities develop economies that are around the use of natural and cultural resources that is

appropriate to maintaining those into the future."

"There's already been quite a lot of work done through JCU previously, a study was done on Cape York that came up with a kind of a blueprint for Cape York communities but it didn't actually take it to the next stage which was to undertake research to follow that through."

"So this is not starting from scratch, JCU has had a long commitment to Indigenous-based research for many years and across the university."

Ms Marrie said the Christensen Fund had also put about \$2 million towards establishing the United Nations University International Institute for Traditional Knowledge which would initially be based at Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory.

Githabul a step closer to native title



THE Githabul people have taken another step towards the recognition of their native title rights in New South Wales with the registration of their Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) by the National Native Title Tribunal.

They reached agreement with the NSW Government early this year over 112,000 hectares of national parks and State forests in the Kyogle, Woodenbong and Tenterfield area of north-eastern New South Wales.

The registration of the ILUA with the Tribunal finalises this legally-binding agreement.

Expected to deliver employment opportunities, freehold land and co-management of national parks, the ILUA is hailed as a milestone in the progress towards a native title consent determination.

Now that the ILUA is registered, the parties will apply to the Federal Court to make a consent determination that will recognise the Githabul people's rights to

practise their traditional laws and customs, including the right to access and camp on the areas, as well as to hunt, fish and gather plants for personal use.

Tribunal New South Wales State Manager Frank Russo said the parties had managed to resolve issues about their respective rights and interests through negotiation and agreement.

"Having come to agreement that the Githabul people have native title rights in this area, the parties are now in the position to seek a consent determination with the

Federal Court," he said.

"They have demonstrated that by talking the matters through, an outcome can be reached that recognises native title while protecting the rights of the other parties."

● ILUAs are voluntary agreements about the use and management of land, made between Indigenous groups and other people. A native title determination is a decision by a court or recognised State or Territory body that native title does or does not exist in an area.



Home Care Service Advisory Board

Aboriginal representative

The Home Care Advisory Board has a vacant part-time position which is designated for an Aboriginal person.

We are seeking an Aboriginal person who will represent the interests of Aboriginal people who are frail older people, younger people with a disability and their carers. A high regard will be placed on experience in disability and/or aged services, leadership experience and awareness of issues impacting on the delivery of human services to Aboriginal people.

The Home Care Service Advisory Board advises the Director-General of the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care on issues relating to the management of the Home Care Service. The Board has seven members appointed by the Minister for Ageing and Disability Services. Meetings are held quarterly and are chaired by the Director-General.

The Aboriginal representative will be appointed for a period of two years.

Expressions of Interest close on 17-September 2007. To find out more about this opportunity, please contact Pauline Brown, Executive Director, Aboriginal Home Care, phone (02) 4904 5000.



The position is open to both Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people



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For an application form and guidelines visit www.environment.gov.au/workingoncountry or phone (02) 6274 2939. We encourage you to contact us in the early stages of your application to discuss your project.



Aurukun Mayor Neville Pootchemunka, pictured earlier this year, holding bauxite pellets.

Photo by CHRISTINE HOWES

Bauxite bid



THE Queensland government has hailed registration of an Indigenous land use agreement as a milestone for a \$3 billion bauxite project on the State's Cape York.

And Aurukun Mayor Neville Pootchemunka, says he is happy with progress on the project.

Queensland Premier Peter Beattie told State Parliament earlier this month that the Aurukun Bauxite Project involving Chinese company Chalco had passed two important milestones.

Mr Beattie said the project had been granted significant project status by Queensland's Coordinator-General, which meant an environmental impact statement was needed as well as cooperation between all levels of government.

"The Indigenous land use agreement with the native title holders and the Aurukun Shire Council has also been formally registered," Mr Beattie said.

"This formal native title agreement will enable Chalco to conduct its feasibility study on the Aurukun deposit."

Mr Beattie said the significant project status would enable the State Government to play a key role in coordinating the complex decision-making process involving Federal, State and local governments.

"The Chalco project is one of the biggest development proposals in Queensland's history," the Premier said.

"It is expected to create 2300 jobs during a three-year construction period and more than 600 permanent jobs for regional Queensland including Aurukun and east coast regions."

"The potential economic benefits include an increase in bauxite and alumina exports worth

more than \$200 million per year. It would also generate significant revenue from royalties and taxes.

"Chalco must now assess the environmental, social and economic impacts of its proposal and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for each part of the overall project."

Mr Pootchemunka told ABC Radio that so far the interested parties had been working together productively.

"We are quite more or less happy where we are at this very moment," he said. "Things are moving forward and the most important thing is that the State and Chalco are more or less respecting the community and engaging with the community and so is the Shire Council."

The Chalco proposal involves:

- Development of a mine at Aurukun with a capacity of 6.5 Million tonnes a year of dry beneficiated bauxite;
- Construction of bauxite loading facilities, including jetty, wharf and associated port facilities at Boyd Point north of Aurukun to accommodate 70,000 tonne Panamax vessels;
- Shipping of bauxite from the Aurukun mine to a refinery on the east coast of Queensland at either Townsville, Bowen or Gladstone;
- Development of an alumina refinery with an initial capacity of 2.1 million tonnes a year and related facilities including residue storage and bauxite/alumina handling and port facilities.

"There are potentially a large number of local, State and Commonwealth agencies responsible for considering approvals for the projects and we know the approvals process will be complex," Mr Beattie said.

"This assessment will be supervised on behalf of the Queensland Government by the Coordinator-General."

Musicians share their secrets



EXPERIENCED Aboriginal performers shared their secrets of creating 'black music' with 70 students at a camp in Gulgong recently.

The Getting Back to Black music camp gave the secondary students a unique opportunity to jam alongside the musicians.

During a series of workshops and rehearsal sessions, the students composed, recorded and performed their own songs.

Organisers said the camp aimed to create a concert program of students' songs and dances which they then performed to students at Goolma, Ulan and Gulgong Public Schools, and Gulgong High School.

The Getting Back to Black program involves students from the following schools:

Brewarrina Central, Coomealla High, Dubbo College Delroy Campus, Dubbo College Senior Campus, Dubbo College South Campus, Forbes High, Gilgandra High, Gulgong Central, Lightning Ridge Central, Peak Hill Central, Walgett Community College, Wellington High, and featured tuition from the Stiff Gins, Last Kinection and Black Chili Productions.

The camp was staged at the Department of Education and Training's Red Hill Environmental Education Centre at Gulgong. It is an initiative of the Western NSW Region Department of Education and Training, and is supported by the NSW Ministry for the Arts.

Sports 'great' a great sport

At his rural property in outer Darwin, Boyd Scully sits down with **Koori Mail** journalist **SOLUA MIDDLETON** and reminisces about his life-long love affair with boxing.

FROM the lines on his face, Boyd Scully looks like he has smiled through his whole life.

His dark skin glows in the Darwin sun and he looks as fit as a fiddle – so fit in fact that, despite pushing his late 60s, he still looks like he could go a few rounds in the ring.

The 68-year-old former professional boxer was announced a joint winner of this year's National NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year award.

Now involved in a boxing talent identification program run through the Australian Institute of Sport, it's a role he's well qualified for.

Mr Scully is proud to be Aboriginal, proud to be Australian and proud of his achievements in boxing – in and out of the ring.

The Darwin-born Territorian fondly remembers his start in the sport, which began with the evacuation of Darwin for the 1943 bombings.

"During the bombing of Darwin, we evacuated to a place in South Australia called Balaclava. When the war had finished, we returned to Darwin," he said. "I started boxing early in Darwin as a kid."

"After the war, my father got a job at the old Darwin Hospital and we went for holidays in Brisbane, and for some reason we decided to stay there to live, so it was a big holiday."

"I started boxing down there as an amateur at 13 years old."

Mr Scully said while it was hard getting started, his natural talent helped him along, bringing on a spate of wins and highlights.

"In 1953 I won the Seven-stone-seven title in Queensland," he said.

"Then I progressed and I entered the Courier Mail Olympic Quest that was run in

Brisbane to go to the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

"I entered that in the bantamweight division, and I fought my way to the top. I was chosen to fight in the 1956 in the Australian titles where the winners would go to the Olympic Games, but unfortunately, I was beaten in the semi-finals. I missed out of the Olympics by the skin of my nose."

It was then that Mr Scully turned professional and had 20 pro fights, winning 10.

He went on to win the NSW junior welterweight title in 1960, and was rated number eight to another Aboriginal boxer, George Bracken, who was an Australian champion.

Another highlight for Mr Scully was beating Jeffery Dynevor in 1955. Dynevor went on to become the first Aboriginal athlete to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal.

"I beat him on points in 1955 before he won his medal," Mr Scully said.

"He was a great little fighter and I have a lot of respect for him."

"I also defeated Ollie Taylor, from Queensland, who represented Australia at the Rome Olympics, and he won a bronze medal. That was a great effort by him."



Boyd Scully and his wife Wenda.



Boyd Scully with his 2007 National NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year joint award.

In 1992, Mr Scully moved into the area of coaching, and was the Australian assistant coach for the Oceania Games in Fiji and Tahiti.

He also sits on the NT and Australian Boxing boards, as well as being the president of Boxing NT.

"I have been in charge in the Arafura Games for 14 years as a volunteer and as a co-ordinator of the boxing," he said.

Mr Scully said there were now more opportunities for young boxers than in his days.

"It really is great and these guys now should take it with both hands," he said.

"The talent identification program will help them as long as they work hard and remain disciplined."

"I teach them that they have to be mentally and physically fit, my way of training is to bring the best out in them as a fighter and bring out their class."

Mr Scully said his dream was to see Australian winning a gold medal in boxing at the Olympic Games.

"My hopes are that if we find the right Indigenous person, I hope he wins it. But it doesn't matter to me if they are black, white or blue," he said.

Mr Scully would like the young boxers in the AIS talent identification program to experience the 'high' of wearing the Australian uniform.

"When I travelled to Tahiti, and we were waiting to go through customs, some people called out to me asking me to sign their books. I told them I was only assistant coach and they said, 'we don't care who you are – you have the Australia tracksuit and that is good enough for us'. That made my day, that was a great thing that person said to me," he said.

"It was one of the greatest feelings. Especially when you go away and everyone knows you are Australian. That's what these young blokes should look at – the accolades that come with it."

Mr Scully still keeps busy through involvement in many boxing associations and programs. He also trains young Aboriginal kids at Taminmin High School, about 40km south-east of Darwin.

"Over the years the kids who have gone through me have done well in their lives," he said proudly.

"It helps keep kids off the streets and is combating juvenile delinquency and it gives the kids something to do."

Mr Scully said he was honoured to receive his national NAIDOC award in Darwin last month.

"It showed that people who volunteer their services towards sports and other things can be rewarded," he said.

Mr Scully dedicated his award to Australia's Stolen Generations, Indigenous people all over the world who have been through similar things as Indigenous Australians, and a group of Stolen Generations children he met in the late 1940s from Phillip Creek, near Tennant Creek.

Carnival aims to 'stomp out' child abuse

NSW A CARNIVAL aimed at creating awareness of the serious impact of child abuse and neglect on Indigenous communities will be held in Lismore, in northern New South Wales, next week.

The Stomp It Carnival, to be held at Southern Cross University on 9 September, will feature a range of speakers, including campaigners Professor Judy Atkinson, Marcia Ella-Duncan and Greg Telford.

Ms Ella-Duncan chaired the taskforce that reported in the *Breaking the Silence* report on the extent of child abuse in NSW Aboriginal communities.

The carnival will also feature a concert with performers such as Roger Knox, Kev Carmody, Tjupurru, Helen Moran, John Huckle, Mereki, and the Chinawan Dancers.

"The carnival's aim is to bring public attention to the seriousness of child

abuse and neglect as Australia's greatest social problem and to develop/nurture relationships within families, between families, and between families and the wider community," said a spokesperson for the alcohol-free and child friendly event.

"These relationships are the drivers in the successful development of a child friendly community – a community free from abuse and harm."

Stomp It will be held from 9.45am until 4pm on Sunday 9 September on the Southern Cross University sports oval.

The carnival is a project of students from Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, with support from SCU and National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN).

● National Child Protection Week runs from 2-8 September. For more information on Stomp It, contact Gnibi College on tel (02) 6620 3955.



Some of Gnibi students working to stage the Stomp It Carnival in Lismore on 9 September.



Louise Denis and Marinda Simpson of Brewarrina School paddle their canoe during a three day trip on the Barwon-Darling river system.

Canoe trip a great way to learn culture



EIGHTEEN students from Goodooga, Brewarrina and Bourke schools concluded a three day canoe trip on the Barwon-Darling last week, declaring it 'a great way to learn'.

The students learned about water and river health issues during the trip, which was a school activity supported and funded by the Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group (ARAG).

The boys and girls were accompanied by teachers, Marcus Geale from Goodooga, Zane van den Berg and Tracey Walford from Brewarrina and James Warne of Bourke, two trained canoe instructors and James Leigo and Craig Alison from the Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

Support team

The support team included Western Catchment ARAG members Paul Gordon and Guy Gibbs, Brewarrina local and Indigenous language teacher Brad Steadman, and Western CMA staff Alan Holt, Barry Edwards and Blackie Gordon.

Fifteen-year-old Matt Toole of Bourke School said he enjoyed learning new information in a practical way.

"There were lots of hands on activities. We were never bored," he said. "I liked learning about the different trees, birds and wildlife and about how they are affected by water quality and erosion."

"Learning how the Aboriginal people used what they had around them to live was excellent. My favourite part of the trip was going to Yambacoon Mountain between Brewarrina and Bourke where they used sandstone to make grinding plates."

Hank Boney, a 15 year old student of Goodooga School and a member of the Moorawarri people, said he enjoyed being outside and learning from each other and was surprised at how many cultural heritage sites were around.

"Every hundred metres we found something, like ancient campfires that were a couple of thousand years old, nardoo grinding plates and scar trees where people had cut coolamons," he said.

"We heard about the Ngemba, Moorawarri, Barkindji and Kamillaroi people who came down to share the fish traps at Brewarrina and the ochre quarry."

"We also learnt about the vegetation and water and the bugs and salinity and we played basketball and canoe polo as well."

Bushwalking

Western CMA Aboriginal Community Support Officer, Blackie Gordon, said the group paddled about 15km per day as well as undertaking bushwalking and outdoor educational activities.

"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 started with a visit to the ochre quarry and Aboriginal fish traps at Brewarrina, which highlight this interdependence and were a great inter-tribal meeting place."

"The students learned about water quality and salinity information and plant identification as well as river health and cultural heritage

aspects of the river.

"We could see first-hand the animals that rely on the river such as yellowbelly and cod, insects and lizards, as well as the effects of erosion, salinity and stock drinking from the river."

"We explained the methodology behind rehabilitating sections of the river, such as resnagging."

"The group returned by bus each afternoon to their accommodation where they analysed information from their water samples and undertook other educational activities."

"This has been a wonderful opportunity to allow these young people to connect with their Aboriginal culture and to learn about the natural environment," Mr Gordon said.

Goodooga teacher, Marcus Geale, said he was nursing sore muscles from paddling but deemed the trip lots of fun and a great success.

"Every time we pulled the canoes up to the bank there would be something else to discover - stone artefacts, campfires and huge scar trees where the bark had been used for canoes," he said.

"It was wonderful to work together with the three schools, the Western CMA and the Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group because everyone could bring a wealth of information to the students," he 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 was one of a range of initiatives the group is supporting to involve the Aboriginal community of the Western Catchment in improving natural resources.

Pilot project

It is a pilot project and the ARAG would seek to support other schools conducting similar trips in the future.

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.



Western Catchment ARAG member, Paul Gordon, with students



Hank Boney of Goodooga School negotiates his way down the river.



Mark Lowe and Bob Wilson of Bourke School with Western Catchment ARAG member, Guy Gibbs.



Young video makers Nathan Abdullah, 11, Karthi Muir, 11, and Stanley Adams, 13. Missing from the photo is Kuberan Muir, 9.

Goanna hunt video a hit



A SHORT goanna hunting video is helping to establish a relationship between the Ngaliya people of Leonora in Western Australia and the Okanagan First Nation in British Columbia, Canada.

The process began when Stanley Adams, 13, Karthi Muir, 11, Nathan Abdullah, 11, and Kuberan Muir, 9, from the Walkatjura Junior Rangers took a video that they had directed, filmed and edited on a cross cultural exchange to Canada.

The production, entitled *Papinmaru* (Goanna), won a prize in a Lonely Planet travel video competition earlier this year.

Walkatjura Cultural Centre chairman, Kado Muir, recently presented copies of the video to representatives of the

Okanagan First Nation at the Enowkin Centre in Penticton and the Sookinchoot Aboriginal Urban Youth Centre in Vernon.

"The Canadians loved watching the boys fashion a slingshot from an old football to catch a goanna," said Guy Singleton, a researcher with the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre, who mentored the boys during the video production.

"They found they had a lot in common with their First Nation peers."

The video also shows the boys talking about the goanna chase, the best bits to eat, traditional names and why they like getting out of town.

The Walkatjura Cultural Centre plans to take the youngsters back to Canada next year to work on a collaborative video project with youths from the Sookinchoot



Stanley and Karthi with the large goanna caught in their video *Papinmaru*.

Centre, which is hoped to foster the relationship between the Ngaliya and the Okanagan peoples.

An intensive video project with Guy Singleton over the next six months will prepare the Walkatjura Junior Rangers to share stories about their lives and cultural experiences through video with their Canadian friends.

A return visit by the Canadian youngsters to Leonora is planned to continue the collaboration.

"This is a fabulous opportunity for all involved," said Mr Singleton. "The project and the cross cultural interaction that goes with it will open a whole new horizon for everybody."

The prize-winning video was produced by Manta Media and supported by the Desert Knowledge CRC.

Funding for Broome youth hangout project



A SUCCESSFUL social activity for Broome youth, known as the 'Saturday Night Hangout', has received a grant of \$5000 from the Office of Crime Prevention (OCP). Run by the Broome Police and

Community Youth Centre (PCYC), Department for Communities youth workers and the Shire of Broome 'Helping Young People Engage - HYPE', the 'Hangout' has been a popular activity with young people since February 2005.

Between 150 and 200 participants have attended on Saturday nights, enjoying a free meal, basketball and pool games and bus transport home at the end of the evening. Broome has recorded a 26 per cent drop in property-related crimes on Saturday nights since the program began in February 2005.

Member of the Kimberley Carol Martin said the provision of an alternative social venue for local Indigenous youth on Saturday nights was an effective way to divert at-risk young people into safe and positive activities.

"The 'Saturday Night Hangout' project offers young people the opportunity to get into a supervised recreational and social evening in a safe environment," Ms Martin said.

"It focuses on supporting and developing young people and its success is a credit to the people from the partner organisations who provide mentoring, counselling and supervision with such dedication."

The 'Saturday Night Hangout' costs \$15,000 a year to run, with \$3000 provided by the Broome Shire, Broome PCYC and the Department for Communities.

The OCP's additional \$5000 will help the program continue for another year, and in the interim, the Broome PCYC hopes to attract funding and support from local businesses.

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Department of Health and Ageing

LINK UP PROGRAM – NORTHERN TERRITORY, TOP END FUNDING SUBMISSION

The Department of Health and Ageing is calling for submissions from eligible organisations for funding to administer and deliver the Link Up Program in the Darwin and Katherine regions (Top End) of the Northern Territory.

The Link Up program provides funds to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to trace, locate and reunite living relatives with whom they were separated as a result of past removal policies and practices.

Funding will cover the period 1 November 2007 to 30 June 2008. Funding beyond this period will be considered by the Department, conditional on ongoing satisfactory performance against the Funding Agreement and subject to other relevant Departmental and program priorities.

Information on how to apply is contained within the Funding Information Kit and Submission Kit, available at www.health.gov.au/tenders or by contacting the Program Manager Arthur Aranui on: Phone: 08 8946 3476, Fax: 08 8946 4380 or Email: arthur.aranui@health.gov.au

Applications close 4pm on 14 September 2007.

Nominate to join a Ministerial Advisory Council

Are you interested in issues surrounding youth, seniors and domestic and family violence?

The Minister for Communities, Seniors and Youth is seeking applications from dedicated individuals who want to make a difference to participate on the following Ministerial Advisory Councils:

- Queensland Youth Council
- Queensland Seniors Council
- Ministerial Advisory Council on Domestic and Family Violence.

Each council provides a forum for the exchange of information and views between members and the Queensland Government relating to the development of policies, programs and services affecting Queenslanders. Collectively, members will reflect a range of perspectives relating to youth, seniors or domestic and family violence issues across Queensland.

Members will be appointed for two-year terms commencing in early 2008. They will be required to attend two to three meetings per year, keep in contact between council meetings, and be actively engaged in their regions throughout their term.

Sitting fees will be paid for attendance at formal meetings and travel and accommodation expenses associated with approved council activities will also be met.

Information about each council, including specific eligibility criteria, is outlined in the application package.

Applications close Friday 28 September 2007.

People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Interested?

For more information or to request an application package, telephone Freecall 1800 611 833, email PolicyCoordinationUnit@communities.qld.gov.au or visit www.communities.qld.gov.au



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Velma Gara at work at 4K1G.

Velma takes charge of radio

Story and photo by
ALF WILSON



TOWNSVILLE-BASED Indigenous radio station 4K1G has appointed the first Indigenous female manager in its 25-year history.

Velma Gara worked her way up to the position since starting as a receptionist and administrative officer with the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media Association (TAIMA) in 1985.

The 44-year-old former champion basketball player is delighted with her appointment and is looking forward to the challenges ahead in a job that had previously been a male's bastion.

"Bill Thaiday, the former senior broadcaster here, must have seen that I had some potential because he put me in the broadcasting unit as a trainee broadcaster. My first

interview was doing vox pops at CAAMA's 8KIN Radio opening in Alice Springs," Velma told the Koon Mail.

In 1988, she left TAIMA and moved into television and worked at QTV, which came under the banner of Channel 9, then Channel 10 and now the Southern Cross Network.

"I started as a third year cadet news journalist and was graded in 1989," she reminisced. "I moved to television because I wanted to see if I could work in mainstream media."

"I stayed in TV until 1992, doing general news reporting and producing the satellite news which covered the Torres Strait Islands, NPA, Cape York and Gulf regions, north west Qld and northern NSW."

When TAIMA got its licence and Radio 4K1G went to air in December 1992, Velma was happy to be part of that original

team.

"Looking back, a couple of the highlights were introducing Tonk Logan to radio and seeing him host his own country requests show and starting the Murri Voices current affairs program with Ella Geia," she said.

"I stayed with TAIMA/Radio 4K1G until January 1999 and then moved further north to Cairns. I did volunteer work with Buma Bipperra Media so as to keep my radio skills updated."

Background

"I also did other types of work - information officer with the Australian Electoral Commission for the ATSC Elections, part-time youth worker at Yarrabah, administrative officer within the Indigenous Libraries Unit of the State Library of Qld, and coordinator at the Remote Indigenous Media Associations of Qld," she said.

Velma moved back to Townsville at the end of 2002 to work again at TAIMA/Radio 4K1G as a broadcaster where she hosted the afternoon timeslot and introduced the Arts N Vybes and Reggae Vybes programs, now hosted by Jonny Deadly, and Black Shadow and Allan Voices programs.

Thursday Island-born Velma is of Torres Strait Islander descent with families on Darnley and Murray Islands and from Kubin at Moa Island. She has a five year old daughter, Patriona Inkai Martha.

She also has considerable experience in basketball. She has coached on hold as work and family now take most of her time, but her sporting career has made her a role model for young Indigenous sportspeople.

During a ten month stint in TV in Brisbane in 1990, Velma was a member of the Lady Bullets team competing in the Women's National Basketball League. She has competed at regional, State and international levels, has coached many high-profile teams. She played in teams that toured America and Canada and played for the Townsville Sunbirds in 1993 and 1997. The latter was the first Qld team to make the national grand finals, and she was their Most Valuable Player in 1988 and 1995. For now though, Velma's happy to focus on 'nothin' but airwaves'.



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Notice to compulsorily acquire Easements within Pittwater Local Government Area (LGA)

Sydney Water Corporation hereby gives notice that approval has been sought for the compulsory acquisition of easements within Pittwater LGA.

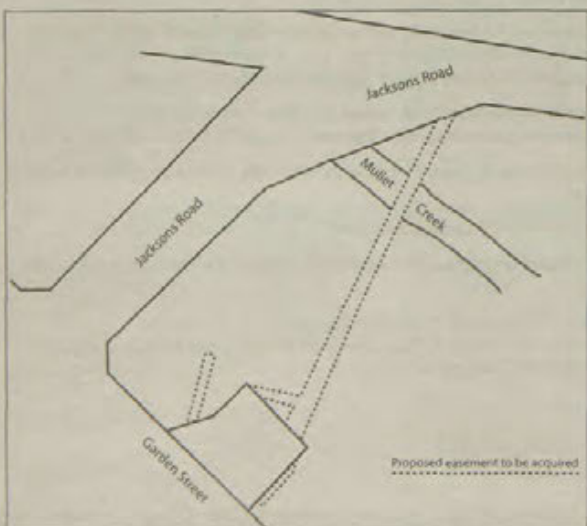
Notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth).

The easements to be acquired are approximately 732.5 square metres of Crown Land located at North Narrabeen (as detailed below) being part of Crown Reserve No. 72375 for public recreation vide government gazette 1-8-1947 folio 1783, which is shown as Lot 7075 DP 1051160 & Lot 7075 DP 93791 and Mullet Creek on DP 1093682.

The compulsory acquisition of all rights and interests (including native title rights and interests, if any) in the subject land by Sydney Water Corporation is pursuant to Section 47 of the Sydney Water Act 1994 and the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

For the purposes of section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 the notification day is 15 August 2007. Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until three months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

For further information please contact Marcus McClintock on (02) 9350 5013 or marcus.mcclintock@sydneywater.com.au



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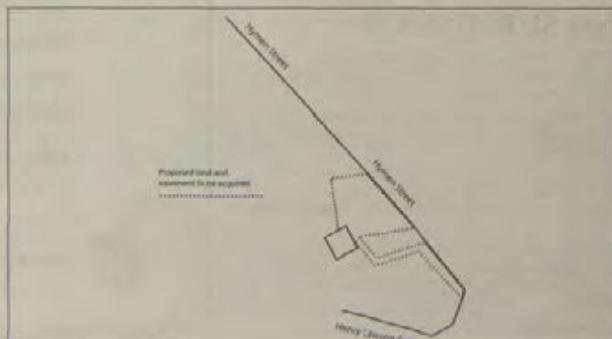
Notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth).

The Land to be acquired is approximately 215.1 square metres and the easements to be acquired are approximately 63.7 square metres of Crown Land located at Peakhurst (as detailed below) being part of Crown Land being named as Hurstville Rotary Park vide notification in Government Gazette of 12 June 1987 Folio 2907, which is shown as Crown Land on DP 1093682.

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Marketing Manager for Tiwi Art Network, Niru Perera.



From left, *Kulama* by Ita Tipungwuti, *Wurrijinga* by Ita Tipungwuti, *Kulama Design* and *Jilamara* by Nina Puruntatameri.



Okwampini (from Tiwi Creation story) by Janine Puruntatameri.

Tiwi art comes to Darwin

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DURING the peak of the Darwin Festival, the Tiwi Art Network held an exhibition in Darwin, focusing on the next wave of Tiwi artists.

This year's theme was around *Nga-wuja Arungwapi*, (Tiwi for 'we are going forward to the future').

The network's executive committee decided that the exhibition would focus on the next wave of Tiwi artists expected to become leaders at their art centres.

They included Roslyn Orsto, from Tiwi Design; Conrad Tipungwuti, from Jilamara Arts and Crafts, and Fiona Puruntatameri, from Munupi Arts and Crafts.

In addition, artwork by influential artists Jean Baptiste Apuatimi and Timothy Cook was on display at the exhibition.

Not long after the doors opened to the exhibition, the unique artwork was getting snapped up. Organisers said they were pleased with the turnout for the exhibition opening.

Five Tiwi artists representing each of the art centres were shortlisted as finalists in the Telstra NATSIAA.

They were Pedro Woneamirri, Raelene Kerinauia, Timothy Cook (Jilamara), Nina Puruntatameri (Munupi), and Romolo Tipiloura (Tiwi Design).



Brian Farmer, Public Officer for Tiwi Art Network.



Purukuparli (from Tiwi Creation story) by Pedro Woneamirri.



All Mills performed the song *Arafura Pearl* as part of her Larrakia Welcome to Country.



Romolo Tipiloura (NATSIAA finalist) with some of his carvings.

Wurreker Awards reward success

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY
in Melbourne



EACH year community events seem to get flashier, and the recent fourth

annual Wurreker Awards held in Melbourne were no exception.

While dining on prawns and enjoying a glass of wine, guests celebrated some of the many success stories that have developed from the Wurreker Strategy, a partnership between the Victorian Aboriginal and Islander Education Association (VAIEA) and the State Government through the Office of Tertiary Education and Training.

"Our goals for education, training and employment for Koori people are in a state of perpetual change," said Geraldine Atkinson, VAIEA President.

"This is because once a goal is

reached, we are and should be already looking beyond that to greater levels of excellence."

The Wurreker Strategy is about creating partnerships between the Koori community and education and training providers and employers.

Ms Atkinson said the past year had seen a steady increase in the number of supporters who were keen to come on board and work with community.

There had been a 15 per cent increase in the number of Indigenous students enrolled in TAFE courses, with one in four 16-24 year olds undertaking post compulsory vocational training.

Victorian Regional and Rural Development and Skills and Workplace Participation Minister Jacinta Allan said the figures clearly showed that Indigenous people must have a say in their own futures.



Aunt Melva Johnston (centre, holding award) was congratulated by fellow community Elder Alf Bamblett (right) and others.



Nominee of the Teacher/Trainer Award Roland Atkinson, Jacinta Allen, winner Linc Yow Yeh, VAIEA President Geraldine Atkinson and nominee Ash Arbup Peters.

Photographs by Alison McColl-Bullock of ICatching Photography



● ABOVE: Nominee of the Community Based Employee Award Charles Williams, winner Justin Mohamed, Aunt Melva Johnston, General Manager of ACFE Sandy Forbes, and nominee Simon Penrose.

● LEFT: Singer Liz Cavanagh watches while Herb Patten belts out a tune on the gumleaf at the Wurreker Awards night.

● RIGHT: Actor Kylie Belling.

● BELOW: Liz Cavanagh performs.



Award winners

Koorie Organisation Award
● VACSAL (Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited)

Teacher/Trainer Award
● Linc Yow Yeh

ACE Provider Award
● Bnym Indigenous Design

Private Sector Employer Award
● Employment Innovations Victoria P/L

Community-based Employer Award
● Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative

TAFE Institute Award
● Kangan Batman Institute of TAFE

Community-based Employee Award
● Justin Mohamed

Local Government Award
● Banyule City Council

Private Registered Training Organisation Award
● Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation 'Yenbena Training Centre'

Private Sector Employee Award
● Russell Mobourne

University Award
● The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development VCA

Public Sector Employer Award
● Department of Justice, Indigenous Issues Unit

Wurreker Awards

Aunty Melva: A non-stop worker for her people

By JIRRA LULLA-HARVEY



SOME biographies are simply overwhelming; snippets of a life so full of achievement, of struggles and of victories that any young one would aspire to. As the Wurreker Special Recognition Award was announced recently, it became apparent that Aunty Melva Johnston has one of those bios.

Born in 1935 at Cummergunja Mission, Aunty Melva left school at 13. At 15 she moved to Melbourne where she worked as a domestic at the Salvation Army Hostel.

She returned to Echuca, married at 21 and had four children.

She worked as a domestic at the Echuca Hospital for 10 years, but it was on this river country that she became a pioneer in the development of Aboriginal health and education services.

"I worked with some wonderful people and we got together and said we wanted to make Victoria better for our children," she said as she accepted her award.

"It has always been about our children, and we fought. We would go into the schools, and we still do, and tell them what we don't like."

When she was working at the Echuca Hospital, Aboriginal women in labour were placed on the veranda to give birth, not inside the wards.

Climate of change

The local kindergarten would accept only two Aboriginal children a year, so during the climate of change that began in the 1970s, Aunty Melva worked with the newly-formed Aboriginal Co-operative.

The co-op was a multi-functional centre and provided childcare that encouraged a sense of belonging and community.

"Until we started our childcare centre in 1978, no-one had competed VCE in our town, now their has been 57," said Aunty Melva.

In 1976, with other community members, Aunty Melva started the Echuca Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

She was instrumental in the



Aunty Melva Johnston, winner of the Wurreker Special Recognition Award

establishment of the Koorie Education Unit at the Echuca Campus of Bendigo Regional TAFE, and Victoria University has acknowledged her exceptional contribution by naming the Melva Johnston campus at Echuca/Moama in her honour.

Aunty Melva assisted in the establishment of the Women and Children's Safe House in Echuca in 1987, was Chairperson of the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) for many years, a Victorian representative at the

national level.

In 2000, she received the VACCHO Aboriginal Health Worker Achievement Award.

She was a regional ATSIC counsellor and at 72 years of age, she now sits on the Echuca Hospital Board, the Women's Health Advisory, the Aboriginal Housing Board of Victoria and the VAIEA (Victorian Aboriginal and Islander Education Association).

"All we have ever wanted as Elders is that our children have self-esteem," she said.

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ABORIGINAL PROJECT FUND Call for Funding Proposals

Funding proposals are being sought from non-government community organisations for funding under Council's 'Aboriginal Project Fund'. This is a small grants program to encourage the development of projects that meet priority needs identified within the Port Stephens Aboriginal community.

For further information and a copy of the Information Package please contact Council's Social Planning Co-ordinator, Paul Procter on 4980 0323.

Applications close 21 September 2007.



Notice of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) In Relation to the Surrender of Area GHFL 12/2520.

The Jangga People propose to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the above land. The attached plan shows the proposed area. The proposed ILUA covers the area GHFL 12/2520. Persons who claim to hold Native Title in relation to the area covered by the ILUA are invited to register their interest not later than 12th September 2007 by contacting Colin McLennan of Jangga Operation, PO Box 1102, Castletown Queensland 4812. Telephone: 07 47 552 198.

Registration of Aboriginal Stakeholders Aboriginal Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Projects at Hoxton Park, NSW.

Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd is seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholders to be consulted for Aboriginal heritage projects in Hoxton Park, Western Sydney, NSW. Sydney Water requires an Aboriginal Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Assessment for the proposed Hoxton Park Recycled Water Scheme. They also request registration of interested parties for Aboriginal archaeological excavation programme(s) within a portion of previously assessed land for the same development project. This would be carried out under Section 87/90 permit(s) issued by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC).

The consultation process for these projects will be conducted in accordance with the DECC (NSW) Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applications (NPW Act 1974: Part 6 Approvals) which became effective 1st January 2005.

Parties are invited to register their interest with Austral Archaeology: Greta Logue, Archaeologist, Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd, Shop 1 92 Percival Road Stanmore NSW 2048. Tel: 02 9568 6701. Fax: 02 9568 6702.

The closing date for registration is 12th September 2007.



Gomerol Narrabri People Of that area

NATIVE TITLE MEETING

NSW Native Title Services Ltd will hold a meeting of the Gomerol Narrabri People to discuss matters arising in relation to their native title claim (NC 07/02, NSD437/07).

Date: Sat, 15 September 2007 from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Sun, 16 September 2007 from 9.00am to 2.00 pm

Place: Narrabri Bowling Club, 176 Maitland Street, Narrabri, 2390

Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available but will only be considered if the appropriate applications are lodged at the Dubbo Regional Office by 10th September 2007.

ALL QUERIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NATHAN AT THE NSW NTS DUBBO REGIONAL OFFICE PHONE 02 6882 5788 OR FAX 02 6882 6157.

Queensland Heritage Act 1992

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE QUEENSLAND HERITAGE COUNCIL

The Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism, the Hon. Lindy Nelson-Carr MP, is seeking the nomination of persons with appropriate knowledge, expertise and interest in heritage conservation, to join the Queensland Heritage Council.

The Heritage Council advises the Minister on matters relating to Queensland's cultural heritage, and administers the Queensland Heritage Register.

New appointments will take effect from 1 January 2008, for terms varying from 1 to 3 years.

Nominating organisations must ensure that persons whose names are submitted have been informed of the submission, they are willing to be appointed to the Queensland Heritage Council, and they are aware that Heritage Council appointees will be required to disclose any private interest that may conflict with the public interest.

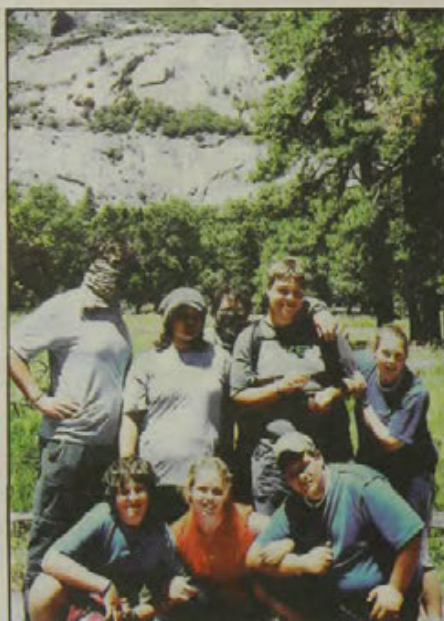
Written submissions must include a response to the Selection Criteria and a curriculum vitae for each person nominated, and must be received by 5pm Monday, 1 September 2007. Submissions should be addressed to the Executive Officer, Queensland Heritage Council Secretariat, Cultural Heritage Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 15155, City East QLD 4002.

To obtain a copy of the Selection Criteria, please email heritage.council@epa.qld.gov.au or contact the Executive Officer, Queensland Heritage Council Secretariat on (07) 3227 6532.

Jaleesa's journey



Jaleesa in the forest wilderness at the beginning of the camp



The Teen Fit Camp contestants at Weaver Lake in the Sierra Mountains



Jaleesa at the end of the program. "I love this photo – it really shows the change in my whole body," she said.

Camp helps Jaleesa to shed and become fit for life

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



ABORIGINAL teenager Jaleesa Donovan embarked upon an important journey of self-discovery when she signed up for an Australian television show about

overweight teenagers and their issues.

Before joining Teen Fit Camp, Jaleesa couldn't run for five seconds without becoming puffed. Now, with the show finished, she has a more optimistic outlook on life and feels she can achieve anything she puts her mind to.

"I'm more confident and having that and a happy attitude I know now I can do anything I put my mind to," she said.

Starting at a weight of 106.5kg, she shed 10.5kg after two months along the California coast with five other struggling obese teens, and has lost a further four kilograms.

"Being at home I've maintained a healthy weight, which I'm very proud of," she said.

From a young age Jaleesa knew she was different from most other kids but it wasn't until high school that she realised that she had a serious problem and needed to lose weight in order to reduce the risk of diabetes and other weight related conditions.

While she didn't put a number on the kilograms that she would lose, she saw Teen Fit Camp as a chance to change her destiny as an overweight woman and understand how she could become healthier.

"My goals were to actually accept the challenge to learn about my body, and to figure out all the reasons why I came to be overweight," she said.

"I also wanted to find myself mentally because I wasn't on a level where I could express my feelings and emotions, instead I

would just go on a binge eating spree.

"I learned that I can accomplish anything when I put my whole entire being into the challenge or situation. I learned to take care of my body by eating properly and exercising because it makes me so much more happier and energised and more confident.

"I learned how to stand on my own two feet and carry myself through emotional times. I also learned how to express my feelings and opinions more to people around me."

While Jaleesa described the California setting of the show as one of the most beautiful places in the world, she said being away from home was hard because she was no longer in her comfort zone. However, she did adapt eventually.

"Flying into Los Angeles and knowing my whole life was about to change is an extremely scary thing but by the end of the whole camp all the issues and challenges I had to overcome was definitely worth

everything plus more in the end," she said.

"We learned how to go about losing weight and the process of keeping it off ... honestly it is one of the greatest things that has happened to me."

Jaleesa said being an overweight teenager was hard.

"Being accepted by your family, by your peers, by the opposite sex and by the public as a whole ... I didn't feel normal, which was a terrible feeling," she said.

"I felt like I was always the odd one out in the crowd but I would never be noticed."

"People who are overweight may seem happy but often it's only a cover-up from the truth. That's what I did, I always covered up my real feelings by humour."

"I wanted a boyfriend but always thought 'no-one would like me because I'm overweight."

"Travelling to America made me realise that the people who can't accept people for who they are inside and out have major problems of their own."

Jaleesa disagrees with media reports about Teen Fit Camp that raised concerns that the teenagers would be traumatised.

"Any article that I have read I just laughed at. Seriously, because people are quick to judge before they actually know the facts," she said.

"The show has not only been a life changing experience for me but also for the rest of the Australians that had the opportunity to attend the camp."

"We are the people who went to this camp, experienced this program and gained so much understanding from it. I loved every single moment of it."

"The honest truth is this was something that took away things that may have traumatised me. It was a liberating adventure for all of us and anyone that says that this has traumatised us has no idea how life changing this has been for us."

Jaleesa thanked those people who helped her through her journey including her family, the crew of Teen Fit Camp, the Redfern AMS, NSW ALC, and Redfern Community Centre, as well as Biggest Loser contestants Adro, Michael, Pati and Kimberlie and finally the others who embarked on the same journey – Gemma, Tom, Christy, Tish and Sam.

"They really made my experience what it was and if they weren't there I wouldn't have had the most awesome eight weeks in my life that I did," she said.

Experts say the 'battle against the bulge' needs to start long before even primary school let alone later when children become teenagers and can be less physically active. About 29 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander preschoolers have a weight problem.

And studies show that Indigenous children and children born to the poorest families have the highest rates of being overweight and obese.



Jaleesa's 2006 school photo



Jaleesa's 2007 school photo



Arthur Tamwoy, Beatrice Sailor and Cindy Drummond



Cindy Drummond Earl Rosas and Beatrice Sailor



Earl Rosas in rehearsal in Belarus

Gruelling tour a once in a lifetime opportunity



EXHAUSTION, jet lag, dehydration, dysentery and flu couldn't stop members of Australian Indigenous dance company Descendance undertaking their most gruelling international tour yet.

The Sydney-based group recently travelled 40,000kms by air and 5000kms by road and rail to perform in seven different countries in Africa and the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania over six weeks.

They had to grapple with nine different currencies, language barriers, multiple changes in time zones, vaccinations and visa applications but company director Jose Calarco says it was all worth it.

"Even though Descendance had performed in over 25 countries and were vastly experienced, this would be our biggest test yet, maybe even a make or break tour for us," he said.

"For years I had been working on a tour through the Baltic States, and in 2007 all the pieces came together.

"When a late opportunity came for a detour to South Africa and Ghana through the Department of Foreign Affairs, we knew it could be a once in a lifetime opportunity. We had the time of our lives and were treated with respect and dignity everywhere we went."

Mr Calarco said the tour was the group's most successful yet with sell-out shows and

exposure to more than 100 million people in some 20 countries through televised concerts through Russia and Africa and the eastern bloc.

"We created potential new markets and interest in the culture with enquiries coming from the Ukraine, St Petersburg, Siberia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Finland, Sweden, and Czechoslovakia," he said. "Descendance completed every date over the six weeks without any cancelled shows."

Mr Calarco said the tour took in the streets of Soweto in South Africa, epic stadium concerts in Ghana and Belarus, summer festivals in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and the group received standing ovations and strong support throughout.

"Performing at the Australian Ambassadors' residences in Pretoria (South Africa) and Ghana made us feel like we were at home again," he said. "The fusions with the African drumming legend Mustapha Tettey Addys and the Dance Factory were surreal, but the smiles on the faces of the children of Ghana and South Africa at our workshops were the most priceless memories."

Mr Calarco said the group believed Indigenous culture needed to go abroad to 'ensure its survival and continued practice'.

"Staying in Australia alone can not provide this as there are not enough financial opportunities and audiences, other countries seem to embrace and respect the culture better than Australians," he said.



Earl Rosas in full flight



Arthur Tamwoy with Belarus dancers



Beatrice Sailor with school of Ghana children



Beatrice Sailor and Cindy Drummond with Andes musician Milho

ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE OF WA (Inc)
2007 Election of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday 3 September-Friday 7 September

CANDIDATES: Paul Sampi, Kevin George and Rosetta Sahanna
 (Two to be elected)

WEST KIMBERLEY

POLLING PLACES - You can cast your votes at:

ALS BROOME OFFICE - 3 September - 9am-4pm
 ALS BROOME OFFICE - 6/9/07 - 7/9/07 - 9am - 4pm
 BROOME PRISON - 5 September - 1pm - 3pm
 BROOME AMS - 3 September - 9am - 11am
 BIDYADANGA - 4 September - 11am - 1pm - Mobile Polling
 ONE ARM POINT - 5 September - 9am - 11am - Mobile Polling
 BEAGLE BAY - 5 September - 1pm - 3pm - Mobile Polling
 ALS DERBY OFFICE - 3/9/07 - 7/9/07 - 9am - 4pm
 MOWANJUM - 4 September - 9am - 11am - Mobile Polling
 ALS FITZROY OFFICE - 6 September - 9 am- 4pm
 JUNJUWA - Mobile Polling
 BAYULU - Mobile Polling

An election will also be held in the Murchison Gascoyne Region.

Absent and postal Voting is available.

For details contact Peter Collins, the Returning Officer on: 1800 019 900

ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE OF WA (Inc)
2007 Election of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday 3 September-Friday 7 September

CANDIDATES: Robert Ronan, Lorraine Whitby, Clarence Cameron and Violet Whitby (Two to be elected)

MURCHISON/GASCOYNE

POLLING PLACES - You can cast your votes at:

CARNARVON ALS OFFICE - 3/9/07 - 7/9/07 - 9am-4pm
 BIRRINGURRAH - 3 September - 2-4.00pm - Mobile Polling
 GASCOYNE JUNCTION - 4 September - 11am-1pm - Mobile
 MUNGULLAH VILLAGE - 5 September - 9-11am - Mobile Polling
 CARNARVON AMS - 5 September - 1-3.00pm
 CARNARVON CDEP - 6 September - 1-3.00pm
 WILUNA AMS - 5 September - 10am-12 noon
 MEEKATHARRA ALS - 4 September - 9am-4pm
 MEEKATHARRA - 6 September - 9am-12 noon - Mobile Polling
 CUE - 3 September - 2-4pm - Mobile Polling
 MT MAGNET - 3 September - 9-11am - Mobile Polling
 GERALDTON ALS - 3/9/07 - 7/9/07 - 9am-4pm
 NORTHAMPTON SHIRE OFFICE - 4 September - 9am-11am
 GERALDTON GRAMS - 4 September - 1pm-3pm
 YALGOO SHIRE OFFICE - 3 September - 11am-1pm
 GREENOUGH PRISON - 5 September - 2-4pm

An election will also be held in the West Kimberley Region.

Absent and postal Voting is available.

For details contact Peter Collins, the Returning Officer on: 1800 019 900



Dream the Pathways
 Inspiring Rural Youth to Make Dreams Happen

- Are you an Indigenous person interested in a tertiary education?
- Do you live in a remote community?
- Are you aged between 16 and 24 years of age?
- Are you supported by your family/community as needing to relocate from a remote community in order to access nationally accredited education and training or the robust labor market?

If yes, then the Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme may be for you!
 Our first Induction Day commences 11th September 2007!

The IYMP program supports Indigenous people from remote areas with the opportunity to undertake study, traineeships/apprenticeships and employment in Dubbo. Participants are provided with safe and supported accommodation, personal support from the IYMP Co-ordinator as well as mentored throughout their studies or employment.

To find out more about this exciting opportunity please contact: Katrina Brophy, Centacare, IYMP Co-ordinator, Dream The Pathways, phone 0419 389 295 or freecall 1800 613 699.

Emotional reunion for descendants



Peter Smith returns to the Old Telegraph station at Powell Creek, the exact location where his father was removed 80 years ago. Photo by Lisa Albert, courtesy of CASG&FAC.



EIGHTY years is a long time, but it must have seemed like an eternity for the Smith family when they came together recently.

For the first time, Peter Smith visited the old Telegraph Station at Powell Creek, in the Northern Territory. It was the very place that in the 1920s witnessed the removal of his father, his father's brother and sister, an incident that set in motion an 80-year long search that came to an end in June this year.

On 24 June 2007, surviving children of siblings Frank, Bobby and Ada Smith travelled from opposite ends of the country, converging on central Australia to meet for the very first time.

In the 1920s Frank, Bobby and Ada Smith were removed from their mother and traditional country under government policies to separate Aboriginal children of mixed heritage from their families.

Tragically, these three siblings were forced to live out their days without ever seeing their mother or each other again.

But nine Smith first cousins recently spent a week together in Tennant Creek, NT, getting to know each other, sharing stories and photos of their

parents and learning about Mudbra and Walmarpa culture and language.

Over the six days, the cousins met more than 100 extended family members, returned to their parents' country of birth and place of removal, and participated in a week-long healing activity, addressing emotional and psychological effects commonly felt from the forced removal of family members.

What made this reunion extraordinary was that it brought together more than 120 people in a journey of healing in one of the most remote parts of Australia.

For a week, it brought Indigenous and non-Indigenous people together to help one family reclaim their cultural heritage and identity.

One of those cousins was Penny Nangala Smith, who said 'Our searching, seeking and waiting is now over, our wounds are finally healed'.

'We have now as a family walked with our ancestors in country. Link-Up has helped us in our healing,' she said.

The reunion included five supportive family members, five Link-Up workers, four counsellors and the overwhelming support from organisations and members of the Central Australian community.

Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation (CASG&FAC) and Nunkuwarrin Yunti Link-Up services and the Smith Family would like to express their sincere thanks to the following individuals and organisations who made the week such a success: Piliyintjini-KI Stronger Families Program, Julaalkari Council, Papulu Appar-Kari Aboriginal Corporation, Central Land Council (Tennant Creek), Nyinkka Nyumyu Cultural Centre, Elliot McAdam, Tennant Creek Lions Club (Greenie) & Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

● CASG&FAC provides assistance to people separated from their families due to past laws, practices and policies of Australian Governments. It provides research and family tracing, and facilitates family reunions.

If you would like more information or for details of the Link-Up closest to you, you can contact CASG&FAC on tel (08) 8953 3899 or email sg@central.link-up.org.au

CASG&FAC has many 'lost' clients. If you are or have been a client of CASG&FAC and have not heard from its staff in a long time, it may be because they do not have your contact details. If so, please contact CASG&FAC to update your details.

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ABORIGINAL STAKEHOLDER REGISTER

Proposed Scone Zone Substation INPUT SOUGHT FROM LOCAL ABORIGINAL GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS

EnergyAustralia proposes to develop a new zone substation off the New England Highway to the south of Scone. The substation will replace existing equipment scheduled to be retired and meet the increasing demand for electricity in the area.

Input from the Aboriginal community is an essential part of assessing the significance of Aboriginal objects likely to be impacted by this activity.

Local Aboriginal groups or individuals who wish to be consulted on the Aboriginal archaeological investigations are invited to register their interest in this project.

EnergyAustralia has commissioned Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited to manage this process.

To register your interest, please contact: Julian Travaglia, Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited, PO Box 838, Toronto, NSW, 2283. Tel: (02) 4950 5322. Fax: (02) 4950 5737. jtravaglia@umwelt.com.au during business hours.

Registrations of Interest will close at 5:00 pm on 12 September 2007.



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)

REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCIES ACROSS NSW

Interested in conservation?



The Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water invites members of local communities across New South Wales to apply for membership to a National Parks and Wildlife Regional Advisory Committee in their local area. The committees advise the NPWS on the care, control and management of national parks and other reserves within that area.

Successful applicants would be expected to attend approximately four meetings a year plus field inspections. Appointments are for four years from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2012. Sitting fees are not paid, but you would be entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses.

Applications are particularly sought from Aboriginal people, people with scientific qualifications in the area of conservation biology, wildlife management or related disciplines; or people with experience and expertise in the following areas: local government, community involvement in conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage, rural or regional issues, ecotourism or ecologically sustainable visitor use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves, environmental education and community involvement in environmental education, non-Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation and bushfire management.

Please note that the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water will also be seeking nominations directly from a number of organisations.

The Government is committed to increasing representation of indigenous people and women on advisory committees. Young people aged between 18-40 are also strongly encouraged to apply.

Application forms and information kits are available from the NPWS website at www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/advisorycommittees. Alternatively, you can send an e-mail to reconstitution2008@environment.nsw.gov.au or call the Stakeholder Liaison Officer on (02) 9585 6084.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2007.

The NPWS is part of the Department of Environment and Climate Change.



There's no better time to join our team.

The Department of Health and Ageing is focused 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.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT SECTION

**APS LEVEL 6
SOLUTIONS BROKER
\$62,428 - \$70,429**

SEVERAL POSITIONS

**Reference Number: 07-1052
ADELAIDE**

The Solutions Broker will work in partnership with local stakeholders including government and state government agencies and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to ensure that whole of government services provided through the health and ageing portfolio programs are responsive to diverse local needs and conditions, while maintaining consistent standards of equity, quality and efficiency in the pursuit of government policy objectives. This includes implementation of new whole of government policy and the targeting of resources to areas of high need, and being responsible for a range of associated administrative tasks.

A non-ongoing position will initially be based in Adelaide, with the possibility of becoming ongoing within 12mths. This position may later be relocated to the Ceduna ICC.

Contact officer: Christine Urbanowski on 08 8237 8263 or christine.urbanowski@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Rachelle Wingard on 08 8237 8064 (rachelle.wingard@health.gov.au)

HEALTH BRANCH BUSINESS MANAGEMENT UNIT

**APS LEVEL 6
FINANCE MANGER
\$62,428 - \$70,429**

**Reference Number: 07-1057
ADELAIDE**

We are seeking a suitable person to fill a new Finance Manager position (APS 6) within the Business Management Unit of the South Australian Office. This position will provide high level financial and contract management advice and support to the Aged & Community Care (A&CC) Branch within the State Office and will line-manage an APS 5 member of staff.

The position offers an exciting opportunity to support the A&CC Branch in its planning, administration and quality control of programs for residential, community and flexible care services for older South Australians, including carer respite, packaged care and transition care; for programs pertaining to services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and for assessment services, as well as the Home & Community Care program.

If you are interested in this position, please obtain a copy of the applicant's kit and submit your application for an opportunity to play an important role in the Branch.

Contact officer: Richard Tee on 08 8237 8041 or richard.tee@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Mary Smith on 08 8237 8044 (mary.smith@health.gov.au)

TASMANIAN STATE OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH APS LEVEL 6 EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER \$62,428 - \$70,429

**Reference Number: 07-1053
HOBART**

You will work with the OATSIH Director, you will work on the implementation of the whole of government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy agenda in Tasmania. In collaboration with the Indigenous Coordination Centre (in Hobart) you will contribute to the development of both Regional Partnership and Shared Responsibility Agreements. You will also assist in identifying innovative solutions to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community needs.

We are looking for someone who demonstrates the capabilities required for effective performance. Particularly someone who thinks strategically and maximises work linkages, opportunities and solutions; and shows personal drive and integrity.

Knowledge of Australia's health and aged care and related community services and how these are provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is desirable, as is the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively, including the requirement for proper negotiation and consultation, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Inter and intrastate travel may be required.

Contact officer: Catherine Brown on 03 6221 1540 or catherine.brown@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Nicole Broughton on 03 6221 1471 (nicole.broughton@health.gov.au)

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH POLICY AND ANALYSIS BRANCH SEVERAL SECTIONS

**APS LEVEL 6
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER
\$62,428 - \$70,429**

**SEVERAL POSITIONS
Reference Number: 07-1056
CANBERRA**

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) offers challenging career opportunities for motivated and committed individuals. OATSIH works with all parts of the health sector to improve the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through improved access to effective primary health care, substance use services and population health programs. OATSIH leads nationally in developing and implementing policies and programs to achieve these objectives in collaboration with the mainstream health system, Indigenous specific health services, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and its state and territory affiliates, other Australian Government portfolios and state and territory government health departments.

APS Level 6 vacancies are currently available across a range of areas in which OATSIH provides strategic leadership, including research, harnessing mainstream programs to deliver better outcomes for Indigenous Australians, implementation of the whole of government approach to health improvement and program management and implementation. Future APS Level 6 vacancies in other areas of OATSIH may also be filled through this recruitment round.

Tertiary qualifications in relevant areas are desirable.

Contact officer: Craig Rayner on 02 6289 1463 or craig.rayner@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Ann Gardiner on 02 6289 3184 (ann.gardiner@health.gov.au)

Positions close 13 September 2007, 7pm AEST, unless otherwise noted.

The Department of Health and Ageing upholds the principles and practices of workplace diversity.

Visit our web site at: www.health.gov.au

OFFICE OF THE AGED CARE COMMISSIONER

**SEVERAL POSITIONS
MELBOURNE BASED**

The Australian Government recently committed \$90.2 million over four years for a new quality assurance framework to ensure quality in aged care services in Australia. A critical aspect of that quality assurance framework is the expansion of the role of the Commissioner for Complaints into the Aged Care Commissioner. The Aged Care Commissioner has legislative responsibility for reviewing certain decisions made by the Aged Care Complaints Investigation Scheme and to receive complaints about its processes and the processes and conduct of the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency.

**APS LEVEL 5
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
\$56,591 - \$59,730**

Reference Number: 07-1050

The Office of the Aged Care Commissioner is seeking a skilled communicator to be the first point of contact for members of the public seeking to lodge a complaint with the Office. As part of a diverse team you will also work with complainants and other parties to resolve straightforward issues through mediation/conciliation. You will also be responsible for data analysis and project work. The successful applicant will have a good understanding of aged care issues and analytical skills; be innovative, flexible and able to work with minimal supervision.

**APS LEVEL 3
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
\$45,923 - \$50,902**

Reference Number: 07-1051

As an administrative officer you will be the first point of contact for the Office. We are looking for an enthusiastic person who, as part of a diverse team, will take on the role of responding to routine telephone enquiries; maintaining records; and undertake data entry and secretariat services when required. The successful applicant will have sound clerical and client service skills, including organisational and planning skills; and good attention to detail.

It is a condition of employment that the successful applicants undertake a police check every three years.

Contact officer: Jennifer Theisinger on 03 9665 8022 or jennifer.theisinger@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Maria Cioccia on 03 9665 8033 (maria.cioccia@health.gov.au)

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Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Collective Agreement.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

Book series is launched

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY in Melbourne



I WAS always excited when dreamtime stories were on our school reading list. I would 'big-note' about my culture and ancestry and,

for that one class, my peers were interested. We had deadly books about the creation of waterholes by giant animals. The books were filled with bright illustrations and language words only my big brother could pronounce.

But we never had stories about my family, about being a blackfella growing up in the city or what it was like for our parents growing up on missions and in fringe camps.

Today, that's changing. Indij Readers, a not-for-profit company that develops and publishes contemporary Indigenous stories, recently launched its third series of books, which includes nine stories from urban and rural communities around NSW and Victoria.

The launch was held at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Centre at the Melbourne Museum on 26 July and compered by Indij Readers ambassador Rhoda Roberts.

Family involvement

Many of the Indij Readers books are written by Indigenous children in collaboration with their family members, giving them a strong sense of community and family.

"These books are written by community for our children, not just to educate but to entertain and inspire. They are learning instruments that shape the literacy and cultural identity of our children," said Geraldine Atkinson, President of the Victorian Aboriginal and Islander Education Association (VAIEA) at the launch.

"I'd like to fly a plane some day," said Auntie Sharon.

"I'd like to be Prime Minister," said Auntie Kelli.

"Then you'd be able to say 'Sorry', eh?" Uncle Phil replied.

Auntie Chasity had a deadly idea.

"Let's find out what our kids want to be," she said, "and then we'll write a book about it."

So they did.

What I Wanna Be, by Chasity Prior, Kelli McIntosh, Phillip Murray and Sharon Hughes, and illustrated by Peter McKenzie, is one of the nine new tales for Little Fullas and Big Fullas.

The set includes a teacher's guide with background cultural information. The aim of Indij Readers' stories is twofold: To help students learn to read; and to encourage and support teachers to explore with their students, contemporary Indigenous perspectives and issues and, thus, progress reconciliation in Australia.

"We have kids going through a system and coming out without the basic human rights and skills that we all take for granted - reading and writing. This is a good homecoming - one that shines with pride," said Charles Davidson, Chairperson of the Indij Readers Board.

Indij Readers books are not just for Indigenous students, urged Associate Professor Robyn Ewing, from the University of Sydney. They're for all students in Australian schools.

"I challenge you to go to your local school and see if they have Indij Readers, not just on a shelf, but in a class room being used. And if they aren't there, ask why," said Professor Ewing.

Indij Readers has 38 authors, some from Dareton, Doonside, Perth,

Armidale, Adelaide and Vincentia.

Indij Readers' youngest author, Liam Lawson, aged 6, made his first trip to the big smoke of Melbourne, travelling with other authors from Dareton, near the South Australian border.

Liam's story about his bird called *Fat Head* was very popular at the launch at Bunjilaka, with Liam reportedly already planning the sequel.

"Liam tells us *Fat Head* perches himself on the back of a sheep and whistles up the dogs, we'd have to see that to believe it," said Liam's father, Michael Lawson.

At the launch, the Thornbury Rappers, who feature in one of the new books, entertained the audience with a rapping and breakdance rendition of their book.



Tasmanians celebrate NAIDOC on golf course

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



A SMALL but keen group of golfers of mixed ability enjoyed the NAIDOC Tasmanian Golf Championship this year at the Richmond Valley Golf Course.

The tournament, which has been a regular fixture on the Tasmania's NAIDOC calendar for two decades, is a two-ball ambrose mixed tournament.

This year the competition was tight. "By the looks of the scores, everyone's starting to get the hang of the game," said Luke Maynard, a passionate golfer of 30 years. "I organise it so a golfer plays with a non-golfer."

Mr Maynard said the only other criterion was that a male must play with a female and, if there were not enough females, the leftover men had a hit by themselves.

Mr Maynard, an A grade golfer and level 2 golf coach, started running the tournament through the Sports Aboriginal Corporation Tasmania until its demise eight years ago.

He said that not wanting to see "a good community thing" go by the wayside, Karadi Women's Corporation had supported the event ever since.

He said numbers in the tournament had stayed consistent at about 20 participants each

year. Mr Maynard sees the competition as great opportunity to be introduced to golf.

"The two biggest growing sports at the moment are golf and soccer - believe it or not," he said.

"I'd like to see more younger people come along, to show 'em there's a better way than roaming the streets."

"The NAIDOC tournament is not just to get the community together, but to get a few younger players along and hopefully pick up one or two. There's an Indigenous carnival in the Northern Territory this year and I will endeavour to create a team to go up to Alice Springs in October."

First-time golfer Rachel Coad, who was half of the winning team, confessed that she used to think golf was an 'old man's game' and was at odds to understand why her fella would waste an entire day on it.

But things have now changed. She was so encouraged by the tournament that she has since bought a set of golf clubs and is heading away for a weekend on the golf course with him.

● **BELOW:** The winners. From left, third placegetters Robert Smith and Melinda Mansell; organiser Luke Maynard (holding his son Justin's winning trophy); Rachel Coad, who was the other half of the winning team; and second placegetters Aaron Everett and Monika Mansell.



● **ABOVE:** Lisa Smith and Diane Devene with authors of *Dreamtime* at the G, Alinta Hayes and Andrew Nelson from the Victorian College of Koori Education.



● **LEFT:** Indij Readers' youngest author Liam Lawson and with his dad Michael Lawson.



Pre-referendum people saluted

Story by JIRRA LULLA HARVEY
Photos by BINDI COLE



"SHOULD the Australian Constitution recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians as the first peoples?"

Forty years after the historical 1967 Referendum, would the Australian public today vote yes?

The Victorian Electoral Office posed this very question at a mock voting booth in Melbourne's Federation Square as a part of *Their Spirit Still Shines* in Victoria.

"This event is to acknowledge the support that the wider public showed back in 1967, but also to urge them to continue that support and advocacy," said Kooramye Cooper.

Ms Cooper rallied a number of local councils, Aboriginal organisations and La Trobe University to support the Reconciliation Victoria, City of Melbourne, City of Yarra and the Victorian Department of Education event held on August 10, 40 after the Referendum in which more than 90 per cent of Australians voted to include Indigenous Australians in the census and give the Commonwealth power to make laws for Indigenous Australians.

"For me the real success was in the relationships that were built in the lead-up to the day," said Sarah Bond, Reconciliation Victoria Project Worker and Co-ordinator of the event.

"The day itself was amazing, but it's what took place to get us there that I'm most proud of."

"This event was to say thank you to each and every Aboriginal person who

was born before the 1967 Referendum, for allowing me and the rest of the Aboriginal community to continue their struggle, a struggle that changed a nation."

Schools groups piled into the salubrious surroundings to learn about the early days from respected Elder Aunty Margaret Wirrapunda and Barrie Pittock, who was chairperson of the Federal Council for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders (FCATSI) in 1966.

There was music by Kutcha Edwards, Lou Bennett, Richard Frankland and the Yung Warriors and Illbjerri Theatre Company performed excerpts from a play written by John Harding based on the 1967 Referendum movement.

Ms Cooper urged students to go back to their schools and ask why there weren't streets named after Aboriginal warriors.

"The question should what can we do as an individual to change your own community," she said. "You can ask to learn about Aboriginal history or to speak in an Aboriginal language."

"Change will only happen if we walk together, us Aboriginal people we are only two per cent of the Australian population – we need all of you to stand up for Indigenous rights, just like you did in 1967."

"Every day councils are having citizenships ceremonies to welcome new Australians. I am a member of one of the oldest cultures in the world, yet in the eyes of the white man, I am only first generation Australian."

"We must start by acknowledging the past, if we are to enter a future where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can stand together as proud Australian citizens."



Kutcha Edwards performing at Federation Square.



● LEFT: Aboriginal Partnership Planner for the City of Yarra, Kooramye Cooper.

● RIGHT: Aunty Margaret Wirrapunda.



● LEFT: Anne Emery from the City of Yarra.

● RIGHT: Event Co-ordinator Sarah Bond and MC Mikael Simpson Smith.



Knowing Triple-Zero could save a life



A MONTH-LONG national advertising campaign has been launched to build awareness of the Triple Zero (000) number and educate the community about when to use the number.

An important element of the campaign, which targets both adults and children, is ensuring that everyone knows that Australia's emergency number is Triple Zero (000). Knowing the number could save a life.

The key message of the campaign is 'Stay focused, Stay relevant, Stay on the line'.

Jane Elkington, National Manager – Triple Zero, said it was important that people knew what to do when they called Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

"It is important members of the public know to give the operator as much information as possible – for example the house number, street name and a cross street. This will help the emergency services get to them as quickly

as possible.

"If they hang up before the operator has all the necessary information the emergency services may not be able to respond as effectively."

There continues to be confusion among some members of the community regarding which number to call in an emergency. Some people confuse the American or British emergency number with Triple Zero (000).

"It is surprising how many people do not know, or in the heat of the moment can't

remember the Australian emergency number," said Ms Elkington.

Another important element is reducing the high incidence of non-genuine calls to the emergency service number. For every genuine call to Triple Zero there is another one that is not genuine because it does not relate to an emergency, has been misdialled or is malicious.

In 2006-2007 more than 11 million Triple Zero (000) calls were received by Telstra Emergency Call Service

nationally, and of these calls 60 per cent were non-genuine.

Mrs Elkington said people who made false or misleading calls to Triple Zero (000) placed the lives of others at risk.

"Taking simple steps like locking the keypad of mobile phones and teaching children how to use the Triple Zero (000) service correctly can reduce the number of non-genuine calls being made," she said.

● For more information about the campaign visit www.triplezero.gov.au

Interested in a career in Nursing?

Enrolled Nurse Courses February and April 2008

Are you interested in a career in Nursing?
If you are then the Enrolled Nurse Course may be right for you.

Applications are now available for the NSW
Public Hospital Enrolled Nurse Courses
commencing 25th February and 21st April 2008.

Applications close 5pm Friday 12th October 2007.

The Enrolled Nurse Course consists of 12 months
full time employment (including shift work and week-
ends) in a NSW Public Hospital and attendance at
TAFE for 15 weeks of lectures.

There are targeted positions for Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander people. For
further information contact the Project
Officer, Ph: 9391 9607 or email
aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

An application form and information
package for all applicants is available
from www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing,
email ten@doh.health.nsw.gov.au
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Art a 'tool for reconciliation'



IT has been said that art
is a weapon or tool in
the process of
reconciliation and
Aboriginal artist Frances
Parker would no doubt agree.

The Yaegl woman and emerging
leader from Maclean, on the NSW far
north coast, believes from personal
experience that art can greatly assist
the healing process that is necessary
before true reconciliation can be
achieved between Indigenous and
non-Indigenous Australians.

"For me, art has worked wonders, it
is such a subtle way of healing grief,
loss and trauma that many people don't
even realise what is taking place," Ms
Parker said. "That's how healing should
be, natural."

"In the future, I hope to use my art
as a tool. I want to share with people
and communities the power that art has
in the healing process."

Others certainly appreciate the
power of Ms Parker's art. She recently
won the youth category in the Drawing
Together Art Award, which explored
reconciliation and promoted the
employment of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people in the Australian
Public Service.

Entries were required to reflect a
creative interpretation of the themes and
concepts of reconciliation and Ms Parker's
artwork *Forty* celebrated each year since the
1967 Referendum, an event that Ms Parker
said she saw as 'possibly one of the largest
gestures of reconciliation ever offered in this
country'.

"I remember seeing the art competition
advertised in the Koori Mail, so I checked out
the website and decided to enter from that,"
she said.

"There was plenty of time left to enter so I
prayed for my painter's block to lift and the
next morning I woke up with a vision of a
painting that this country needed to see.

"I knew that what I was painting was a
pretty special piece. I know the process of
awards and I know how hard it is to even
have your work chosen as a finalist.

"I didn't know I had won until they had
called my name out at the awards dinner. It
was a pleasant surprise."

Ms Parker said she always knew she
wanted to pursue art full-time.

"I knew since my first painting in
pre-school that this is what I wanted to do.
Some family members like my late Nan used
to dabble in painting, but nothing full time in
the arts," she said.

"Everyone in my family is very imaginative
though, which helps with my creativity.

"My influences in life have always been my
mum, my late father and my nan. My
influences in art are the beautiful Yaegl
landscape and the stories of our ancestors."

As for the future, she says she would love
to travel with her art and share her stories
with the rest of the world.

"I would love to teach art. At the moment I
am focussing on some community art



Francis Parker at the Canberra opening of the
Drawing Together Art Award. Frances' work *Forty*
won the competition's youth category.

workshops I'm hoping to do.

"I would love to work with people of all
ages, from children right through to the
elders. We need to listen and document the
stories of our elders before it's too late. A
painting can be a document.

"In 10 years time, I would like to have a
few more solo shows under my belt, and –
fingers crossed – be painting full-time and
actually being able to live off it.

"I would be healthy, happy and surrounded
by the love and support of my family."

Plenty of time

At only 25, there's plenty of time for Ms
Parker to achieve her goals, but she takes
just as seriously her role as an emerging
young Aboriginal leader.

She recently participated in the National
Indigenous Leadership Program run by the
Federal Department of Family, Community
Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA).

There are three separate and specific
programs for women, men and youth
(18-25 years). Participants undertake a
number of leadership learnings that will help
them to become effective leaders in their
communities.

The programs have been running since
2004 with over 600 Indigenous women, men
and youth – including Ms Parker – having
successfully participated.

● Applications for the 2007/2008 National
Indigenous Leadership Program close on 14
September 2007.

If you would like to receive more
information, contact the Indigenous
Leadership Development Group on freecall
1800 249 873.

Francis Parker's website can be found at
www.francesbelleparker.bmyg.net



**Sydney
WATER**

Notice to compulsorily acquire Land & Easements within Hurstville Local Government Area (LGA)

Sydney Water Corporation hereby gives notice that approval
has been sought for the compulsory acquisition of Land and
easements within Hurstville LGA.

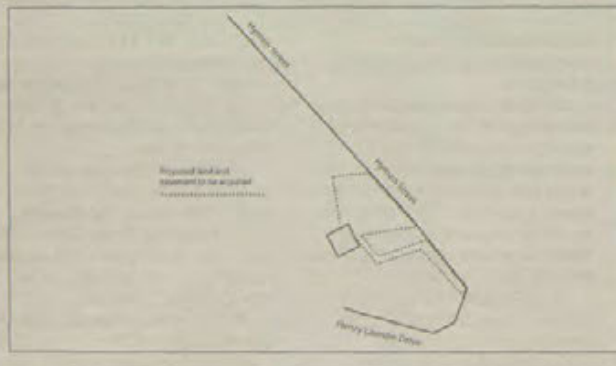
Notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of Section
29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth).

The Land to be acquired is approximately 215.1 square metres
and the easements to be acquired are approximately 63.7
square metres of Crown Land located at Peakhurst (as detailed
below) being part of Crown Land being named as Hurstville
Rotary Park vide notification in Government Gazette of 12 June
1987 Folio 2907, which is shown as Crown Land on DP 1093682.

The compulsory acquisition of all rights and interests (including
native title rights and interests, if any) in the subject land by
Sydney Water Corporation is pursuant to Section 47 of the
Sydney Water Act 1994 and the Land Acquisition (Just Terms
Compensation) Act 1991.

For the purposes of section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993
the notification day is 29 August 2007. Under Section 30 of the
Native Title Act 1993, persons have until three months after the
notification day to take steps to become native title parties in
relation to this notice.

For further information please contact Marcus McGintock on
(02) 9350 5013 or marcus.mcintock@sydneywater.com.au



Plan for better Aboriginal relations



ABORIGINAL people can expect
an improved relationship with
NSW police after the introduction
of new guidelines, Commissioner
Ken Moroney says.

An updated Aboriginal Strategic Direction
(ASD) has been released by police, giving
Aboriginal community members a greater say in
how officers work.

Under the scheme, senior police and
representatives from Aboriginal communities will
meet every two to three months to discuss issues
and develop strategies to address problems.

"Through a variety of programs, effective
feedback is helping reduce substance abuse,
both legal and illegal, family violence and criminal
activity," NSW Police Commissioner Ken
Moroney said late last week.

Police have updated the policy in light of
figures which show the state's Aboriginal prison
population is 12 times higher than that of non-
Aboriginal people.

The effectiveness of the policy will be
assessed every four months.

More details of the direction can be found at
www.police.nsw.gov.au. – AAP

Late bloomer

Study reaps rewards for Nicole



IN the past, study was never a priority for Nicole Waddell. She left

school after completing Year 11 to work, but was unsure what career direction to head in.

"I didn't really think about a career at all; as long as I had a job I was happy," she said.

Now, more than a decade later, 29-year-old Nicole, of Heidelberg West, a Melbourne suburb, has changed her life — she has a strong career focus and enjoys studying with different priorities for the years ahead.

Indeed, her studious efforts have reaped considerable rewards recently. After studying at Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE's (NMIT) Koorie Services Centre, Nicole has just won the Victorian Training Award as 2007 Outstanding Student of the Year — Koorie, and was also named 2007 NMIT Koorie Outstanding Student of the Year.

Several jobs

But Nicole never expected such accolades. She worked several jobs just to earn money, until she started work in an administrative capacity at Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit at Melbourne University in 2000.

It was there that she was encouraged to study and, around the same time, became a mother to Shania and her life began to change direction.

In 2003, she enrolled at Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE's Koorie Services Centre and undertook Certificate III in Business Administration.

"I was taking it step by step and at first, I was nervous and a bit scared to return to study, but the support of the teachers at NMIT and the other students made it really enjoyable," she said.

After completing the



Award-winning student Nicole Waddell with her daughters Shania, left, and Chloe.

certificate, Nicole wanted to keep on studying; she had found an environment where she felt comfortable among her own people at NMIT's Koorie Services Centre and thrived on the learning experience. A whole new world beckoned for the future.

"After finishing the Business Administration course, I wanted to do welfare as it was the area I was working in at Onemda and in 2005, I enrolled to study Certificate IV in Community Services," Nicole said.

This year, with greater confidence and promotion at Onemda, where she now works as a community development and communications officer, Nicole has enrolled for a Bachelor of Arts degree at

Victoria University part-time, majoring in Indigenous studies and community development.

Born in Darwin, her mother from the Miriwung Jerrong tribe in the Kimberley region of WA, and her father of the Arabana tribe in South Australia, Nicole said she always had a strong Indigenous identity but was still learning about the history of her people to pass on to her daughter, Shania, 8, and her younger daughter, Chloe, 4.

While she was surprised to win the awards, she said it was 'a big honour and I feel really grateful and it was wonderful to study with Indigenous people who I could share my experiences with at NMIT'.

"As students, we became very close and supportive of

each other and we could communicate with the teachers who were very encouraging and understanding," she said.

"The award is very exciting and I am very proud of myself. I also feel more confident and believe in myself in a way I never have."

Nicole and other students also had an opportunity to share their fun and fortunes with the Indigenous community in Victoria when they broadcast their own radio program *Black Branches* on Koori community radio station 3KND.

The students were on air for nearly 12 months every Wednesday between noon-2pm where they talked about employment, education and training, mixed with music

and fun.

Looking back on her teenage indifference to education and training, Nicole said she was now career-focused and very ambitious for the future.

She has bought her first home and wants to teach her children (she is expecting another child in January) about their heritage and carve out a career in Indigenous community development.

"NMIT's Koorie Services Centre helped me on the path and brought out my life experiences where I could build on those and learn at the same time," she said.

"I love learning now and while I'm juggling study, work and motherhood, it's a whole new world for me."

Look for work and you'll avoid any penalties

IF you are of working age and receive a Centrelink payment, you may have to complete certain activities if you wish to continue to be paid.

Known as an Activity Test or Participation Requirement, it simply means you are required to look for work or do things to help you get a job, like studying or training.

The activities you will need to complete will depend on your circumstances and will be outlined in your Activity Agreement, which you will have negotiated with Centrelink.

If you are able to work, you will have to show you are actively looking for work by doing all the things in your Activity Agreement, attending job interviews, accepting suitable job offers and by not leaving your job, training

course or program without a good reason.

If you fail to meet the conditions in your Activity Agreement without a reasonable excuse, you may get what is called a Participation Failure. Three or more of these in a 12-month period will result in your payment being stopped for eight weeks.

Leaving your job without a good reason is a more serious issue and can

result in an immediate eight-week suspension of your payment.

It is therefore important you provide evidence of your job search activities if asked and you attend all job interviews and appointments.

If you think Centrelink has made a wrong decision, you ask for it to be reviewed.

For more information call Centrelink in (language) on 131 202.

New cadet will be 'living black'

SBS Television is expanding its regular news and current affairs cadetship program to include a specific position for an Indigenous cadet.

The position will be advertised next month, and the successful candidate will work closely with SBS's Indigenous Unit from next year, including the flagship program *Living Black*, as well as participating in the same cadetship program as other SBS cadets.

"SBS has embarked on this program because it sees a need

for up-and-coming Indigenous journalists and media professionals to be given the training and support required to succeed in their field," said SBS news and current affairs director, Paul Cutler.

Living Black's executive producer and host Karla Grant said it had been difficult to find enough Indigenous journalists with the right skills and expertise to work on the program.

"This cadetship will help boost the number of skilled Indigenous journalists which is particularly

important given the current – and no doubt continuing – focus on Indigenous communities," she said.

The announcement comes as *Living Black* (Wednesdays at 6pm) prepares for its series return on 5 September, including a story on the Howard government's emergency intervention in the Northern Territory. Video journalist Angela Bates filmed the Government health and survey teams at work in the communities of Yuelamu and Yarralin.

New team for Alcan mine jobs

BAUXITE mining company Alcan has appointed an Indigenous team to its new office in Weipa in Queensland's western Cape York.

Two rangers and a community relations administration officer have started work at Alcan Weipa and will work with Alcan's broader community relations team to manage the lease area and undertake community relations.

Alcan Weipa oversees Alcan's bauxite lease including the Ely, Ducie-Wenlock and Ducie-Dulhenty areas.

"We recognise that we need to protect and rehabilitate the environment and preserve the cultural importance of the land,"

said Kurt Thurnherr, President of Pacific Operations for Alcan Bauxite and Alumina. "To do this effectively, we maintain close working relationships with traditional owners."

"These new employees will play an integral role in ensuring long-term partnerships with Indigenous communities and traditional owners and contributing significantly to Alcan's long-term sustainable stewardship of the lease."

Mining of the Ely area of the lease commenced in January under the terms of the Ely Bauxite Mining Project Agreement (EBMPA).

VICTORIAN TRAINING AWARDS

The Victorian Government congratulates the 2007 winners and finalists.



These Awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals, training providers and industry to Victoria's world-class training system, which is a major reason behind our successful economy. Our high quality and committed education and training institutions provide Victorian industries and businesses with skilled and capable workforces.

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting a training system that is innovative, able to specialise in priority areas and responsive to the needs of existing and emerging industries.

Jacinta Allan

Jacinta Allan, MP
Minister for Skills & Workforce Participation

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT of the Year Award – KOORIE

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT of the Year Award – APPRENTICE

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JOHN HOLLAND
OUTSTANDING SCHOOL-BASED STUDENT of the Year Award – NEW APPRENTICE

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Calista Lyon Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE
Luke Mitchell Chisholm Institute of TAFE



Nicole Waddell
Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE

RUNNERS UP
Larae Hills Sunraysia Institute of TAFE
Nuala Trindall Box Hill Institute of TAFE
Lisa Williams Inner Eastern Group Training



Dean Dallinger
University of Ballarat

RUNNERS UP
Jee Mee Leow William Angliss Institute of TAFE
Justin Longo Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE
John Rist Kangan Batman Institute of TAFE



Jaqueline Clingan
Workplace Connect

RUNNERS UP
Bethany Gobbo Victoria University
Matthew Jones Swinburne University of Technology – TAFE Division
Jessie Ravenscroft Workplace Connect



James Reade
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OUTSTANDING TEACHER/ TRAINER of the Year Award



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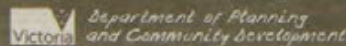
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Message from the Minister for Indigenous Affairs



Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough, talking to residents of the Alice Springs town camps.

The Australian Government is spending \$587 million in 2007-08 as part of the emergency response to protect Indigenous children in the Northern Territory and make communities safe. The Prime Minister and I announced the response on 21 June, and a great deal has happened since then.

We have just legislated to put in place a comprehensive range of measures and to provide money for the initial stabilisation phase. Longer term support will be considered and announced as the emergency response rolls out and through the normal federal Budget process. The emergency measures will last for up to five years while longer term approaches develop.

We acted because the *Little Children are Sacred* report revealed a terrible situation. It showed that child sexual abuse in the Territory's Aboriginal communities is serious and widespread and often unreported. Grog is fuelling the abuse and destroying Aboriginal communities. Many children are not protected and nurtured. Too few go to school. Too many kids live in communities that aren't safe.

The Government recognised the need to act urgently to ensure that Aboriginal people, the children in particular, receive the same protection from the law that other Australians get. The Northern Territory Government is still considering its response to the report.

We are acting to establish law and order. Police numbers will be boosted including additional officers from the States and the Australian Federal Police.

We're taking other important measures as well, including banning the grog and changing welfare payments to make sure money meant for children is spent on them. There will also be improvements in a number of community stores as part of the welfare changes to ensure they are better run and sell healthy food.

Aboriginal children are being given access to health checks. With our help, local people will be asked to clean up their communities to make them better places for children to live. There will also be changes to the permit system as part of these comprehensive reforms.

Survey teams have been moving through the Northern Territory to tell local people what the changes involve and to find out what conditions are like in each of the more than 70 communities at the centre of the response. The teams have been well received so far, with many local people wanting to hear more about the emergency response.

An expert taskforce is guiding the Government. In Alice Springs, the taskforce's operational centre is overseeing the roll out of the response on the ground.

Our aims are to make communities safe in the first instance and then to lay the basis for a sustainable future for Indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory.

We have faced a lot of questions since this intervention was announced. Some people have asked how the various parts of the response are connected to the welfare of children and to each other. Improving living conditions, improving accountability and reforming employment programs—including offering a number of real jobs to locals—is directly connected to providing a better future for our kids.

Everybody wants to see action to end the abuse. I am very encouraged by the number of people in communities who see this as an opportunity for a better future. This will not be easy and it will take time, but we must try to protect the children and to provide this next generation with the prospect of a better life.

Mal Brough
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Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

18 August 2007

Report finds "children are not safe"

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"Little Children are Sacred"

In our time children are very sacred because they carry the
new generation of our people from our country, within them.



A Northern Territory Government report uncovered significant abuse which prompted the Australian Government action.

The Government's quick response reflects the first recommendation of the *Little Children are Sacred* report, which asked that "Aboriginal child sexual abuse in the Northern Territory be designated an issue of urgent national significance".

The Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children began in August 2006 and was released to the public on 15 June 2007 by inquiry chairs, Rex Wild QC and Pat Anderson. The Inquiry gathered feedback from 262 meetings with individuals, agencies and organisations, visited 45 communities and received 65 written submissions.

The Inquiry revealed a terrible situation. It found evidence of sexual abuse in all 45 of the communities it visited.

Alcohol and a lack of education were listed as major factors contributing to child abuse.

"Alcohol is absolutely totally destroying our communities and our families," Pat Anderson said. "Something serious needs to be done to curb this river of grog. It's killing people."

The Australian Government did not think the report's recommendations went far enough. They did not properly address the need for law and order and offered little to protect children right now. The Australian Government acted to respond to the situation revealed by the report, not the report itself.

The report was handed to the Northern Territory Government for consideration of the recommendations.

The report can be found at:
<http://www.nt.gov.au/dcm/inquiry/saac/>

Hotlines

Want more information?
Want to volunteer?

Call **1800 333 995** at any time if you want to find out more or wish to volunteer to help with the emergency response.

Want to register for paid employment?

The Government is looking for people with relevant skills—e.g. in health care, law enforcement, community management, building trades—to help with the measures to protect children and clean up communities. Interested people with other professional skills should also call.

If you think you've got the right skills, call **02 6243 4855** during business hours or email your resume to jointtaskforce@facsia.gov.au



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Protecting children our first priority



The first survey teams leaving Alice Springs to visit remote communities in Central Australia.

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Our immediate concern is the safety of children. We are acting quickly to try to establish law and order in communities so that people feel safe and government services can work properly.

The reforms in the Northern Territory are happening now. Some of the measures will take time. On the ground, government teams are already in communities to see what's needed.

More police

There have never been enough police in Aboriginal communities. Many communities have had no police at all. This means many people have not been protected by the law, and laws have not been properly enforced.

More police are now permanently stationed and on patrol in the Territory's Aboriginal communities. This permanent police presence will continue to grow. Some communities won't have a permanent police presence, but will get regular visits from police. People should be able to report abuse without fear of retribution.

The extra police will be from the States as well as from the Australian Federal Police. These extra police officers are under Northern Territory command, and have normal Territory policing powers. They have been welcomed in the communities so far.

Restricting alcohol and banning pornography

The Government is tackling the 'rivers of grog' that are destroying Territory communities. In areas covered by the emergency response, people will be banned from having, selling, transporting and drinking grog. Take-away sales across the Northern Territory are being monitored. Drinking permits will stay in place pending a review of their effectiveness and some clubs (licensed premises) in communities will be allowed to operate, but only if they have strict alcohol-management rules.

Alcohol bans will stay until communities have a chance to recover and longer term measures are put in place by the Northern Territory Government.

Pornography is also being banned. All publicly-funded computers will be checked for any illegal material.

Our primary objective continues to be the short term protection, coupled with the long term wellbeing of these Australian kids.

Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough

Health checks

Aboriginal children under the age of 16 are being given access to health checks. Teams of medical professionals including a doctor have started to visit communities and conduct health checks. The Australian Government is covering all costs.

The health checks are voluntary. They look at children's overall health and wellbeing, in the same way that Indigenous Child Health Checks are currently done.

If treatment is needed, it will be provided as close to a child's

home as possible. If a child needs treatment outside his or her home community, parents or carers will be consulted, and the child will travel with a family member.

Changing the way welfare payments are made

When payments are made to parents, they should be used to help their children, and not spent on alcohol, drugs or gambling.

For an initial period of 12 months, the Australian Government is limiting how half of income-support payments and family-assistance payments going to people living in communities can be spent. This amount can be used only for food, rent or other essential items. This is called 'income management'.

Over time, the Government is going to move Northern Territory communities to the national welfare reforms announced by the Prime Minister. These will link the receipt of welfare payments for all parents in Australia to the care of children—making sure they are not neglected and they attend school.

Under the national welfare reforms, 100 per cent of income support and family-assistance payments will be income managed in cases where a child does not go to school.

By linking income support to school attendance the Government is sending a clear message about the importance of school for Aboriginal children.

Government representatives will talk to people in communities before income management is brought in.

Community stores

Too many community stores have been poorly managed, selling bad food at high prices. A licensing system will make sure that stores operating as part of the welfare reform will meet high standards and provide a range of quality goods, including fresh food.

First steps—survey teams

Teams of government people are already out in communities.

Communications teams have been visiting communities to explain what will happen.

Survey teams follow to look at what is needed to make communities safer and better places to live.

The teams are looking at:

- problems such as grog and violence
- whether children are safe and going to school
- the level of community services
- what income-support community members get.

They are also looking at what is needed to support the response including extra police and services.

Patrols from the Australian Army's Norforce unit are helping the teams with transport and communications.

Norforce will also help with the setting up of extra services including temporary accommodation for people who will be staying in the community as part of the Government's response.

Once the surveys are done, policing resources will be made available, where needed, and people will start participating in community clean ups.

The survey teams are visiting groups of communities at a time, and are moving quickly through the Northern Territory.



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A better future for Aboriginal people



People using access roads or visiting the common areas of communities will no longer have to get a permit. *David Smith/Pauline Photos*

The Australian Government wants to help Aboriginal people to build a sustainable future with more life choices and opportunities.

After communities have been made safe, the Government will work towards providing the services and opportunities that are available in other Australian communities of a similar size.

Without urgent action to restore social order, the nightmare will go on—more grog, more violence, more pornography and more sexual abuse—as the generation we're supposed to save sinks further into the abyss.

Prime Minister, John Howard

Changes to the permit system

The permit system will remain in place for 99.8 per cent of Aboriginal land, but the Government is changing the law to remove the need to get a permit to enter townships.

Permits will be removed for the common areas of townships, as well as roads into these townships, airstrips and barge landings. Common areas include roads within the township and areas where everyone is normally able to go—public buildings and facilities, shops, art centres and the like.

The permit system hasn't stopped child abuse, alcohol abuse and drug running. It has hidden problems from public scrutiny. Women and children have been scared to report violence and abuse. It has led to closed communities where some people have been able to create a climate of fear and intimidation.

Removing the need for permits will lead to more open communities linked into the outside world. More open communities and a proper police presence will give people the confidence to report crimes. An open town is a safer and more prosperous town providing a better future for children.

The current permit system will still cover most land and sacred sites. People's private homes are still protected and the Northern Territory Government will be able to pass laws for the temporary closure of roads for 'sorry business' or ceremonies.

Short-term leases of townships to improve living conditions

The Australian Government is acquiring five-year leases over communities involved in the emergency response. This is not a 'land grab'. People will not be moved from their land.

In the past money intended for improvements has been slow to roll out due to restrictions or has been badly spent. Government funds have often been wasted because the Government has no control over the assets it funds. The leases will enable the Government to improve conditions in communities more quickly without having to go through long approval processes. They will give the Government unconditional access to the land necessary for the speedy repair and construction of buildings and infrastructure to bring communities to an acceptable standard.

The area of land involved in these leases is very small—less than 0.1 per cent of all Aboriginal land in the Territory. The temporary leases are time limited to five years and control of the land will be returned to the land owners at the end of the lease. Traditional owners will be paid 'just terms' compensation, where

required, in accordance with the Australian Constitution. Any native title in respect of the leased land is suspended but not extinguished.

Reform of community living arrangements

The Australian Government is working with communities to clean them up and provide better housing.

Some people are already involved in fixing their own communities. Work for the Dole and other employment assistance programs are being rolled out across communities, involving local people.

Once housing has improved, people renting houses will be expected to pay the level of rents that other tenants of public housing pay, as well as look after their houses. The Government also wants to open the way for people to own their own homes.

The 2007 Budget provided substantial funds for more and better housing in remote Indigenous Australia in the future, but there will be new rules to ensure houses last longer and are better places for children to live.

Government business managers

Government managers will be appointed to communities, or groups of communities, once the initial surveys are done. They will make sure that services in the communities are coordinated and assets are managed properly.

Which communities are included?

Almost all Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory will be part of the emergency measures—more than 70 communities in all.

This means all communities of around 100 or more people located:

- on land owned under the Northern Territory Aboriginal Land Rights Act, or
- on Community Living Areas (a form of freehold title given by the Northern Territory Government).

Town camps near major urban centres are also part of the response.

The Taskforce will tell the Government about any other areas that need to be included.



Children from the community of Murrumbidgee, New South Wales, are accompanying the soldier to help with the clean-up and maintenance of the community. The soldier is also providing advice on how to improve the community's living conditions.



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Working for better outcomes

As part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response, the Australian Government announced that the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program in the Northern Territory will be progressively replaced by real jobs, training and mainstream employment programs.

The changes will assist around 2000 people off CDEP into real work. Others will receive better opportunities for training and participation by being transitioned to income support with the normal participation requirements, including access to Job Network services, Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) or Work for the Dole.

CDEP has played a good role for some communities, but it has become a destination for too many. Changing employment programs is needed to help improve the economic future of those living in the remote areas of the Northern Territory.

There will be a renewed focus on helping Indigenous people to become work ready, assisting them to find jobs both within and outside their communities, and improving their work-related skills through education, training and work experience.

CDEP participants moving on to income support will be covered by the income-management system that will apply to welfare payments. This initiative will reduce the flow of cash going to alcohol and drug abuse.

Current participants may also be eligible to receive a Northern Territory CDEP Transition Payment. This payment will assist individuals to manage any changes in income that may result from their move from CDEP.

The 50 CDEP providers affected by the changes will still be able to play a major role in their communities by applying to become STEP providers or Work for the Dole sponsors.

There has been strong support from communities where remote area exemptions have already been removed

with greater numbers of people participating in work-related activities.

The reforms to CDEP in the Northern Territory are a key part of normalising services for Indigenous communities, providing opportunities to create real economies and job opportunities in Aboriginal townships. It won't be easy, but it is needed for a better future.

Information sessions on the changes to the CDEP program were conducted across Australia following the announcement.

CDEP will be replaced from October 2007, on a community-by-community basis. Officers from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) will visit communities to work with each CDEP participant and CDEP provider to help them make the most suitable transition.

For further information please go to workplace.gov.au/cdep or call the Northern Territory response hotline - 1800 333 995.

Emergency Response Taskforce

The Northern Territory Emergency Response Taskforce is advising the Prime Minister and Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on how best to protect Indigenous kids in the Territory.

The Taskforce is made up of professional men and women who have experience in Indigenous affairs, medical care, social policy, government, law and industry.

The Taskforce will give advice on many issues, including:

- how best to engage with communities
- delivery of resources and activities
- identification of communities in critical situations
- data gathering and monitoring
- appointment of Government Business Managers to communities.

The Taskforce will operate for at least 12 months. It is chaired by Dr Sue Gordon and its operational centre, headed by Major General Dave Chalmers, is currently based in Alice Springs.

Taskforce members



Dr Sue Gordon chairs the NT Emergency Response Taskforce. Dr Gordon has been a strong advocate for action on child sexual abuse in her roles as magistrate, head of a Western Australian Government inquiry, and chair of the National Indigenous Council.

Dr Sue Gordon AM (chair) is a Western Australian magistrate in the Children's Court and chair of the Australian Government's National Indigenous Council. In 2002, she chaired the Inquiry into the Response by Government Agencies to Complaints of Family Violence and Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities in Western Australia.

Major General Dave Chalmers AO, CSC (operational commander) has considerable organisational and command experience, notably in East Timor and as commander of the joint taskforce that provided humanitarian relief in Sumatra after the tsunami. He is overseeing implementation of the Government's emergency response.

Dr Bill Glasson is an ophthalmologist and former president of the Australian Medical Association. He has worked on a voluntary basis in a number of Aboriginal communities and in East Timor.

John Reeves QC is a barrister and chair of the Red Cross in the Northern Territory, with 30 years experience in Indigenous issues.

Roger Corbett AM is a board member of the Reserve Bank of Australia and former chief executive of Woolworths.

Miriam Rose Baumann AM is the principal of St Francis Xavier Catholic School in Daly River, a member of the National Indigenous Council, and chair of the Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee.

Dr Peter Shergold is the secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Paul Tyrrell is the chief executive of the Northern Territory Department of the Chief Minister.



Major General Dave Chalmers will head the emergency response's operational centre in Alice Springs.

Born again

Cairns arts collective revamped

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Cairns



CAIRNS-BASED Indigenous arts organisation Umi Arts has re-formed for the benefit of artists and art centres across the north of Queensland from Mt Isa to

Torres Strait.

A new board working with new and secure funding arrangements met on a face-to-face basis for the first time with a celebratory re-opening of its Cairns-based office earlier this month.

Acting Executive Officer Nicholas Mills said the day was a 'milestone' for the organisation, which is similar to NT-based co-operatives Desart and ANKAAA.

"I think the Board of Directors is an asset for this State and I'd encourage all our bureaucratic representatives here to

recognise their great value and please engage them in your processes," said Mr Mills.

"Umi Arts is a very new organisation, it's only a couple of years old and it's really entering a new chapter of development and implementation."

Chair of the board and renowned artist Lisa Michl Ko-manggen said she hoped the collective experience of the board would help to nurture emerging artists and art centres.

"All of our directors on the board have various expertise across the visual arts, performing arts and music industries," she said.

"Bringing them into one has really allowed us to get a level of expertise that can inform our Umi Arts staff and help them to work across the board with artists and art centres. Today's meeting is also about planning strategically for our board with some consultants we've engaged, so

a lot will emerge over the next few months."

Ms Michl Ko-manggen said that initially, some of the projects Umi Arts had worked on in partnerships with other organisations included copyright workshops and new media workshops.

"I guess that's all about creating opportunities for artists to showcase their work and through that bit of exposure that really helps artists build their profile," she said.

"It also gives local, interstate and international visitors a chance to view local Indigenous work from far north Queensland and Torres Strait."

Mr Mills said the organisation was positioned in a much more robust, informed and healthier state.

"The other exciting initiative we're also here today for is recent funding through the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board and Arts Qld, through the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy.

"Today also launches our Strategic Plan and Board Governance Mentoring Project, which is funded through the Indigenous Small Business Fund of DEWR.

"That's very exciting, it means we now move from a position of vulnerability into a position of being able to plan with confidence and look forward to the future."

UMI boss was Telstra finalist



UMI Chairperson Lisa Michl Ko-manggen was recently one of 104 artists shortlisted for the prestigious 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA).

It was the second time the north Queensland artist had made it to the award's finals – also being shortlisted in 2005.

The NATSIAA was won by Torres Strait Islander artists Denis Nona for his 600kg bronze sculpture Ubirikubiri.

Ms Michl Ko-manggen's 2007 entry tells the story of when her family, from the Kokoberri language group, goes out onto their traditional homelands 'Pinarrinch' of central west coast Cape York Peninsula, in north Queensland.

"This place is where our families are said to have originated," Ms Michl Ko-manggen said.

"After the wet season and monsoonal rain, our

families go out onto our country in search of magpie geese egg.

"Returning to our country is very important to my family because it represents spending time with our Elders and handing down our traditions, knowledge and culture down to the younger generations."

Ms Michl Ko-manggen studied an advanced diploma of visual arts at the Banggu Minjaany Art and Cultural Centre in Cairns. She has been exhibiting her artwork over the past 14 years and in the last five years she has exhibited in Dusseldorf, Berlin, Washington and New York.



Lisa Michl Ko-manggen's painting *Sitting Under the Old Oak Tree Looking out for Magpie Geese Egg 1*.



Umi (You Me) Arts Board of Directors, from left, Lisa Michl Ko-manggen, Priscilla Major, Somah Hodges, Alberta Hornsby, Steve Hirvonen, Brian Robinson and Billy Missi. Absent from picture: Roy McIvor. Photo courtesy of Ingeous studios

Can you picture a career in illustration?

A free four-day intensive illustration workshop for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Artists will be held in Perth later this year.

Award-winning children's illustrator, author and Director of Melbourne's Books Illustrated, Ann James, will conduct the illustration intensive at Perth Central TAFE in the suburb of Northbridge from 2-5 October.

The workshop is designed to enable artists to develop specific skills and knowledge in the area of children's picture book illustration focusing on techniques and process.

It will provide an opportunity for 12 artists from Perth and regional WA. The workshop is primarily tailored to Indigenous artists, but there will also be opportunity for up to 3 non-Indigenous WA artists to participate.

Participants will be given the opportunity to respond to existing, but unpublished manuscripts provided by Magabala Books

www.magabala.com. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear from other professional illustrators and publishing representatives.

The workshop is free and some financial support is available for successful Indigenous applicants not resident in Perth.

Applications for the workshop will close on 29 August.

To register or for more information, email sophia@artsource.net.au or glenn@artsource.net.au, phone Artsource on (08) 9335 8366, phone writingWA on 08-9228 9908 or email info@writingWA.org.

Presented by writingWA, Magabala Books and Artsource, with support from Perth Central TAFE and the Australia Council for the Arts.

Perth Central TAFE is situated at 12 Aberdeen St in Northbridge.

Alice Springs theatre company winds up Territory tour at home



ALICE Springs-based theatre company Red Dust Theatre will wind up a Northern Territory tour of its latest production, *Barracking*, next week with final shows in its home town.

The show has been taken to six destinations, including three remote Indigenous communities that had never previously hosted theatre.

Barracking has visited Ali Curung, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Timber Creek and Darwin. It will conclude at the Araluen Theatre on Thursday 6 September and Friday 7 September (as part of the Desert Festival).

The cast has also been running acting workshops aimed to encourage young Indigenous people to self-express through theatre.

Barracking is described by Red Dust Theatre as 'the perfect show to tour to remote communities because it is about footy, something that both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians share a common love for. It is a great topic to use as a starting point for realising other commonalities'.

Written by central Australian playwrights Jane Leonard and Steve Gumerungli Hodder, *Barracking* takes a light-hearted look at the effect AFL has on the lives of men, women and young people from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds in the NT.

Red Dust Theatre is not-for-profit and produces locally-grown theatre aimed at generating understanding, respect and exchange between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Papunya artists work towards new art centre

Just about everybody in the Australian art scene has heard of the remote Northern Territory aboriginal community of Papunya, famous as the birthplace of the internationally celebrated Western Desert painting movement.

Less well known is the fact that in the early 1970s, the artists of Papunya, a couple of hundred kilometres west of Alice Springs, have not had a place where they could work together and store their paintings.

Even though thriving art centres exist in a dozen neighbouring communities where painting started decades after Papunya's pioneering effort, for more than 30 years its artists have been waiting for the replacement of old and inadequate facilities where the painting movement was born.

This irony is not lost on the current crop of Papunya painters, which includes some of the most venerable names in desert art and their descendants.

The artists chose *Papunya Tjupi* as the name of the art centre, which they hope will soon be established in their community. Tjupi means 'honey ant' in the local Pintupi Luritja dialect and is one of several names of the series of hills which are the petrified body of the ancestral honey ant from which the town's name also derives.

The art centre is an initiative of the artists themselves, including senior Papunya painters Long Jack Phillipus Jakamarra and Michael Jagamarra and more than 30 other artists, many of whom are the descendants of

the world famous founders of Papunya Tula artists.

Now, an exhibition – *Papunya Tjupi: A New Beginning* – is the art centre's first exhibition and is being staged before it even has a physical location.

It will be held at the Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Selwyn Street, Paddington, Sydney, and will run from 6 September to 6 October, Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm.

The exhibition will showcase the depth of Papunya's painting talent. Long Jack Phillipus Jakamarra is the last of the original Papunya painters still actively producing work.

In this exhibition, he is joined by many members of his family, including his three daughters Charlotte, Jacqueline and Patricia, continuing the tradition he helped to establish and maintain.

Most of the exhibiting artists have family links to the founding group of Papunya painters. Many, like Punata Stockman Nungurrayi, daughter of Billy Stockman Tjapaltjarri, or Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula's daughters Minnie, Emma and Candy, learned by observing their fathers working on their paintings or assisting them with the dotted backgrounds of their canvases.

According to the exhibition's curator, Vivien Johnson, the Papunya Tjupi artists want an art centre to encourage more young people to become involved in painting and in new media 'so that our children will know their stories, but also so our children will have an occupation for their future'.



Some of Sally Bin Demin's artwork from her book *Once in Broome*. Main picture, *Sea Urchins*. Right, at top, *Mother of Pearl Dreaming* and, below, *Kimberley Wet*.

History comes to life in Broome

A journey back in time comes to vivid life under the pen and brush of Broome's Sally Bin Demin, who tells her story with fresh insights.

She is a writer and an artist and her book features wonderful colour paintings of exotic northern plants and environs, as well as photographs of her family, and intimate storytelling.

The author grew up in the 1940s and 1950s, when Broome was alive with the pearling industry. It was an era of king tides, Japanese, Malay and Indigenous divers, the famous outdoor Sun Pictures, a vibrant Chinatown, and people from all over the Pacific.

Sally Bin Demin is a descendant of the Jaru people of East Kimberley and she also has Asian heritage. She is the younger sister of Pearl Hamaguchi, and was also a child of the war. Born in 1942 in Beagle Bay Mission, her mother had moved there when the Japanese bombed Broome.

Years before, when her mother was just 14 years old, the authorities had sent her to Beagle Bay, because of government policies towards children of mixed descent. But

ONCE IN BROOME
By Sally Bin Demin
Magabala Books
\$28.95

Reviewed by
MARGARET SMITH

during World War II, the women set about making the mission their home by decorating the inside of the mission church with shells, a beautiful testament to their faith and art that is still there today.

After the war, her mother was able to find work at the Broome district hospital. She had lost her husband to the leprosy further north at Derby. It was a difficult time for the family, made even worse because in those days a fence ran down the centre of town, separating the races.

"The full-bloods had to live outside the fenced area," Sally Bin Demin said.

"We were all classified by our degree of Aboriginity, the more you had, the less you were accepted."

Sally Bin Demin's stepfather was a Malay diver, who stayed with the family for all his life. He also fought with the Australian army in Papua New Guinea, and was

threatened with deportation after the war because of the 'white Australia' policy. Her mother was Catholic and her father Muslim, but this wasn't a problem for the family. She writes that they were all fortunate to embody 'the traditions of so many cultures'.

As an artist Sally Bin Demin was also grateful for Broome's pristine Environment. Her family had their own vegetable garden and tropical fruit trees, and like most Broome residents, they supplemented their diet by going fishing.

When the children were sick, they had bush medicines and Asian medicines. "Today working as an artist, the visions of my childhood are reflected in the form and colour of my work," she says.

The author reflects that as she grows older, "I have come to realise how special it was to be a child growing up in Broome in the 40s and 50s ... I have written this book for my grandchildren, and future generations in the hope that it may give them understanding about their heritage," she said.

We can all be thankful that she has done so, and that Magabala has produced such a handsome book with her luminous paintings.

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This program is a joint initiative of Arts Queensland, Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology, the University of Queensland and James Cook University.

It supports activities that will significantly develop arts and cultural practice in Queensland over a period of up to one year.

The Fellowships are available to artists and cultural workers who are widely acknowledged as established practitioners in their field, with a strong record of achievement, and

who can demonstrate outstanding development potential.

Application forms are available for downloading at www.arts.qld.gov.au or by contacting Arts Queensland on (07) 3224 4896, or freecall 1800 175 531 (for people outside the metropolitan area).

Applications must be received by Arts Queensland by 18 September 2007.

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Seven deadly kin

"You're gonna have other black kids comin' along and they're gonna go 'Oh, my God. Those fellas just put a show on. They're talking about petrol sniffing, they're talking about maintaining culture.'" — Stephen Page



KIN, the latest live production from Bangarra Dance Theatre Artistic Director Stephen Page, is a

remarkable family collaboration exploring the hopes and joys of urban Indigenous boys.

With his brother and long-time collaborator David Page composing, Stephen Page encourages six of their nephews and his own son Hunter to express their exuberant, but uncertain view of the world.

In hip-hop beats, dance, rocking out and story telling, these seven deadly kin, aged 9-14, allow us to see through their eyes how family, football and Aboriginal identity look on the brink of being grown up.

Amid furore over who can speak for young Aboriginal people, they remind us they can speak for themselves.

Stephen says his family has always had 'a taste to bond together and synergise our creativity together'. In this tradition, *Kin* sees a new generation of performers finding their own unique voices.

The production follows the extraordinary reception of David Page's moving *Page 8* at the Malthouse in 2005. Along with *Stolen*, *Seven Stages of Grieving* and *Black Medea*, *Kin* strengthens the reputation of Melbourne's Malthouse Theatre as a major setting for ground-breaking, world-class Indigenous art that is swiftly earning a reputation as the most innovative and relevant in Australia.

Stephen Page is descended from the Nunukul, Munaldjali and Yugambah people of south-east Queensland. He has an international reputation as a leading artistic director and choreographer, is a former dancer for the Sydney Dance Company, and has been the Artistic Director of Bangarra

Dance Theatre since 1991.

Kin was originally produced by the Queensland Art Gallery for the Asia Pacific Triennial 5 and was originally supported by the Sidney Myer Foundation. The Malthouse season is made possible through the Poola Foundation — Tom Kantor Fund.

The season runs from 27 September until 6 October 2007.

The show opens on Friday 28 September at 7pm. The performance is 35 minutes long and is suitable for the entire family.

Shows are on Thursday 27 September at 7pm, Friday 28 September at 7pm, Saturday 29 September and 6 October at 4.30pm & 7pm, Sunday 30 September at 5pm, Tuesday 2 October at 10.30am & 1.30pm, Wednesday 3 October at 2.30pm and 6.30pm, and Friday 5 October at 6.30pm and 8pm.

The venue is the Merlyn Theatre, CUB Malthouse, Melbourne. Tickets are \$18-\$26. To book, ring 02 9685 5111 or go to www.malthousetheatre.com.au

The boys in a scene from the stage production, *Kin*, opening soon in Melbourne.



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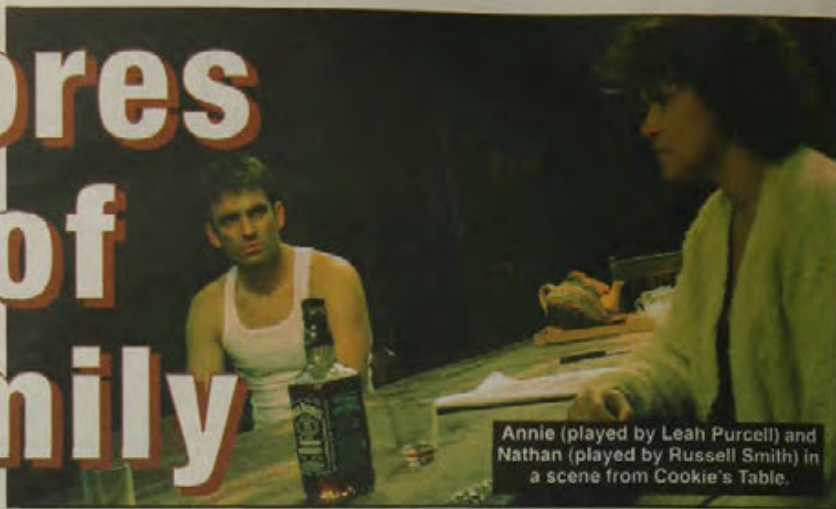
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Play explores history of Island family



Annie (played by Leah Purcell) and Nathan (played by Russell Smith) in a scene from *Cookie's Table*.



WESLEY Enoch's latest stage play *The Story of the Miracles at Cookie's Table* explores the powerful family saga spanning four generations on Stradbroke Island.

It is the story of a young Aboriginal man whose yearning to understand his history is at odds with his mother's desire to protect his future.

In the 1870s, a girl is born under a tree, her birth tree, chosen to give her strength and

wisdom. When the tree is cut down she follows it into the white man's world, working as a cook for the big house on the island. Her tree has become a kitchen table, one she will pass down through successive generations as a legacy – a way of carving out her family stories. Now, generations later, a young man and his mother fight for ownership of the table.

Cookie's Table is emotionally stirring, full of wonderful humour, and a timely reflection on how an individual family can heal itself

The Story of the Miracles at the Cookie's Table is directed by one of Australia's foremost directors, Marion Potts (*Othello*, *Wonderlands*).

Wesley Enoch's writing credits include *The Seven Stages of Grieving* (co-writer) and *Black Medea*.

He has been Artistic Director of Kooemba Jdarra, Resident Director at Sydney Theatre Company and is currently Associate Artistic Director for Company B.

"This is the first play I have

written which I have not also directed, so I am really looking forward to this collaboration with director Marion Potts," Mr Enoch said.

"With the emphasis that so much Aboriginal theatre has placed on recording the tragedies of the past, in writing this play I was very keen to explore how we can begin to articulate a sense of hope for the future."

The cast includes Roxanne McDonald (Parramatta Girls) as Faith, Leah Purcell (Parramatta Girls, *Stuff Happens*, *Lantana*,

Jindabyne) as her daughter Annie, and Russell Smith as Annie's estranged son, Nathan.

● Showing at the SBW Stables Theatre, 10 Nimrod Street in Kings Cross, Sydney until 22 September 2007. For tickets call 1300 306 776 or visit www.griffintheatre.com.au

● Following the Sydney season, the production travels to the Hume Building Society Butter Factory Theatre in Wodonga from 26 to 30 September.

Wanted: actors for Wik show

KOOEMBA Jdarra Indigenous Performing Arts is calling for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders actors and performing artists to audition for the company's upcoming production of *Whisper of this Wik Woman*, by Fiona Doyle, to be staged in Brisbane in November.

Kooemba Jdarra is inviting female and male Indigenous actors to be a part of the audition process, which will consist of a two-hour workshop.

Interested people should register by contacting Kooemba Jdarra. They will not be required to learn any text prior to the audition workshop, but will need to wear comfortable clothing suitable for warm-ups/stretching and rolling around on the floor.

Kooemba Jdarra says that if people play a musical instrument, they should bring it along as it may assist them for selections in future productions.

● Call (07) 3257 1433 to register and receive further info on auditions. *ooemba Jdarra* is in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane.



Telstra CEO Sol Trujillo with Alick Tipoti, artist and winner of the Work on Paper Award in the 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award 2007. Image courtesy of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

Islander artist finally gets his Telstra award



WITH art and family commitments, Torres Strait Islander artist Alick Tipoti is a busy fella – so busy that he was unable to be in Darwin earlier this

month to accept his award for Work on Paper Award in the 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award 2007.

So when his diary and that of Telstra 'big gun' Sol Trujillo aligned to have them both in the Top End town last week, it made sense to do the honours then.

Mr Trujillo, Telstra's CEO, and Museum and Art Gallery of the

Northern Territory (MAGNT) director Anna Malgorzewicz joined to present Mr Tipoti with his award certificate at a special ceremony at MAGNT.

"Alick Tipoti is one of Australia's leading visual artists who recently won the \$4000 Telstra Work on Paper category at this year's 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards," Ms Malgorzewicz said.

"Unfortunately for Alick, he was unable to attend the award ceremony in Darwin on 10 August due to family commitments. However, we managed to secure Alick's availability to coincide with Mr Trujillo's visit to Darwin this week so that Mr Trujillo

and I could present Alick with his much-deserved prize earlier."

Mr Tipoti is a two-time winner of the \$4000 Works on Paper category and was also unavailable to attend the award ceremony in 2003 when he last won the prize.

He said his 2007 Telstra Art Award entry *Gubau Aimai Mabaigal* means 'wind makers' in the Maluigal Zenadh Kes language and tells the story of the Zugubal who create and control the four winds that clear the airways of the Torres Strait Islands.

"This print shows the yearly seasonal calendar of my people, the Maluigal," said Mr Tipoti.

Ms Malgorzewicz said Mr Tipoti's

award-winning entry had proven popular among the thousands of people who had so far viewed the exhibition since it opened to the public on 10 August.

She urged visitors to the exhibition to nominate their favourite work as part of this year's People's Choice Award from this year's 104 award finalists, which includes Torres Strait Islander artist Dennis Nona's *Ubirikubini*, which won the overall \$40,000 Telstra Award.

● MAGNT is open weekdays from 9am to 5pm and on weekends from 10am to 5pm until the Telstra Art Award exhibition ends on Sunday, 18 November. Admission is free.

New grog guidelines to assist treatment



THE implementation of new alcohol treatment guidelines for Indigenous Australians is 'a

timely addition to efforts to reduce harmful drinking levels in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities', says the director of the project that developed the guidelines.

The 'Alcohol Treatment Guidelines for Indigenous Australians' were developed for the Federal Department of Health and Ageing to assist health professionals identify and manage alcohol problems.

The guidelines, which were developed from pre-existing publications, literature review and consultations with Indigenous community members and a range of specialist and non-specialist health practitioners, were workshoped in Alice Springs last week.

They will assist general practitioners, drug and alcohol workers and other health professionals to understand issues regarding alcohol consumption, patterns of drinking and related risks to health and wellbeing and assist them to manage alcohol-related problems with their Indigenous clients and families.

Timely addition

Project director Professor Charlotte de Crespigny said implementation of the guidelines was a timely addition to efforts to reduce harmful drinking levels in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

"The workshops are aimed at doctors, nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers and other health professionals working in Aboriginal community controlled health services, remote clinics, general hospitals, community health and specialist services such as mental health, social and emotional wellbeing, diabetes management and education, sexual health, and alcohol, tobacco and other drugs," said Professor de Crespigny.

"(They) are currently being rolled out across Australia and I'm confident they will make a big difference to the effectiveness of treatment of Indigenous clients with alcohol related physical illnesses and social and emotional wellbeing problems associated with alcohol consumption."

The Darwin-based Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH) welcomed the roll-out of the Guidelines.

"Much of Government efforts to reduce alcohol damage in our communities have been concerned with reducing the supply of grog and there has been a serious problem with the end of the equation; reducing demand and I am extremely pleased with this new initiative," said CEO Mick Gooda.

"Our people are nearly two-and-a-half times more likely to die from alcohol related causes and grog is a major factor in the injuries, diseases and serious health complications that we suffer from."

"If we are going to really start



Mick Gooda

making inroads into grog then we must have effective treatment and rehabilitation services. The new guidelines are a very welcome step in that direction."

The Department of Health and Ageing contracted Flinders Consulting Pty Ltd to develop the guidelines in partnership with the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council SA and Drug and Alcohol Services SA and under the guidance of a National Clinical Reference Group.

According to the 2005 National Drug Strategy Household Survey conducted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), Indigenous Australians are less likely to drink alcohol than non-Indigenous Australians.

However, a greater proportion of those Indigenous people who do drink do so at risky and high-risk levels, often resulting in serious harm to themselves and others, or death.

Overall, only 40 per cent of Indigenous Australian drinkers are not directly experiencing some alcohol-related harm, compared with 65 per cent of non-Indigenous Australian drinkers.

The recent *Little Children are Sacred* report, which identified appalling levels of child abuse in NT communities and prompted the Federal Government's 'emergency intervention', identified alcohol abuse as a major contributing factor in many child abuse cases.

Brave mother fights cancer

By DARREN COYNE



A YOUNG mother of eight who has been told by

doctors that she has terminal cancer and could be dead within a year is encouraging other indigenous woman to be tested for the deadly disease.

Jolene Nagas-Marsh, of the Kyogle district in northern New South Wales, was given the shocking news on 31 July - her 31st birthday.

Since then the Bundjalung woman has been undergoing radiation treatment in the Royal Women's Hospital in Brisbane, with her husband Kain Marsh, and family members by her side.



Jolene Nagas-Marsh with her husband Kain Marsh and their month-old baby.

Strong support

Family is caring for Jolene's children, whose ages range from 12 years to just four weeks.

Meanwhile, the local community is rallying to support Jolene and her family.

Her mother Patsy Nagas said

a recent community meeting was overflowing with people wanting to help.

"It was a packed house. They were spilling out the doors. We established a committee and are hoping to raise some funds to

buy proper equipment for Jolene, and hopefully move the family into town into a proper, sterilised house," Mrs Nagas said.

"There will be a fundraising day on Fathers' Day, 2 September, next to the information centre in town and there will be lots of music, puppets, pony rides, jumping castles and other things for the kids which we are still organising."

Speaking from

her hospital bed, Jolene told the *Koori Mail* that she was overwhelmed by the community support.

"I was very surprised and happy to hear that everyone wanted to help," Jolene said.

"I've also had a lot of support from family and that really helps. They are looking after the kids so I don't need to worry about them, and my brothers and sisters and Kain have been up here too. I'm praying to get back on my feet to see my babies. I haven't seen them in a couple of weeks."

Message

Jolene also had a message for other women, urging them to be tested for cervical cancer.

"I'd like to get the message out to other young mothers to be aware and to go get checked at their local doctors," she said. "I wouldn't want anyone else to be in this situation."

Although doctors have described her illness as terminal Jolene's aunt Michelle Torrens, who went through a similar ordeal last year, had words of encouragement for her niece.

"In March last year the family went through this with me and the doctors, they gave up on me," Mrs Torrens said.

She also turned her ordeal into a positive by writing a book called *I Looked Beyond my Boundaries* and found life again, and produced a DVD titled *Hair is Good, Life is Better*. Both aim to help Indigenous women battling cancer.

"It's very sad that it's come back with my niece. It's heartbreaking but she was encouraged by seeing me because the doctors have their say, but we don't have to always accept it," Ms Torrens said.



Words of encouragement from Michelle Torrens as she visits Jolene Nagas-Marsh in hospital.

Internet to help with Aboriginal child health



THE Federal Government says a new internet-based health system for remote areas will ensure health issues

identified in Aboriginal children are properly followed up.

At the Australian Health Summit in Sydney last Monday, Health Minister Tony Abbott announced an electronic health record initiative for remote Indigenous towns.

An investment of \$25 million over the next three years would see the Medicare records and health concerns of more Australians dealt with online, Mr Abbott said.

Better equipped GPs would be able to receive lab results and X-rays via the internet, as well as sending referrals and writing prescriptions online.

However, Mr Abbott admitted the Government had not been moving quickly on this issue, because he had urged similar internet streamlining in his maiden speech as Health Minister in November 2003.

The Government was also interested in consultations via web cameras, he said today.

"(Consulting) electronically provides safer, better, more convenient and more effective health care," Mr Abbott said.

The Government envisaged medical professionals having a similar relationship to the internet bankers.

"Today I can announce the Federal Government will fast-track the rollout of shared electronic health records throughout remote parts of the Northern Territory," Mr Abbott said.

"This should help to ensure the health issues identified in child health checks are properly followed up."

A similar scheme had already been trialled in the Katherine region of the Northern Territory, with 12 patients. -AAP

Healthy message

LD THE North Queensland Sports Foundation is taking sporting activities to the more regional and remote parts of north Queensland with visits to many outback communities such as Boulia, about 300km south of Mt

having co-ordinated several over the past five years, the North Queensland Sports Foundation has expanded its activities, which include a healthy eating message and skin cancer awareness. The many sports that have been part of the tours over the years also going from strength to strength.

Through the support of the Northern North Qld councils and Recreation Qld, the North Queensland Sports Foundation has planned a series of ten weeks of sports education tours this year, taking in a total of 29 local council areas. They are now a major part of the work of the North Queensland Sports Foundation, having been expanded over the past four years," said Foundation spokesman

Stuart Gibson.

The tours have included participation from development officers from the sports of rugby league, football, athletics, cricket, hockey and life saving (Royal and surf).

A number of new ideas have been included in this year's tours, for example Surf Life Saving Queensland is educating schoolchildren in their 'Beach to Bush' program in an effort to educate bush kids about the importance of safety when they come to the beach, many for the first time in their lives.

Children are being educated about the importance of sun safety. A competition has been developed and supporter Suncorp has provided sunscreen and five sun shade shelters as prizes. Children have the opportunity to win one for their school by entering the competition through the Suncorp web site.

Additionally, the children who participate in the tours benefit from the involvement of a community nutritionist who explains the importance of a healthy diet.



Kids at Normanton State School learning more about a healthy diet with community nutritionist Ru Kwedza, from Mount Isa. This has been a successful part of the Sports Education Tours.

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Help for Gascoyne Indigenous mothers and their newborns



A NEW culturally sensitive program designed to support Indigenous families in regional areas and reduce the impact of mental

illness after the birth of a child will be trialled in Western Australia's Carnarvon region.

West Australian Health Minister Jim McGinty said last week that the \$300,000 two-year trial would provide support for new mothers and their families.

Anxiety, depression

"We know that Indigenous women experiencing anxiety and depression in the perinatal period are not seeking help, especially in the vital time after babies are first born," Mr McGinty said.

"This program provides a practical approach to ensuring that these women and their families receive the support they need.

"The early years are incredibly important in setting children up for life. Ensuring that Indigenous families are supported at this crucial time will give newborns and their families the best possible chance for a positive future.

"We have consulted with a broad range of community members and service providers in and around Carnarvon and have incorporated their feedback.

"The program recognises the cultural importance of the

extended family in caring for newborns and the role of traditional treatments and healing."

The new initiative will:

- Provide 1.3 full-time equivalent extra locally-based mental health staff, with a focus on Indigenous health workers;
- Establish support networks for Indigenous women in the perinatal period;
- Provide education and information to Indigenous families and the wider community; and
- Raise awareness about perinatal mental health issues among Indigenous communities.

North West Coastal MLA Fred Riebeling said the program had been carefully developed to cater for Indigenous people.

"It's important that we find a better way to support Indigenous women at this vulnerable time," Mr Riebeling said.

Evaluated

"The results from the Gascoyne region will be evaluated after one year and again after two years. I'll be keen to examine the final report."

The results will be compared with data collected before the start of the program. The program has been recognised nationally as a leading example of innovative service development. If successful, it will provide a benchmark for future service proposals in other parts of WA.

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Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Door opens for 40 jobseekers



McARTHUR River Mining (MRM) says it will surpass a commitment to double its traineeships through an

Indigenous employment partnership with Mission Australia and Federal Government funding.

MRM committed in its Public Environment Report for its contentious \$110-million open pit zinc development in the Northern Territory to increase traineeship numbers from 10 to 20 a year. Under a new Indigenous employment initiative announced on 16 August, MRM said it would appoint 40 trainees from the Borroloola region within a year.

Govt input

The initiative, which began earlier this month, is supported by more than \$400,000 provided by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Structure Training and Employment Project (STEP) program and more than \$100,000 from MRM.

MRM general manager Brian Hearne said MRM would work with Mission Australia, the job Network provider in Borroloola, to identify 40 local jobseekers who would undergo on-the-job training with the offer ongoing employment following the training period.

"The initiative will be delivered in four groups of 10 participants appointed between August 2007 and May 2008," Mr

Hearne said. "The rolling starts will ensure dedicated training and mentoring can be achieved."

"Mentoring and personal support will be a key part of the initiative to ensure each participant is reaching their full potential."

Mr Hearne said the initiative demonstrated the mine's long-term commitment to building a strong community.

"The initiative is a part of a revamp of our traineeship program, which more than 200 people have gone through over the past 12 years. It will focus on delivering sustainable employment outcomes for local Indigenous people from Borroloola and surrounding communities," Mr Hearne said.

"Participants will be employed full-time by MRM while they complete the 12-month program. They will be given on-the-job support and mentoring and the chance to learn while they work."

"Our aim is to ensure all employees are provided with the appropriate training and career pathways to build a future with the company."

Local benefits

The initiative follows MRM's recent announcement that it would provide about \$32 million to deliver economic and social benefits to the Borroloola region over the life of the mine via the MRM Community Benefits Trust.

The Trust was established through agreements signed with the Northern Territory Government in July 2007. It will fund local initiatives in the areas

of enterprise and job creation, environment, arts, culture, health, education, social and community development. This includes MRM's commitment to achieve 20 per cent Indigenous workforce participation at the mine and increased local purchasing.

Mission Australia State Director for the Northern Territory Jane Lawton said the STEP initiative was a huge boost for the local communities.

"The STEP funding for MRM means more people from Borroloola and surrounding communities have a better chance of sustainable employment," Ms Lawton said.

Project modules

"Through our Job Network services in Borroloola, Mission Australia will work with MRM to deliver project modules, including mining administration, mining, machinery maintenance and environmental and community awareness."

"While working at MRM, STEP participants will have the ongoing support of Mission Australia to help them successfully complete the training."

"Once the 12-month training is complete, participants will have the potential to move into job opportunities in administration, mining operations, maintenance and community relations."



Earlier this year, Timothy Lansen of Borroloola tried his hand in a mine vehicle simulator as part of a Certificate II - Entry into Mining course at the McArthur River mine. MRM says it will increase Indigenous traineeship numbers at the mine from 10 to 20 a year.

Controversial history

The expansion of the \$110 million McArthur River mine near Borroloola in the Gulf of Carpentaria has not been without controversy. Underground operations began there in 1995 and in October 2006 the proposal to convert the mine to open pit and extend its life by more than 20 years was approved.

In April this year, the Supreme Court upheld an appeal by the Northern Land Council (NLC) against the approval based upon NT Mines and Energy Minister Chris Natt's use of an invalid process.

In the following month, the NT Government passed a Bill to override the effects of the court's decision. The amendments to the *McArthur River Project Agreement Ratification Act* allowed all types of mining at the mine, and prevented traditional owners or anyone else from launching legal action to prevent the expansion.

The NLC labelled the move 'unfair, unjustifiable and undemocratic' but Yanyuwa man Syd Rusca said the people of Borroloola needed jobs from the mine.

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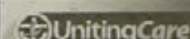
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RECEPTIONIST / ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Part Time - 21 Hours per Week

Dubbo

UnitingCare Burnside is currently seeking a Receptionist / Administration Officer for our Aboriginal Intensive Family Support Initiative who will be responsible for the provision of reception & administrative support. This position will be 21 hours per week and based in Dubbo.

The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic, self starter with a friendly and approachable manner who can demonstrate excellent communication and reception skills, organisational skills (either developing new or streamlining existing systems), empathy with our service user group and have the ability to work under pressure.

The ability to work without constant supervision is essential and you will need excellent skills in Windows 2000, Word, Excel and Outlook. Burnside considers that Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Applicants can contact Servana McIntyre on (02) 68852353 or email smcintyre@burnside.org.au for an information package.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 12 September 2007.

This position is of child-related employment and will require a 'Working with Children' check under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply.

Burnside is an EEO Employer and is committed to principles of cultural diversity.

because children matter

North Coast Institute

JOIN OUR TEAM

Have you got the skills we need?

Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?

The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:

www.nci.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Maintenance Reform Program Change Manager

Clerk Grade 9/10

Organisation Change Unit

Central Sydney Division, Sydney

Temporary Full-Time

Position No. DOH-07-07446

Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (salary \$79,186 pa - \$47,263 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This is an exciting role, working with Divisional staff to implement the Maintenance Reform Program. You will be planning, supporting and communicating the major changes needed to move from a reactive to a planned maintenance approach.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Change management experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, capacity to consult and engage various stakeholders.
- Excellent project and program management skills.
- Sound problem solving and analytical skills, and experience in issues management in both an operational and policy context.
- Asset Management knowledge.
- Well developed influencing and networking and negotiation skills.
- Coaching and mentoring skills.
- MS Office, MS Project and Excel skills.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period from 1st October 2007 to 30th September 2008 with the possibility of extension under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full text version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Vicki Lioumis (02) 9268 3539 or 0401 770 284.

Information Packages: 1800 502 766 or email: Elise.Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or email: JobsDoH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing Date: Friday 7 September 2007.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TECHNICAL OFFICER TEAM SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 5/6

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

Lower Mid North Coast Tenancy & Property Management Team

Port Macquarie

Temporary Full-Time

Position No. DOH-07-07361

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (salary \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provides advice and support to the Client Service Team/s in the management of the local asset base and ensures that a high level of consistency is achieved in the application of the Department's asset policies, procedures and standards.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Ability to interpret and apply asset and quality standards.
- Experience in dealing with contractors.
- Building and project management experience.
- Ability to research and analyse data.
- Knowledge of OHS and Quality Assurance Principles.
- Post-trade Certificate IV or relevant qualifications and/or work experience.
- Computer literacy (Word, Excel) and ability to learn new computer systems.
- Current driver's licence.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS), and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period of 3 months with possible extension. Applicants MUST obtain the information package, which contains complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Greg Parmenter (02) 6650 1391.

Information Packages: NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link in the information package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email to: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 7 September 2007.

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4
Western Area, Lithgow
Temporary Full-Time
Position No. DOH-07-07418

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 range of housing services and products to clients in need. You will work in a team environment to ensure good service is provided to our clients and appropriate outcomes are achieved.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
- Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Ability to respond to the needs of a variety of people and capacity to problem-solve and exercise initiative.
- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances, including Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Demonstrated capacity to be an effective team member.
- Computer literacy and capacity to manage computer based information systems.
- Current Driver's Licence.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: This is a people orientated position, which will provide personal growth opportunities and experience in a dynamic and changing organisation. Temporary appointment/employment will be for a period of up to six (6) months with a possibility of extension, 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.

Information Packages: NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250 or email: hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Graham Wright (02) 6332 7777

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or email: hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, ORANGE NSW 2800.

Closing date: Friday 7 September 2007.

GA 07/04/07



Stolen Generations
Victoria Ltd



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Stolen Generations Victoria Ltd needs a highly qualified Indigenous person to manage our organisation.

The key requirements of the position include Strategic Planning and Review, Leadership, Financial and Human Resource Management, External Relations and Policy Planning and Development.

A Victorian Driver's Licence is required.

This position has been granted exemption from the Equal Opportunity Act 1995, (VCAT application no.: A403/2005) to enable appointment of a CEO who is to be an Indigenous Australian or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person.

Applications close: Friday 7 September 2007.

For Job Description and Selection Criteria, please contact:
Cait Storr on (03) 9470 3477 or (03) 9486 6122
Email: cait@stolengenerationsvictoria.org.au

Department of Infrastructure

The Department of Infrastructure has many exciting and rewarding employment opportunities available for Indigenous Australians.

Attractive employee benefits and development opportunities are available to successful applicants. Traineeships are available for 2007.

For further information visit

www.doi.vic.gov.au/jobs

Or contact the Diversity Coordinator

Phone (03) 9655 6842

Email indigenousprograms@doi.vic.gov.au



The Place to Be



CH04/07/07



Trainee Records Clerk (Indigenous Traineeship)

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
POLICY AND SECRETARIAT

HIGHER EDUCATION OFFICER LEVEL 2
\$34 599 TO \$37 146 PA

REF 07240: The incumbent of this position will work as part of a small team and be involved in a range of duties concerned with the management of records and maintenance of recordkeeping databases within Central Records and Archives.

This position is available immediately on a fixed-term, full-time basis for 12 months.

Closes: 5.00 pm, Monday 10 September 2007

Applications must address the specified selection criteria. Detailed position information (including selection criteria) and lodgement details are available via the [Jobs@Flinders website](http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment): <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>

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CRICOS Provider Number: 00114A

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Australian Government
Department of Defence

Defence Indigenous Cadetship Project (DICP)

Are you currently studying an undergraduate degree full-time on-campus?

Are you highly motivated with good communication skills?

Would you like to work in an environment that is challenging and rewarding?

Then Defence might be the employer for you!

What Defence can offer you:

- Defence is one of Australia's largest employers.
- There are a wide range of diverse careers available in Defence.
- Employment opportunities around Australia and overseas.
- Continuous learning and career development opportunities.
- Employment in a diverse range of skill areas.

What is the cadetship all about?

- You will be a civilian non-uniformed Australian Public Servant of the Department of Defence.
- You will study full-time during Semesters and do a total of 12 weeks work placement each year.
- You could be doing your work placement at any Defence location throughout Australia.
- Once you have completed your degree you will be advanced to a higher level.

What Defence is looking for:

Areas of study can be in (but not limited to):

Linguistics	Computer Science	Commerce
Science	Health and Allied Services	Physics
Engineering	Land Management	Arts/Humanities
Accounting	Contract Management	Management
Law	Project Management	Economics
International Relations	Environment and Heritage	Strategic Studies
Asian Studies	Mathematics	Research

How Do I Apply?

If you are interested in applying, you must register your details on the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) website at www.nicp.dewr.gov.au. Then you must register your interest with Defence on (02) 6266 8090 or at equity@defence.gov.au. For more information about Defence visit www.defence.gov.au.

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Deakin University aims to be recognised as Australia's most progressive university. Take this opportunity to join Deakin at this exciting time.

Lecturer

Division: Institute of Koorie Education
Reference number: 70353
Applications close: Monday 10 September 2007
Salary range: \$63,966 - \$75,959 p.a. pro rata (plus 17% superannuation)
Position status: 0.8 time and continuing
Location: Geelong Campus at Warrnambool
Further details: Professor Wendy Brabham on 03 5227 2669 or email wendy.brabham@deakin.edu.au

Apply **ONLINE** or call Human Resources on 03 9246 8157

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MAARI MA HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Building and sustaining healthy individuals, families and communities

POSITION 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.

Manager, Community Safety Research Project

Maari Ma is collaborating with the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Schools of Psychology and Psychiatry, on a 5-year research project. The project is researching the effects of violence in participating communities in the Maari Ma Region: Broken Hill, Wilcannia and Menindee. The project will be managed through a committee structure with community, Maari Ma and University of NSW representation.

The aims of the project are to:

- Improve the wellbeing and safety of communities, families and individuals; and
- Increase capacity of the communities to maintain wellbeing and safety.

The Manager will be responsible for managing the development and implementation of the research project, will establish and manage a small team to work on the research project and will conduct the research project.

Salary equivalent to Health Manager Level 2, range \$70,142 to \$83,194 gross per annum + salary packaging and employer's contribution to superannuation

For further enquiries for the three positions above, please contact:
Cathy Dyer, telephone 08 8082 9832 or mobile 0419 973 634 or email CDyer@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Application packages for all positions are available from Glenis Barnes, Human Resource Manager, by email glenis.barnes@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing date is 13 September 2007.

Maari Ma has a smoke free health care workplace policy and relevant criminal record checks are required prior to appointment.



WINNER: NSW Health Aboriginal Health Awards:

'Excellence in Program and Service Delivery' for our Adult Health Check, a program to screen people at a community level to identify early stages of chronic illness, or with risk factors, to manage their disease better and to work with people to change lifestyle factors

'Innovation in Aboriginal Health' for the 'Clean Teeth, Wicked Smiles', a school tooth brushing program giving children an understanding of how and why to look after their teeth with toothbrushes and fluoride toothpaste kits

'Director General's Award for Aboriginal Health' for Healthy Start, a program to encourage children and families to choose healthier habits and birth to 5 years care plans to map the supports, education, interaction and interventions planned and delivered for infants and children

EQUAL WINNER in 'The Minister for Health's Award' for the overall contribution to improving Aboriginal Health

Join us and help make a difference!



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 position will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Darwin Regional Office Regional Manager

APS Executive Level 1
\$67,772 - \$75,911 pa, plus superannuation

We are looking for a person with strong leadership skills to manage the operations of Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) in Darwin. AHL operates hostels for Indigenous people in Darwin, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and funds various other hostels across the territory. Our Regional Office is situated in Darwin. This position involves frequent travel as well as private use of a company car.

Further inquiries: Russell Lane, telephone: 02 6212 2001.

Selection documentation: Alan Cashill, telephone: 02 6212 2035 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 14 September 2007 and should be sent to:
Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, Woden ACT 2606.

Dubbo Warrina Hostel

Relief Houseparent (part-time 27 hours per week)

APS Level 2
\$488.70 - \$518.58 per week, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty and ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students. Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teenagers in a residential setting would be an advantage as well as a current Senior First Aid Certificate.

This position requires the successful applicant to possess a licence to drive a 22-seater bus or the ability to obtain one.

Further inquiries: Greg Hazel, telephone: 02 9310 2777.

Selection documentation: Yasmine Khan, telephone: 02 9310 2777 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 14 September 2007 and should be sent to:
Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012.

Adelaide

Nindee Hostel Hostel Manager

APS Level 3
\$39,613 - \$42,039 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a highly motivated person to fill the position of 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: Rob Leidig, telephone: 08 8342 6950.

Selection documentation: Trisha Howson, telephone: 08 8342 6950 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 14 September 2007 and should be sent to:
Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 536, Prospect East SA 5082.

Newcastle

Waratah IYMP Hostel

Relief House Manager (part-time 15.2 hours per week)

APS Level 3
\$303.74 - \$322.34 per week, plus superannuation

Provide residential support for young Indigenous people aged 16-24 years and manage an accommodation facility for up to 10 residents.

We are seeking a motivated person to manage a group house or similar accommodation and provide residential support for young Indigenous people from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training.

Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

Duties include: managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation; assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle; liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

On-the-job training will be available.

Drivers licence is desirable.

Further inquiries: David Collins, telephone: 07 3221 3866.

Selection documentation: Peter Hassell, telephone: 07 3221 3866 or from our website.

Canberra

Kombah IYMP Hostel

House Manager

APS Level 3
\$42,880 - \$45,503 pa, plus superannuation

Turner IYMP Hostel

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Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the probationary period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions.

The successful applicants will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

These are identified positions.

www.ahl.gov.au

KOORI BUSINESS NETWORK PROJECT OFFICER

\$47,295 - \$57,425

The Koori Business Network has an exciting opportunity available for a self motivated, innovative and creative person with exceptional communication skills. The Koori Business Network (KBN) promotes growth of sustainable Indigenous businesses, delivering a range of targeted programs aimed at building relationships amongst Indigenous businesses and providing a supportive environment assisting businesses to achieve goals through the establishment, expansion and sustainable growth of Indigenous enterprises, joint ventures and partnerships with non-Indigenous parties and improved access to business opportunities and development of resources.

To apply online and access position descriptions and selection criteria please visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is
Sunday 9 September

For further information on DIIRD visit
www.diird.vic.gov.au



Department of
Innovation, Industry and Regional Development

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker

Eastern Metropolitan Region

Community Care, Early Years Services

Salary: \$58,550 to \$66,431 + Superannuation

Full time fixed term for 12 months

The Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker 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 the ongoing operation of the Regional Action Group and in undertaking community development and education activities. The role will also include coordinating the implementation of the Indigenous Healing Service, a partnership between the Department, Regional Action Group and the auspice agency.

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A255/2004). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Lisa Duncan on (03) 9843 6538. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference number DHS/EAS/65541

Closing Date: Friday 7 September 2007

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.



Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Prison Officers Recruiting NOW

Corrections Victoria is inviting you to apply for a number of casual and ongoing Prison Officer positions in the Geelong region. These positions are located at Marngoneet Correctional Centre and Barwon Prison.

What you will bring to this role:

- A level-headed approach and willingness to learn
- Life skills and a mature approach
- Honesty, integrity and professionalism
- Great communication skills
- Appropriate decision making ability
- A desire to make a difference!

Corrections Victoria will provide you with:

- A rewarding career - not just a job!
- Fully paid training (7 weeks)
- Certificate III in Correctional Practice
- A flexible work environment
- Ongoing developmental opportunities
- Great perks, such as on-site parking, uniform and use of gym facilities

For further information, including details of our upcoming information session and to apply online go to www.cvcareers.com.au

Applications for these roles must be submitted by midnight Thursday 6th September 2007.

Training is scheduled to commence in December 2007



careers in corrections



The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

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Australian Film Commission

The Australian Film Commission (AFC) is an Australian Government statutory authority that aims to enrich Australia's cultural identity by fostering an internationally competitive audiovisual production industry, making Australia's audiovisual content and culture available to all, and developing and preserving a national collection of sound and moving image.

The Industry and Cultural Development Division of the AFC is seeking applicants for the following employment opportunities:

ICD Funding Manager

AFC Manager Level 1
\$75,373 - \$82,610 pa (plus super)
Reference: 88852
Location: Sydney

We are seeking a suitable person to manage the screen culture funding program for the Industry and Cultural Development (ICD) Division. The successful applicant will have a working knowledge of the national screen culture sector and its structure, strong financial management and good analytical and written communication skills.

This non-ongoing employment opportunity is available until 30 November 2008.

If, after reading the selection documentation, you require further information, please contact Sabina Wynn on 02 9321 6461 or email sabina.wynn@afc.gov.au

Marketing and Administration Assistant

AFC Level 4 (APS 4)
\$49,805 - \$53,173 pa (plus super)
Reference: 88944
Location: Sydney

We are seeking a suitable person to provide marketing and administrative assistance to the AFC's Regional Digital Screen Network (RDSN). The RDSN is a network of eight regional cinemas around Australia that work with the AFC to screen new Australian feature films and other diverse Australian programs utilising digital delivery.

This non-ongoing employment opportunity is available until 30 June 2008.

If, after reading the selection documentation, you require further information, please contact Gayle Lake on 02 9321 6451 or email gayle.lake@afc.gov.au

Selection documentation for the above positions can be found on our website www.afc.gov.au/jobs. Applications must address the selection criteria, stating relevant qualifications and experience, and should be forwarded to recruitment@afc.gov.au or addressed to:

The Recruitment Officer
Australian Film Commission
GPO Box 2002
Canberra ACT 2601

By close of business: 6 September 2007.



ACT Department of Education and Training

Senior Management Position

Department of Education & Training
Schools Directorate
Schools Northern
Indigenous Policy and Organisational Practice

IECB Secretariat Support

Administrative Service Officer Class 6

(PN: 00331)

Salary Range: \$57,414-\$65,953

Duties: The Schools Directorate (Schools Northern) and the ACT Indigenous Education Consultative Body (IECB) are seeking applications from Indigenous people for the position of IECB Secretariat Officer.

The successful applicant will be responsible for providing support to the ACT Indigenous Education Consultative Body and its members.

Applicants must have knowledge of the educational issues, programs and initiatives relating to the education and training of Indigenous students.

Note: This is an Indigenous identified position. This position is permanent part-time working 2.5 days per week and salary will be per annum pro rata.

Contact Officer: Kaye Price (02) 6201 5394

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: 13 September 2007

The ACT Public Service is an equal opportunity employer. Legislation prohibits unlawful discrimination and promotes equality of access to employment.

The ACT Public Service strongly supports, recognises and values the diversity of cultures within the Australian community. Indigenous Australians, people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must be either Australian citizens or have permanent resident status.

ACT Public Schools
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The Aboriginal and Islander Community
Health Service Brisbane Ltd (AICHS)

Female Sexual Health Worker

- Remuneration will be negotiated with the successful candidates, based on skills and experience
- Community Health Organisation
- Based at West End

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (AICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

We are seeking applications for a Female Sexual Health Worker to provide sexual health services and information, education and counselling to at risk and homeless youth in a culturally appropriate manner at AICHS Brisbane.

This position is classified in accordance with the HSUA (Aboriginal Health Services) Award 1992 Aboriginal Health Worker Level 2 \$680.20-\$761.52 per week. (Classification level is dependent upon assessment of skills, qualifications and experience). AICHS is a non profit organisation which offers access to Salary Sacrifice Fringe Benefits Tax entitlements of \$308.00 per week.

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Please contact Ros Kneebone if you have specific queries about the vacancies, on (07) 3393 0055 or for a Position Description, please e-mail vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact Vicky Drahm on (07) 3393 0055.

Closing Date and Submission Details: The closing date for applications is 4.30pm Wednesday 5th September 2007.

Please submit your Resume and application addressing the selection criteria to: Confidential, Kym Hearn, HR & OD Advisor, PO Box 8112, Woolloongabba Qld 4102.

AICHS is an equal employment opportunity employer and applies merit based selection techniques to ensure that the best person for the position is selected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for vacant positions.

Relationships Australia

SUPPORT WORKER INDIGENOUS WOMEN

Relationships Australia (Qld) has been operating for nearly 60 years. We receive funding to provide a range of counselling and education services. We are currently seeking applications for the role of Indigenous Women's Support Worker with our Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Service at Toowoomba.

This role is a full time position, and will entail developing programs and community networks to support indigenous women who experience domestic and family violence.

The successful candidate must:

- Be identifiable as a member of the Indigenous community
- Have knowledge of the impacts of domestic and family violence within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Demonstrate skills in working with women in crisis situations and in courts, and
- Demonstrate ability to develop and provide information on safety planning, court process and legislation to Indigenous women.

To express interest in this position and to obtain further information, please visit our webpage www.relationshipsapplynow.com.au

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NSW Sport and Recreation

Become a holiday camp instructor

NSW Sport and Recreation needs assistant instructors for our school holiday camps. You can work alongside our qualified staff at amazing locations across NSW, helping to deliver outdoor adventure programs to children and families.

All prospective casual staff must:

- ✓ Have completed four years of secondary education
- ✓ Turned 18 years of age and left high school
- ✓ Complete an Introductory Assistant Instructor Training course - only available through NSW Sport and Recreation

Upcoming courses

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 September, 2007

Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 September, 2007

Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre

Friday 30 November - Sunday 2 December, 2007

Mt Saddle Sport and Recreation Centre

Cost: \$110* (including training, meals, accommodation and resources). See your Job Network provider.

* Extra \$100 fee for Mount Saddle course for ferry transport

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Australian Government

Indigenous Business Australia

12 new positions

dynamic and growing organisation
strong customer focus

LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE SEEKING WORK THAT GIVES YOU A REAL SENSE OF PURPOSE?

Do you have experience and skills in

- banking,
- financial services,
- lending,
- business analysis,
- business development, or,
- asset management?

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority established to engage in commercial activities in a profit orientated, private sector environment, furthering the economic and commercial interest of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We are rapidly building our services and capabilities and we are looking for motivated and enthusiastic people to join our teams in Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Alice Springs and Darwin.

Positions range from regional business development officers, commercial credit analysts, asset managers to executive level managers. Salaries ranging from \$50K up to over \$100K. Bonuses for performance are available, and Commonwealth Superannuation applies.

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Applications close on 17 September 2007.

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Senior Practitioner (Specified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Specified - Applicants must provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Child Safety

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.

Location: Atherton

REF: QLD/CHS2469/07

Key Duties: To ensure that high quality child protection services are delivered by the Atherton Child Safety Service Centre through the provision of specialist case management of complex cases, the development and maintenance of high quality child protection case management systems/practices/standards and the establishment of mentoring relationships with Team Leaders and Child Safety Officers.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Regional Executive Director (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$146 807 - \$169 964 p.a. (Total remuneration package)

REF: QLD/COM2597/07

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Lead the coordination of service delivery, engagement and planning for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within the region, ensuring quality partnerships are developed with Indigenous communities and organisations, and state and commonwealth agencies, and ensure their input into the delivery of such services.

Skills/Abilities: To be successful in this role, you require the following skills/capabilities: Communicator: Consults, interacts, converses and writes effectively. Communicates effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and has knowledge of both cultures and societies from an historical and contemporary perspective.

Relationship Builder: Develops and maintains productive working relationships. Recognises and articulates the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and consults in accordance with cultural protocols.

People Leader: Provides support guidance and direction to others.

Willing Innovator: Encourages innovation and creativity in others to improve business performance.

Focused Achiever: Ensures that tasks are completed with a focus on the required outcome.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail:

vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Manager - Program Coordinator (Specified)

Program Coordination (Specified) - Office for ATSI Partnerships (Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM2519/07

Key Duties: Be responsible for overseeing the development, implementation and maintenance for the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships of strategic and business planning processes; business improvement strategies; consistent program and project management governance; monitoring and reporting systems including those required for effective program and project management, strategic and Cabinet Budget Review Committee projects and business plans.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Principal Program Officer (Specified)

Office for ATSI Partnerships

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM2520/07

Key Duties: To assist with the progression of the Government's program and partnership directions and contribute to the achievement of the outcomes of the Department in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Regional Coordinator (Youth Justice Conferencing) - (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2613/07

Location: Ipswich

Key Duties: Manage regional youth justice conferencing services including financial resources, services are delivered to victims, young people and families.

Regional Coordinator continued...

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated knowledge of restorative justice principles, youth justice conferencing and the youth justice system, contemporary practices, philosophies, trends and legislation pertaining to human services delivery.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Senior Project Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: Hervey Bay

REF: QLD/COM2517/07

Key Duties: Manage the development and implementation of projects, improved coordination of government services and the development of solutions to local and regional issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to recognise and articulate the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Collect and analyse data, establish, maintain and support relationships/networks/partnerships between communities and other stakeholders.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Community Support Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/COM2480/07

Key Duties: Develop and maintain regional relationships with non-government organisations to assist with the coordination of regional and local community development.

Skills/Abilities: Well developed research and written communication skills, ability to write briefs, correspondence and complex reports.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Indigenous Regional Liaison Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/COM2418/07

Key Duties: Coordinate communication strategies' implementation, media liaison and events and sponsorship management relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to coordinate and implement communication strategies/activities targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, including events/launches/displays.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Indigenous Regional Liaison Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

Darling Downs/South West Queensland Region, ATSI (Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/COM2416/07

Key Duties: Coordinate communication strategies' implementation, media liaison and events and sponsorship management relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to coordinate and implement communication strategies/activities targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, including events/launches/displays.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Indigenous Regional Liaison Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM2412/07

Key Duties: Coordinate communication strategies' implementation, media liaison and events and sponsorship management relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to coordinate and implement communication strategies/activities targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, including events/launches/displays.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Indigenous Regional Liaison Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Hervey Bay

REF: QLD/COM2408/07

Key Duties: Coordinate communication strategies' implementation, media liaison and events and sponsorship management relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to coordinate and implement communication strategies/activities targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, including events/launches/displays.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Indigenous Regional Liaison Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM2407/07

Key Duties: Coordinate communication strategies' implementation, media liaison and events and sponsorship management relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to coordinate and implement communication strategies/activities targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, including events/launches/displays.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Administration Officer (Specified)

Office for ATSI Partnerships

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$44 347 - \$49 455 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM2521/07

Key Duties: Provide support in the areas of administration, personnel, finance and records management. Also provide support for project teams and for project and program management activities within the Branch.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Senior Program Officer (Homelessness Services Team)

Program Management

(One (1) permanent part time positions available)

Communities

Salary: \$34 863 - \$37 300 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2401/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: To assist with development, implementation and evaluation of operational policy related to homelessness, and coordination of policy and program initiatives.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or

E-Mail: vaccom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Program Resource Officer (Regional Priority Panels)

Programs and Community and Specialist Services

Disability Services

Salary: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/DSQ2490/07

Key Duties: To manage and facilitate regional processes for the registration of need and applications for funding and support programs available to people with a disability and their families and carers; coordinate and implement mechanisms required to deliver funding programs in an efficient and effective way and in partnership with key stakeholders.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689 or

E-Mail: vacdsq@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Supports Facilitator

Programs and Community and Specialist Services

(One permanent part-time (36.25 hrs per f/n) and one permanent full-time position)

Disability Services

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/DSQ2489/07

Key Duties: Assist people with disabilities and their families to identify and develop services and support networks which enhance quality of life and community inclusion, through provision of information, assistance with planning, negotiation with service providers and coordination of individualised funding packages.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689 or

E-Mail: vacdsq@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Speech and Language Pathologist

Programs and Community and Specialist Services

Disability Services

Salary: \$59 564 - \$65 046 p.a.

REF: QLD/DSQ2416/07

Location: Rockhampton

Key Duties: Provide Speech and Language Pathologist specific clinical services within a team environment utilising an individualised assessment and service delivery approach for adults with a disability who have challenging behaviour and complex support needs and their families and carers.

Skills/Abilities: Conduct comprehensive assessments and develop and implement individualised support and intervention plans for adults with a disability who have challenging behaviour.

Enquiries: Phone: (07) 3006 7689 or

E-Mail: vacdsq@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Client Service Manager

Far North Queensland Area Office, Regional Services

Salary: \$60 769 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO2793/07

Key Duties: Efficient and effective delivery of quality services and outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading and managing a client service team.

Skills/Abilities: Undertake planning, research, analysis, provision of advice and support in the application of the departmental policies/procedures and relevant legislation.

Enquiries: Steve Fenton (07) 4039 8982 or E-mail: jobvac.hug@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 3 September 2007

Financial Accountant

Financial Strategy and Performance, Housing Finance

Salary: \$69 725 - \$74 599 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/HO2867/07

Key Duties: Develop and maintain financial governance; accounting policies/practices in accordance with the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977, the Financial Management Standard 1997, other State Government policies/requirements and professional accounting requirements.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to research and provide high quality advice/direction both written and verbally to service areas/shared service providers in relation to financial management/accounting policies/practices.

Enquiries: Melissa Hughes (07) 3224 4753 or E-Mail: jobvac.hug@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 10 September 2007

Occupational Therapist

Far North Queensland Area Office, Client Services

(Temporary for four months with possible extension)

Housing

Salary: \$59 564 - \$65 045 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO2794/07

Key Duties: Assist clients with special needs to identify their housing needs and make recommendations regarding those needs.

Aboriginal Youth & Family Support Counsellor

The Bungree Aboriginal Association Inc. is a Central Coast based Organisation which provides a range of services & support to ATSII people residing in the Central Coast.

The Aboriginal Youth & Family Support Counsellor position will aim to provide counselling support to Aboriginal Youth & Families to access, advice, information and supporting Youth & Families to refer appropriate services, to coordinate support services for Aboriginal youth & family needs who are at risk of homelessness & family breakdown.

The Association is seeking to employ a full-time suitable applicant to perform the duties of this position.

Selection Criteria: All applicants must be able to demonstrate their ability to carry out all essential criteria at a minimum.

Essential: Experience in counselling or providing counselling support; ability to work with Aboriginal & TI people/families at risk of homelessness or family breakdown; excellent written & oral communication skills; ability to work as part of a team & work independently; knowledge & understanding of issues which impact on ATSII people residing on the Central Coast; case management skills; maintain an appropriate caseload and set priorities; collect & record statistical data; knowledge of network service providers on the Central Coast; knowledge of child intervention & protection practices.

Desirable: Computer literate Microsoft Office Suite of programs; willingness to participate in staff development programs; understanding of the principles of EEO & OH&S; knowledge of Families First projects & The Aboriginal Child, Youth & Family Strategies; ATSII people are encouraged to apply, all applicants are expected to have relevant interest & experience in dealing with Aboriginal families.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Please send written applications marked "Confidential" addressing the selection criteria to: Michelle Craig, Bungree Aboriginal Association, PO Box 422, Toukley NSW 2263.

Applications close 21st September, 2007. (Faxed or late applications will not be accepted.)

LINK-UP (Old) ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL & WELLBEING COUNSELLOR

Full-Time Position / BRISBANE

Link-Up (Old) Aboriginal Corporation is dedicated to reuniting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 18 who have been separated from their families and communities through adoption, fostering, removal or institutionalisation due to past government policies and practices.

Requirement of the position: Formal tertiary or vocational qualifications in counselling, psychology, social work, mental health or a related area; the minimum qualification is Certificate IV in these areas; demonstrated understanding of the history and effects of the forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and comprehensive understanding of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues; effective communication skills and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; demonstrated counselling skills with experience and knowledge of social, emotional and mental health issues which may include culturally appropriate healing methods, and trauma and grief counselling, and case management skills; ability to work as an effective member of a team and willingness to refer clients to other services when necessary; competence with computers, especially word-processing and database software; and a willingness to abide by the policies and procedures of the organisation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

MALE CASEWORKER

Full Time Position / BRISBANE

Link-Up (Old) Aboriginal Corporation is dedicated to reuniting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 18 who have been separated from their families and communities through adoption, fostering, removal or institutionalisation due to past government policies and practices.

The primary function of this position is to: Provide a service to clients to facilitate reunions; to possess effective communication skills with strong emphasis toward Sensitivity and Compassion; research, investigate information and support clients as required; liaise with relevant community groups, organisations and agencies as required; develop and maintain the appropriate networks; contribute to providing an effective Link-Up service in Old.

Applicants should possess tertiary qualifications and/or relevant experience. Knowledge of Microsoft Office and keyboard skills is required. People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are strongly encouraged to apply.

CLOSING DATE: 14TH SEPTEMBER 2007.

For more information call (07) 3255 0855 or email: contact@ldlink-up.org.au or write to: Manager, Link-Up (Old) Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 5487 West End Qld 4101.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CONGRESS



Aboriginal Health in Aboriginal Hands

Clinical Educator

– Education & Training Branch PN 502

Salary package commences at \$64,248.00 plus generous salary sacrifice options available

Do you want to be part of our 'dreaming for the future' here at Central Australian Aboriginal Congress?

Our team is seeking a Clinical Educator to provide on and off-the-job education to trainee Aboriginal Health Workers and Preceptorship to recently registered Aboriginal Health Workers employed by Central Australian Aboriginal Congress. If you are a Registered Nurse, Enrolled Nurse or Aboriginal Health Worker eligible to be registered in the Northern Territory with Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or equivalent, we urge you to apply for this role.

INQUIRIES:
Marita Hope, Education and Training Branch Manager
08 8958 3603 marita.hope@caac.org.au

Aboriginal Health Worker

– Chronic Disease Program PN 802

Salary package commences at \$47,629.00 plus generous salary sacrifice options available

Are you an Aboriginal Health Worker registered or eligible to be registered in the Northern Territory? Do you have a Certificate III in Aboriginal Health work (Clinical)? Our Community Health Team is seeking a full time Aboriginal Health Worker Level 3 to consult with people living in outstations in the Alice Springs region about their health needs and report these findings to the Community Health Programs Manager. You will provide clinical primary health care services to Congress clients in the communities and outstations within a 100km radius of Alice Springs.

INQUIRIES:
Jane McQueen, Services Branch Manager
08 8951 4446 or 0417814161 jane.mcqueen@caac.org.au

Applications Close Friday 07 September 2007

SELECTION CRITERIA:
Candidates must obtain an information pack and address all of the Selection Criteria contained in the role statement.

APPLICATIONS TO:
HR Offices, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
PO Box 1604 Alice Springs NT 0871
marita.cooper@caac.org.au
Fax 08 8953 0350

Further information about the application process:
08 8951 4418 / www.congress.com.au
hradmin@caac.org.au

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Legal Officer (Career Development Program)

Grade I-III, Haymarket and Metropolitan Sydney, Temporary Full-time, Job Reference No: EX07/080.

Total remuneration package valued at \$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 Bulkeley 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 for: 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

Aboriginal Health Worker Remote (Male And Female)

Department of Health and Community Services

Sexual Health Unit - Alice Springs

Aboriginal Health Worker Class 4

(\$54 473 - \$57 378)

Permanent

Wanting to see the Centre of Australia and it's beauty?

We are looking for one Male Aboriginal Health Worker and one Female Aboriginal Health Worker to join the Sexual Health Unit team in Alice Springs. These positions offer the potential to move to an Aboriginal Health Worker Class 5 within 12 months.

The primary focus is to build the capacity of rural/remote primary health care services within a designated area, this will involve travel to remote communities, to provide comprehensive Sexual Health and Blood Born Virus programs within communities with a particular focus on men's or women's sexual health.

You will be a registered Aboriginal Health Worker in the Northern Territory with demonstrated clinical experience in a rural or remote primary health care setting, preferably with experience in the management of sexually transmitted infections. You will also have skills in health promotion, health education and clinical training.

For further details contact Rosalie Schultz on 08 8951 7549.

For Aboriginal Health Worker Remote (Male),
Quote vacancy number: 23575

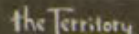
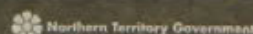
For Aboriginal Health Worker Remote (Female),
Quote vacancy number: 4239

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Closing date: 7 September 2007

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NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

The NSW Government is undertaking a Remote Areas Attraction and Retention Pilot for up to a three year period in the regions of Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett and Wilcannia. This is an outstanding opportunity for people to further their careers in the area of health. In addition to standard public sector conditions, the Attraction Package includes:

- A \$5,000 cash bonus for each completed year of service
- Relocation expenses
- A laptop computer and internet connection
- \$12,000 to \$16,000 per annum worth of housing subsidies
- 5 days guaranteed professional development/training
- Compassionate travel expenses

Greater Western Area Health Service are currently recruiting for the following positions:

Bourke

Registered Nurses

Recruitment No: GW53821, Full Time (3 FTE),
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Enrolled Nurse

Recruitment No: GW54112, Part Time (0.42 FTE),
Salary: \$325.92-\$362.08 pw.

Registered Midwife

Recruitment No: GW53375, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Child Health Worker

Recruitment No: GW52129, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: as per relevant qualifications & experience.

Nurse Unit Manager, Level 1

Recruitment No: GW54580, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$80,678 pa.

Registered Nurses/Midwives

Recruitment No: GW54568, Full Time (2 FTE),
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Brewarrina

Registered Nurse

Recruitment No: GW54732, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Walgett

Radiographer/Sonographer, Level 4, Grade 1

Recruitment No: GW55186, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$87,002-\$89,903 pa.

Primary Health Care Registered Nurse

Recruitment No: GW55843, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Wilcannia

Registered Nurse

Recruitment No: GW54908, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: \$45,797-\$64,315 pa.

Deputy Health Service Manager

Recruitment No: GW54053, Full Time (1 FTE),
Salary: Nurse Manager, Grade 1: \$80,454-\$82,097 pa.

For more information please contact: Jane Honeysett, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources, (02) 6841 2261 or jane.honeysett@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for all positions: 14 September 2007

Application Kits are also available on our website
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We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. We practice the principles of Cultural Diversity and provide a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks are conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible for Salary Package.



The department is a non-smoking workplace. Common Selection Criteria: All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common selection criteria' - Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statements; and Occupational Health and Safety - as they relate to the job.

Duty Investigator (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 7/8, Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, Temporary Full-Time,
Position Number 126790.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,468-\$76,896) Salary package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

First point of contact for all incoming calls to Employee Performance and Conduct Unit. Undertaking and supporting investigations. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Demonstrated capacity to undertake and support investigations under the supervision of an experienced investigator. Knowledge of current legislative developments and their implications for child protection investigation. Demonstrated negotiation and mediation skills and experience. Demonstrated high level written and verbal communications skills and strong interpersonal skills. Good computing, keyboarding and data entry skills. Knowledge of and commitment to the department's Aboriginal education policies. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Temporary appointment for the period up to 21 March 2008. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Sarah Parry (02) 9266 8070 Email: sarah.parry@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Kylie Turner (02) 9266 8070.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Ms Kylie Turner, R/Manager, Support Services, Employee Performance and Conduct Unit, GPO Box 33, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 14 September 2007.

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Indigenous Issues Unit

VPS Grade 5, \$67,557 - \$81,738 pa, Ongoing

Position No: DJ5012

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system. We are seeking suitably qualified applicants to undertake the following opportunities.

The position of Senior Policy Officer is to initiate and provide policy and secretariat support for the Aboriginal Justice Forum and lead the development of policy and associated activities in accordance with the principals of the second phase of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA).

In this role, you are required to have high level policy skills and the ability to liaise at various levels with public and private sector organisations, as well as the Victorian Koori Community.

This is an identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions
and selection criteria visit

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Closing date for applications is 14 September 2007.
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phone: (02) 8346 1555

NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

SYDNEY/SYDNEY EYE HOSPITALS

Aboriginal Registered Nurse

Sydney Sexual Health

Temp Full Time Position No: SH-SEH 07/58R

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational
qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of
the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Enq: Jude Ritchie, (02) 9382 7461

Apps: ssehhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 7 September 2007

For further information, or to apply for a
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We can offer Registered Nurses from overseas Temporary Business Sponsorships
of up to four years under arrangements with the Department of Immigration
and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, and NSW Health. We are committed to
EOC, OHS, Ethical Practice, and the principles of Cultural Diversity and
promote a smoke-free environment. Salary and conditions (including generous
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relevant award/agreement. All appointments are subject to a
satisfactory Criminal Record Check. Restricted persons as declared under the Child
Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for this related
employment. Eligibility lists will be kept for up to 12 months.

Australia Council for the Arts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Division

Do you want to work in a flexible,
creative and professional environment?

Over the last 30 years we have supported and promoted Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander artists and organisations, including Archie Roach,
Christine Anu, Deborah Mailman, Doris Pilkington, Ken Thaiday,
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well as the next generation of young and creative artists such as Wire
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JOIN US

Our team is dedicated, highly motivated and passionate about
keeping culture strong.

WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING

We are looking for highly motivated, dynamic people who will facilitate
the implementation of an Indigenous Arts Strategy. You will be
expected to work with a range of stakeholders within the arts,
government and industry.

Project Coordinators (2)

Temporary Full-Time Position (non-ongoing - 1 year)

Salary: Commencing from \$58,375 per annum
Plus employer contribution to superannuation

Project Officer

Temporary Full-Time Position (non-ongoing - 1 year)

Salary: Commencing from \$58,375 per annum
Plus employer contribution to superannuation

These positions are based in Surry Hills, Sydney.

We strongly encourage applications from
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

For more information about the role and how to apply, please
phone (02) 9215 9118 or go to www.oaco.gov.au/employment

Applications close: 12 September by 5pm



Australian Government



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

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION LEGAL OFFICER, CIVIL LAW (ABORIGINAL)

Grade H-III, Dubbo, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No
CV07/096. Total remuneration package valued to: \$90,756 p.a.
(\$65,472-\$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:** Aboriginality. 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; ability to meet deadlines, work without
close supervision and to manage a diverse workload. 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. Demonstrated
computer skills and Class C Driver's Licence. Common
selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a re-advertised position. 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 14 September 2007

TEAM LEADER

Dubbo - 35 Hours per Week

UnitingCare Burnside is currently seeking a Team Leader /
Caseworker for our Aboriginal Intensive Family Support Initiative
who will lead a family preservation service to meet the needs of
Aboriginal families with children with a disability, whose children are
at imminent risk of being placed in care.

The successful candidate will have sound knowledge of the issues
involved in working with Aboriginal families who have children/
young persons with a disability and demonstrated ability to engage
families in crisis and work in partnership with them to achieve their
goals, using a variety of intervention strategies from a range of
theoretical models.

The ability to work without constant supervision is essential
and you will need excellent networking and verbal and written
communication skills.

Burnside considers that Aboriginality is a genuine occupational
qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
(NSW).

Applicants can contact Servena McIntyre on (02) 68852353 or email
smcintyre@burnside.org.au for an information package.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 12 September 2007.

This position is of child-related employment and will require a
"Working with Children" check under the Commission for Children
and Young People Act 1996. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to
apply.

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is committed to principles of cultural
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The Study of Environment, Aboriginal Resilience
and Child Health (SEARCH)

ABORIGINAL RESEARCH OFFICERS (2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE)

The Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney in partnership with the
Sax Institute are seeking two dedicated Aboriginal Research Officers to
work on the SEARCH program.

SEARCH is a large-scale cohort study involving an estimated 2000
urban NSW Aboriginal children designed to describe the links between
environment, resilience and health outcomes among these children.
SEARCH will also trial the impact of a Health Broker on improving child
health outcomes.

The successful applicants will work together to recruit and interview
participants at the Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney. They
will have excellent communication skills and good attention to detail.

The positions are offered full-time for one year. The salary package is
\$50,000 per annum inclusive of 9% superannuation. The Aboriginal
Medical Service Western Sydney is a Fringe Benefit Tax Exempt
Employer with opportunity for salary packaging.

ABORIGINAL FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER (OTITS MEDIA)

The Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney in partnership with The
Sax Institute are seeking a dedicated Aboriginal Family Support Worker
(Otits Media) to work on the SEARCH program.

SEARCH is a large-scale cohort study involving an estimated 2000
urban NSW Aboriginal children designed to describe the links between
environment, resilience and health outcomes among these children. A
key element of SEARCH involves trialling the impact of an Aboriginal
Family Support Worker on improving children's access to best practice
care for Otitis Media.

The successful applicant will work with families and medical
professionals to improve the extent to which children receive all the
medical care prescribed for their otitis media. They will have excellent
communication skills, be highly organised and possess good attention
to detail.

The position is offered full-time for one year. The salary package is
\$70,000 per annum inclusive of 9% superannuation. The Aboriginal
Medical Service Western Sydney is a Fringe Benefit Tax Exempt
Employer with opportunity for salary packaging.

The job descriptions for the above positions and other information
can be obtained from Sean Appoo by phone (02) 9514 5950 or
email sean.appoo@saxinstitute.org.au

Applications close for the above positions 14/9/07.



Aboriginal Child and Adolescent Social and Emotional Wellbeing

RESEARCH OFFICER

Through the CRIAH program the Sax Institute in partnership with the
University of Sydney has successfully bid for a major research grant
from the National Health and Medical Research Council to conduct a
study to determine the clinical validity of the Strengths and Difficulties
Questionnaire amongst urban Aboriginal children in NSW.

We are looking for a dedicated research assistant to assist in the roll
out of the SDO study and oversee recruitment. The Research Officer
will be based at the Sax Institute; however, their role will require travel
to participating AMSS. The Research Officer will recruit participants into
the study, liaise with families and clinical staff to coordinate
appointments, enter study data and conduct literature reviews. The
successful candidate will be highly motivated, with excellent
communication skills and strong attention to detail.

The position is offered full-time for one year. The salary package is
\$65,000 per annum inclusive of 9% superannuation. The Sax Institute
is a Fringe Benefit Tax Exempt Employer with the opportunity for salary
packaging.

The job description and other information can be obtained
from Jessica Stewart on (02) 9514 5972 or email
jessica.stewart@saxinstitute.org.au.

Applications close 14/09/07.

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 7/6, Inverell/Moree, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No CMA2007/088. Total remuneration package valued to: \$94,855 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.

Please Note: Previously advertised as CMA2007/083 at Inverell only. Previous applications will be brought forward.

Inquiries: Paul Hutchings (02) 6721 9845 0427 959 464.

Information Packages: cma.info@pack@dmr.nsw.gov.au with 088 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 07 September 2007.

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NSW HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
**REGISTERED NURSE
ABORIGINAL**

Clerk Grade 9/10, North Sydney, Temporary Full-Time,
Vacancy Number CA07/076.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$96,295 p.a. (\$79,188-\$87,263) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Develop, implement and monitor strategic programs and projects that increase Aboriginal participation in the NSW public nursing and midwifery workforce. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977). Current registration with the Nurses and Midwives Board of NSW with a minimum of 5 years postgraduate nursing experience. Demonstrated knowledge of contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal people and their communities. Knowledge of Aboriginal health and workforce development policy. Demonstrated ability to consult and liaise with government and non-government agencies particularly in Aboriginal communities. High level oral and written communication, consultation, negotiation and interpersonal skills to interact effectively with staff, management and external stakeholders. Demonstrated project management skills and experience. High-level computer literacy and presentation skills. Knowledge of the NSW tertiary and TAFE system for nursing and midwifery education. Sound knowledge of the NSW Health system and Commitment and capacity to implement EEO policies, OH&S and Ethnic Affairs policies. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Temporary position for a period up to 12 months.

Inquiries: Sue Balding (02) 9391 9367 Email: Susan.balding@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Marianne Goodwin Email: magoo@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment, Corporate Personnel Services, NSW Department of Health, Locked Mail Bag 961, North Sydney, 2059, or apply on-line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to staffline@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 14 September 2007.

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Centrelink is part of the Human Services Portfolio working with the Department of Human Services and other Human Service Agencies to deliver Centrelink services to 6.5 million Australians. We employ people in a wide variety of challenging and interesting jobs around Australia. Merit based selections ensure we have a talented and diverse workforce with a broad range of skills and abilities. Applicants must be Australian citizens.

**Indigenous Services Officer -
Several Positions**

APS 5

Centrelink Band 3 Lower

\$53,048- \$56,252

Area Hunter

Tamworth, Maitland, Charlestown, Wyong

These positions are based at the Tamworth, Maitland, Charlestown and Wyong Customer Service Centres, and will be responsible for delivering services to communities and customers in their areas.

Duties:

- Consult and liaise with Aboriginal communities, agencies and other relevant groups in relation to the delivery of Centrelink services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Assist Aboriginal groups to identify community needs and develop appropriate strategies to address needs that are in line with Centrelink's strategic directions.
- Work within Centrelink, business, community providers and Government to facilitate appropriate participation and income support outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers.
- Some travel will be required.
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background or experience with dealing with members of the Aboriginal community is highly desirable.
- Current driver's licence is essential.

Conditions

Applicants must be Australian Citizens.

Contact instructions

To apply for these positions, applicants must obtain the selection documentation and ensure that they address each selection criterion. Selection documentation can be obtained from:

http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/centrelink_jobs/jobs_nsw.htm

Completed applications should be forwarded to:

ISO Vacancies

Human Resources

Centrelink

PO Box 542

Charlestown NSW 2290

Applications can also be lodged by email to recruitment.hunter@centrelink.gov.au

or by fax to 02 49743492

Contact Name Todd Heard

Contact Number 02 49743608

Closing date 7 September 2007

An Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA) with an attractive remuneration package is available to all prospective Centrelink employees.

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**For selection documentation and
more information about working at Centrelink,
visit www.centrelink.gov.au and click on Careers**

Employment Services Manager

Yarrabah Aboriginal Council, a well serviced community council within easy commute of Cairns, is seeking the services of a suitably qualified Employment Services Manager to provide leadership, strategic advice and direction to the newly created Yarrabah Employment Program.

Working closely with the Yarrabah Employment Services Committee, you will be a committed and enthusiastic manager, responsible for coordinating the efficient and effective operations of the CDEP program including employment and support services.

Your ability to build and maintain positive working relationships will see you participating effectively in regional employment forums and liaising with local employers and industry bodies to develop employment strategies and achieve positive employment outcomes.

To be considered for this senior role you must be able to demonstrate effective leadership, have superior report writing skills and be comfortable negotiating at a high level. Previous experience working in an indigenous organisation is desirable.

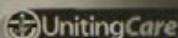
A salary of between \$70,000 and \$80,000 and attractive benefits including advantageous tax packaging and a 9 day fortnight will be offered to the successful candidate.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications close 10 September 2007.

To apply for this position please call Janice Shackley on (07)4031 8388 or email janice@precrutment.com.au for an application package.

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Burnside
www.burnside.org.au

**REGIONAL BUDGET AND DATA
SUPPORT OFFICER**

UnitingCare Burnside is currently seeking a Regional Budget and Data Support Officer for our Dubbo Office who will be responsible for the provision of administrative support to the Regional Manager, UnitingCare Burnside. This position will be temporary to the end of June 2008 with the possibility of extending to a permanent position.

The successful candidate will have strong experience in developing and implementing office systems and procedures, a high competency level in working with figures - budgets and data; excellent organisational abilities, initiative and ability to prioritise, be creative, show initiative and be able to work under tight deadlines with minimal supervision.

Please contact Naomi at the Dubbo Office on 68855010 for an information package. For further enquiries about the position, please contact the Regional Manager, Reg Humphreys on 68855010 or rhumphreys@burnside.org.au

Indigenous people are particularly encouraged to apply.

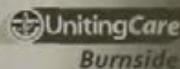
Applications addressing the selection criteria should be posted to: Annette McKellar, Executive Secretary to Director - Operations, Regional Centres, UnitingCare Burnside PO Box 5866, Parramatta, 2150 or emailed to: amckellar@burnside.org.au

Applications Close: 4pm Friday 7 September, 2007.

This position is of child-related employment and will require a "Working with Children" check under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply.

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CASEWORKER / CARER ASSESSOR

Casual Position

Community Placements Program, Dubbo

UnitingCare Burnside Community Placements Program (CPP) is a client needs driven Intensive Out of Home Care Service for young people aged 10 to 17. The service is based in Dubbo and is available throughout the Orana and Far West Area. Burnside is seeking a skilled, motivated and innovative Caseworker to attract, recruit assess and train carers to work with the CPP team.

The Caseworker will have the following skills and experience: Extensive experience in Out of Home Care Service Delivery; Highly developed communication (written and verbal), conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation skills; Demonstrated ability in recruiting, training, and supporting carers to maintain a creative and professional team direct care environment; Demonstrated ability in working collaboratively with ATSI and other people with CALD backgrounds and Relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent workplace experience.

Aboriginal people are particularly encouraged to apply.

An attractive salary package will be offered. Burnside offers a professional and supportive work environment and staff development opportunities.

You must clearly address all the selection criteria in your application. For enquiries and an employment package please phone David Ryan or Naomi Hughes on 02 68855010, alternatively email nhughes@burnside.org.au

Applications close 21 September 2007.

This position is of child-related employment and will require a "Working with Children" check under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply.

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Indigenous Employment Opportunities - Project Firefighters 30+ Position

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for the management of Public Land and other natural resources. DSE employs several hundred additional firefighters each summer to assist in the prevention and suppression of wildfires throughout the State. Advertisements are appearing in regional and local newspapers inviting applications for these roles.

In outer Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria there are project firefighter positions available for Indigenous applicants. Whilst specific locations have been identified under the exemption, people of Indigenous background are also encouraged to apply for any other locations available.

Please note: An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunities Act 1985 (No.332/2004). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Are you up to the challenge?

Here's what we ask:

- You can work safely alongside your colleagues as a team player.
- You're fit and healthy (you'll need to pass a medical and fitness test).
- You hold a current manual driver's licence and can be contacted by telephone during your employment.

In return you'll receive:

- A salary of between \$574.38 and \$743.74 per week, plus allowances and overtime.
- A rewarding job as a project firefighter.
- Professional training.

For more information contact Garry Stock, Team Leader Employment Strategies on 03 9637 8216 or email garry.stock@dse.vic.gov.au

You can also find out more and apply online by visiting: www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires

Alternatively contact us on 136 786, email pff.positions@dse.vic.gov.au or visit your local DSE or Parks Victoria workplace.

Closing date for applications is Friday 7 September 2007.

www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires



Department of
Sustainability and
Environment

Apply on-line
for an instant
confirmation of
your application

You have until
Friday,
7th September 2007

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Tuesday Island is located 35 kms from the tip of Cape York and offers a relaxed lifestyle with excellent boating, fishing and diving. The island is well serviced with health, sporting and education facilities.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is an Australian Government statutory body engaged in a wide range of service delivery functions to Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people in the Torres Strait region. The TSRA is seeking to recruit a highly motivated person to undertake the position of Manager Field Operations.

In this executive position your key areas of activity will include:

- The development and implementation of change management strategy to ensure the delivery of Indigenous Programmes across a diverse range of situations.

- The oversight of the provision of staff development and training activities for the Field Section

- The development of policy and implementation strategies to improve the level of indigenous capacity building and participation in the small business sector

For consideration for this senior role you will be able to demonstrate comprehensive experience in the provision of high level strategic support in the delivery of Indigenous Programs and the design and implementation of effective change management. The ability to communicate sensitively with Indigenous Australians and provide motivational leadership to a diverse team is essential.

A successful candidate will be expected to enter into an Australian Workplace Agreement in line with the Torres Strait Regional Authority Remuneration Strategy and this will be a condition of engagement. An attractive remuneration package, including high quality housing and other benefits, will be negotiated.

The TSRA is an equal opportunity employer and encourages Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people to apply.

Applications close 3 September 2007.

To apply please email janice@precruitment.com.au for an application pack.
(07) 4031 8388

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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
EPM15739 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 32 km NE from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°53'S Long.140°18'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 58 km NNE from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°35'S Long.140°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 35 km NE from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°50'S Long.140°18'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 38 km NE from Kajibbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°50'S Long.140°20'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 293 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 91 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 28 h, c, d, e, j, k, n, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, z 29 l, q 100 h, d, e, g, j, k, n, o Normanton 3124 y 3196 d, f, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, t, w, x 3267 u, z 3268 b, c, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3340 b, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, u, v, w, x, y, z 3341 q 3412 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y Area of Part 2: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3052 o, t, y 3124 d, j, k, o Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3340 d Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3341 a	Exco Resources NL 080 339 671
EPM15740 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 19 km SSW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°52'S Long.140°27'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 24 km W from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°43'S Long.140°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 42 km S from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21°05'S Long.140°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 17 km SSE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°51'S Long.140°34'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 419 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 131 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 605 o, p, t, u, y, z 677 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 678 a, h, i, g, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 749 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 750 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 751 v, w, x, y 821 h, c, d, e, h 822 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, w, x, y, z 823 a, v, w, x 894 c, d, e, k 895 a, b, c Area of Part 2: 32 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 604 l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w Area of Part 3: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 895 v, w 967 a, b, c Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 751 j	Exco Resources NL 080 339 671
EPM16172 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 16 km ENE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°40'S Long.140°39'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 16 km E from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°42'S Long.140°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 19 km E from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°42'S Long.140°42'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 21 km E from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°41'S Long.140°43'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 608 e 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 608 p Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 609 m Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 609 h	Exco Resources NL 080 339 671

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Queanbeyan City Council

The following opportunities have become available in Council's Children's services section where you will be working with and caring for children aged 0-6 years in an exciting working environment which is close to the coast and snow fields.

CHILD CARE WORKER

Full-time or part-time considered
\$660.60 per 38 hour week.

A person that we seek must have a minimum of one year experience in a childcare centre or relevant children's service and be able to demonstrate an ability to work as part of a team, having a high level oral and written communication skill. They need an understanding of legislative requirements for children's services and the principles and practices of Occupational Health and Safety, and an ability to apply them to the work practices. They must possess and maintain a current Class C driving licence and an Aid Certificate. This is a permanent position.

CASUAL QUALIFIED CHILD CARE WORKER

\$24.48 per hour

A person that we seek must possess a Diploma in Children's Services or equivalent. They must also have experience working in Long Day Care or Occasional Care Children's Services, possess a current NSW Class C driver's licence (or equivalent), a First Aid Certificate, people skills, an ability to communicate effectively to problem solve, act independently and work with a minimal supervision.

CASUAL CHILD CARE WORKERS

\$21.75 per hour

A person that we seek must also have an ability to communicate effectively and liaise with parents, problem solve, work as a part of a team, and be able to work under direction from supervisors.

Work for all positions will be offered subject to meeting all requirements relevant to the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 and NAPS (Notional Agreement) serving the Local Government (State Award) conditions only.

For consideration for the above positions intending applicants must obtain an information package from Council's website at www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/positions/vacant by email to: recruit@qcc.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively an information package may be obtained from the Human Resources section, located at 263 Crawford Street, or by contacting the 24 hour answering service on (02) 6298 34. Further information can be obtained from Denise Cook on 62971128 or Cheryl Rule on 6298 4522.

Applications close at 5pm Monday 10 September 2007.

Tracy Chapman
General Manager

Queanbeyan City Council is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from Multicultural and Aboriginal people. Council employees enjoy free parking and a dynamic, safe and lively working environment.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
80/2275	Bundara Holdings Pty Ltd	KR14/67	198ha	31km SW'y of Halls Creek	Lat 18°30' Long 127°33'	Halls Creek
80/3639	Roger Gough	269648	407.61ha	111km NW'y of Halls Creek	Lat 17°40' Long 126°46'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 29 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 parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **29 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 a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **29 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) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Dept of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



PORT MACQUARIE
HASTINGS

Located at Port Macquarie on the NSW Mid North Coast, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council is a progressive organisation providing services to 75,000 residents. The area offers a superior lifestyle in a premier holiday destination.

Aging in Place Project Officer

Designated Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander position

Part time - 14 hours per week for 12 months
(Possible extension to 3 years)

Applicants will need to download the job description to assist with their application. This can be obtained from www.pmh.nsw.gov.au/jobs, Council's reception desk or by phoning (02) 6581 8111.

Applications addressing the essential and desirable criteria should be received by the Human Resources Manager, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, PO Box 54, Port Macquarie NSW 2444 or emailed to jobs@pmh.nsw.gov.au by Friday 21 September 2007.

Port Macquarie - Holiday Capital

The Michael Project

The Michael Project is a new Mission Australia initiative for Homeless Men in Sydney in conjunction with our existing men's accommodation and support services located across the Sydney metropolitan area.

We are currently seeking skilled, enthusiastic and resourceful full-time staff to join our multi-disciplinary team and have a number of positions available including:

- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Recreational Officer
- Alcohol & Other Drugs Counsellor
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Outreach Worker

The successful candidates will have tertiary qualifications in the relevant fields, demonstrated experience in team leadership and excellent computer and administrative skills. They will possess an ability to develop and implement programs; provide therapeutic group work; to develop positive relationships with networks with other professionals and community agencies. Superior organisational and time management skills, flexibility and the ability to respond to conflicting demands will be essential to the role.

Candidates must also have excellent interpersonal skills, demonstrated understanding of community services and issues relating to homelessness and a current NSW driver's licence.

The successful candidates will be rewarded generously with: • Fantastic salary packaging opportunities including meal and entertainment benefits • Generous leave provisions (including paid study leave, paid parental leave, paid community development leave, plus more) • The opportunity to purchase discounted goods and services (eg. gym memberships, private health insurance, accommodation at selected hotels, car rental rates, plus more) from valued corporate partners • Free income protection insurance.

A readiness to work with Mission Australia's Values Statement is essential.

The preferred applicant will be subject to a Criminal Records Check. Please download the information package including Selection Criteria under 'Job Opportunities' on our website www.missionaustralia.com.au. Enquiries about the positions should be directed to Hayley Milner via mission@missionaustralia.com.au.

Written applications (addressing all Selection Criteria) including a current CV should be marked Private & Confidential and forwarded to: Hayley Bull, Mission Australia NSW State Office, PO Box 42254 Sydney South NSW 1235. Applications close 10th September 2007.

Mission Australia is a non-denominational Christian Community Service Organisation and an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

Mission Australia
www.missionaustralia.com.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16173	Approx. 31 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°53'S Long.140°44'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 753 1	Exco Resources NL 080 339 671
EPM16174	Part 1: Approx. 44 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21°02'S Long.140°45'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 44 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21°03'S Long.140°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 897 j, k, p 898 f 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 897 s	Exco Resources NL 080 339 671
EPM16175	Approx. 45 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°54'S Long.139°53'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 48 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 743 d, e, h, j, n, s, x 744 a, b 815 c, d, e, k 816 f, l	Exco Resources NL 080 339 671

* 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.

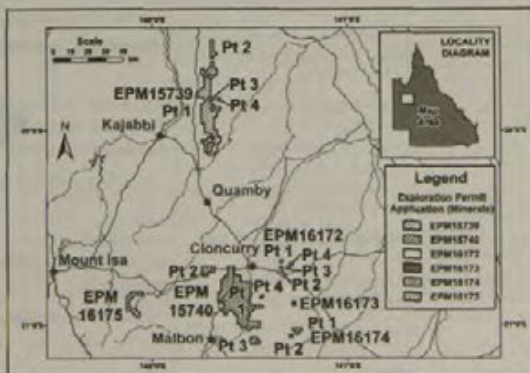
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 19 September 2007



NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Application kits may be obtained from www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au or the Application Kitline on (02) 4965 3272 or email jahs@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au. Apply on-line www.easysite.net/efjoh/HNE/HRRegistry/default.cfm. Eligibility lists may be created.

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

Expression of Interest - Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Administrative Assistant

Population Health, Wallend

Position No: 55750
Population Health has a Permanent Full Time Administrative Assistant position available in Newcastle and is seeking Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons seeking employment. Population Health services include environmental health, immunisation, health statistics, infectious diseases and various health promotion programs which seek to improve the health of the entire population rather than providing care on an individual basis.

The position will ensure the provision of efficient administrative support to service delivery programs, clinicians and senior staff. Persons with relevant qualifications and suitable experience are encouraged to telephone the Business and Administrative Services Manager, Maree Neate on (02) 4924 6395 or via email at maree.neate@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au to obtain a full job description.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted in the community as such. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Closing Date for full applications is: 14 September 2007. Further information regarding Population Health can be obtained at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/hnep/h

Hunter New England Health Promotes the Values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage, Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and provides a smoke-free environment. Successful applicants will be expected to abide by the Code of Conduct and be committed to ethical practices. Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Criminal record checks will be undertaken on recommended applicants. Provision of documented evidence of protection against specified infectious diseases is required. Salary and conditions are in accordance with relevant award/enterprise agreements.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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THE VOICE OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

Are you an Indigenous Australian and thinking about an electrical career?

Then why not enroll in an Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship course?

The vast majority of employers seek candidates who have successfully completed a pre-apprenticeship prior to employing them as electrical apprentices.

This course aims to prepare students for an electrical apprenticeship. Electrical theory, mathematics, interpretation of electrical drawings, safety and general practical skills are some of the subjects within the course.

Eligibility:

- an Indigenous Australian
- currently not engaged in full time employment or enrolled in any other training
- a minimum standard of year 11 numeracy and literacy is recommended

The course commences in August and is delivered over 600 hours.

Interested? Call Maria Spiteri on 03 9389 9911 for more information or to enroll in the course.



Aboriginal Development Manager Senior Education Officer

Temporary Full-time
Location: Eora Centre
Job Reference No: 07/148/MH

Total remuneration package valued to \$97,846 pa including salary (\$86,527-88,669), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Duties and Selection Criteria are available with Information Package.

Note 1: This is a temporary appointment for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

Note 2: Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package by phoning 9217 4152 or by visiting www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Note 3: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Note 4: Preferred applicants will be subject to employment screening.

Inquiries: Jenny Cameron, A/Director Equity Programs, Sydney Institute, 02 9217 4143.

Applications (quoting Job Ref. & Pos. Name in email Subject line) to: SI Recruitment@tafensw.edu.au or post: Recruitment/WFP Unit, TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute, PO Box 707 Broadway NSW 2007.

Closing date: Friday, 14 September 2007.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA) has a 35-year history in the delivery of dance education and training programs and currently delivers accredited dance courses to Diploma level. NAISDA is a member of the Commonwealth Roundtable for Excellence in Arts Training.

Position Summary: The Executive Director will be responsible for the strategic and operational objectives of the academic and other functions of the College whilst representing the institution at the highest levels of government in meeting the needs of Indigenous communities across Australia and the Torres Strait Islands. In conjunction with the Board of Management, the Executive Director will develop and apply annual budgets across all aspects of the organization, ensure compliance with the requirements of training registration authorities and funding agencies and contribute to the development, maintenance and expansion of educational and performance opportunities for Indigenous community members and students of NAISDA.

Selection/Essential Criteria: A university degree, diploma or tertiary qualification or relevant experience in business and education related disciplines; a vast and demonstrated experience in leadership in educational management; demonstrated high level of communication and advocacy skills in relation to corporate sponsors, government and inter government agencies; demonstrated ability to successfully manage major organisational change; ability to develop collaborative partnerships with other tertiary institutions; high-level strategic planning and business planning skills.

Desirable Criteria: Management experience in teaching and/or vocational education training institutions, together with a thorough knowledge of business processes, human resource management, fund raising and regulatory compliance, whilst not essential, would be highly regarded.

Remuneration Package: An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate that will include the provision of a company motor vehicle. Special tax concessions will apply in line with the not-for-profit nature of the College.

Information in relation to the position can be obtained from lnewell@naisda.com.au

Applications including a detailed Resume should be marked 'Confidential' and sent to Mr. Richard Shapler, President NAISDA Board, at 5/31 The Avenue, Mt Penang Parklands, KARIDONG NSW 2250.

Applications should be received no later than 10 September 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
EPM15682	Approx. 132 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.22°10'S Long.140°48'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Boulia	Area: 133 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 42 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1834 d, e, j, k, o, p, u, z 1835 a, b, f, l, q, v, w 1905 d, e, j, k 1906 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, x, y 1907 a, b, f, g, l, m	Gryphon Minerals Limited 107 690 657
EPM16152	Part 1: Approx. 117 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.22°12'S Long.140°33'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Boulia Part 2: Approx. 129 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.22°17'S Long.140°37'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia Part 3: Approx. 100 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.22°03'S Long.140°30'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 4: Approx. 80 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°55'S Long.140°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 5: Approx. 95 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.22°05'S Long.140°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 6: Approx. 88 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.22°02'S Long.140°19'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 7: Approx. 89 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°58'S Long.140°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 8: Approx. 85 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°56'S Long.140°25'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 9: Approx. 86 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°57'S Long.140°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 10: Approx. 77 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°52'S Long.140°22'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 11: Approx. 70 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°51'S Long.140°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 54 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 17 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1831 v 1903 a, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 44 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1976 a, b, c, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x Area of Part 3: 25 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1758 m, n, o, p 1759 l, q, v 1831 a Area of Part 4: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1613 q, v 1685 a, f, l Area of Part 5: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1757 v 1829 a, f Area of Part 6: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1756 j, o Area of Part 7: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1686 l, q Area of Part 8: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1685 k Area of Part 9: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1685 o Area of Part 10: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1613 m Area of Part 11: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1612 g	Krucible Metals Pty Ltd 118 788 846

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept. of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/450	Dumpra Pty Ltd	10.57ha	125km Ely of Coral Bay	Lat 22°51' Long 114°57'	Ashburton
09/101	Pamela Ann Sollich Gary William McCorkill	273.91ha	112km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°33' Long 118°10'	Upper Gascoyne
20/492	Donald Edward Caesar	199.85ha	72km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 26°54' Long 117°28'	Cue
21/162	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	303.55ha	26km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°39' Long 117°54'	Cue
21/163	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	668.8ha	27km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°39' Long 117°57'	Cue
24/715	Byron Exploration Pty Ltd	21.96ha	60km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 121°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/621	Black Mountain Gold NL	199.47ha	9km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°23'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/303	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	562.15ha	65km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 122°21'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
45/840	Elzaco Mining Pty Ltd	362.37ha	63km Ely of Marble Bar	Lat 21°11' Long 120°21'	East Pilbara
45/869	Elzaco Mining Pty Ltd	11.26ha	63km Ely of Marble Bar	Lat 21°12' Long 120°21'	East Pilbara
46/304-9 & 46/499	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd	6657.77ha	66km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°28' Long 119°59'	East Pilbara
46/492	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd	951.11ha	68km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°27' Long 119°52'	East Pilbara
46/503-4	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd	1900.6ha	68km NW'ly of Newman	Lat 22°35' Long 119°58'	East Pilbara
46/511	Johan Pieter Pas Tamas Kaplany	3ha	15km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°58' Long 120°13'	East Pilbara
57/373	Gary Herbert Kjellgren Quentin Saint	120.07ha	41km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°38' Long 119°26'	Sandstone
58/352	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd	303.4ha	31km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°42' Long 117°52'	Cue
70/1240	Rensberg Pty Ltd	84.98ha	40km SE'ly of Perth	Lat 32°16' Long 116°02'	Serpentine-Jamindale

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: 29 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 29 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. 29 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.

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Youth - Alcohol and Other Drugs Workers
Full time and Part time positions available
RANDWICK

We invite applications from suitably qualified and/or experienced people to work with our multi-disciplinary team in our residential Program for Adolescent Life Management (PALM). The program operates on a 24 hour, 7 day rotating shift basis.

You will be a team player, able to work compassionately and creatively, utilizing your initiative, group management, conflict resolution and practical life skills to provide positive group and individual activities, within program guidelines, for our program participants.

A current driver's license and good driving record are essential, while a first aid certificate is desirable.

We are committed to the principles of EEO, OH&S and ethical practices and the principles of cultural diversity.

A person prohibited by the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 is not eligible to apply.

Salary is in terms of the SACS (NSW).

For information, including Essential and Desirable Criteria and the Working with Children declarations, please refer to our web site: www.noffs.org.au or phone Sally Warwick on 02 8363 6646.

Application & resume, addressing the criteria in the job description, along with the "Working with Children" declarations are to be forwarded to: Sally Warwick, PO Box 120, Randwick 2031 or warwick@noffs.org.au, by the 31st August 2007.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MANAGER

Gandagara Employment and Training Services (GETS), a newly structured, wholly owned division of the Gandagara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) is seeking to employ the services of a highly skilled and motivated person to work as part of the Council's Senior Management Team (SMT).

The successful applicant will be at the cutting edge of this new business stream and will hold, in conjunction with the existing members of the SMT, the primary responsibility for the design, implementation and growth of this new Indigenous business.

A salary package in the vicinity of \$65,000 is envisaged, as the successful applicant will have the inherent skills and experience to negotiate this outcome as part of their initial brief. The successful applicant will be expected to hold, or be prepared to obtain, tertiary qualifications at a level of Bachelor of Business Management or a similar/relevant equivalent.

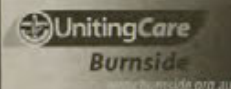
Applicants will need to obtain a Job Description from Ms Kaye Kolster on (02) 9602 5280 or kkolster@glalc.org.au.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the CEO, Mark (Jack) Johnson on (02) 9602 5280 or markjohnson@glalc.org.au.

Applications for the above position must be received no later than the close of business on Wednesday, 19 September, 2007.

All application by post should be addressed as follows: Confidential, CEO, GLALC, PO Box 1038, Liverpool BC 1871 Or by email to: markjohnson@glalc.org.au

The GLALC is a Statutory, Local Aboriginal Land Council and therefore Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island people, who meet, or are prepared to ensure that they meet the Selection Criteria, are strongly encouraged to apply.



SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

UnitingCare Burnside is a large welfare agency providing a range of services targeted to families, children and young people most in need. They are part of the UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families Services Group which includes UnitingCare Unitam.

We are seeking a highly skilled, flexible, enthusiastic and motivated person to coordinate and provide administration services to the Social Justice, Partnerships and Communication team. This team works in the areas of social justice, advocacy, research, performance management, publications and communication. The team consists of about twenty dynamic, professional and creative staff. This is a full-time, permanent position.

The position will be responsible for setting up uniform systems for the Social Justice, Partnerships and Communications team including mail (internal and external), photocopying (colour and black & white), filing and petty cash.

For the Director and Managers, tasks include coordinating diaries, making appointments, organising meetings and venues, taking minutes and booking travel/accommodation.

In return, the organisation offers the right person a very interesting and varied job, an attractive salary package, the possibility of flexible working hours and the opportunity to work in a highly respected, professional child welfare agency. The position will be located in Pirramatta.

Please contact Theresa Dunne on (02) 9768 6868 for a detailed job description and an information package. For additional information, please contact Rita Perkins, Director, Social Justice, Partnerships and Communication on (02) 9768 6865.

Applicants must address the selection criteria in their application. Closing date is Monday 10 September 2007.

This position is of child-related employment and will require a "Working with Children" check under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply.

Burnside is an EEO Employer and is committed to principles of cultural diversity.

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16177 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 94 km ESE from Duchess. Centred at approximate Lat.21°48' S Long.140°38'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 92 km ESE from Duchess. Centred at approximate Lat.21°51' S Long.140°35'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 32 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1544 j, m, n, o, p, s, u, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1615 e, j, k 1616 f, g	Exco Resources NL 080 339 671

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3096 3216.

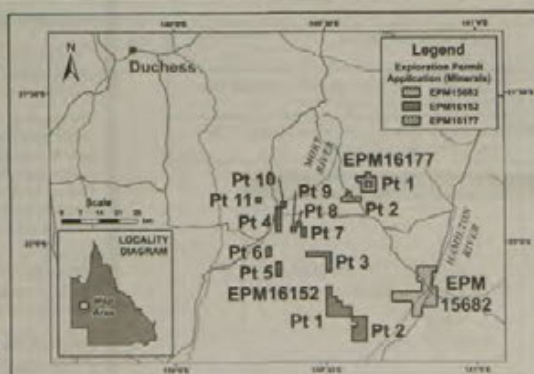
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification 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: 19 September 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 29 August 2007

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest) in the area, set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (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 this application



Applicant's name: Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council
Non-native title interest: Aboriginal Freehold title in part of the land within Crown Plan 8905-3070 (subject to survey and transfer).
Federal Court File No: NSD1478/07
 The application area of approximately 80.81 hectares is located along Wyong Road in the vicinity of Manning Lake and is approximately 40 km south-west of Newcastle, as shown in the locality map.
 The application area falls within the Wyong 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 Department of Lands, Land and Property Information Division, NSW.

For assistance or further information contact Carissa Kok on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

National Native Title Tribunal

BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer - Aboriginal Health Work Clinical (Apprenticeships)

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to December 2009 - Alice Springs

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$65,055-\$77,253

This position is responsible for the delivery of Higher Education and Vocational, Educational Training programs through flexible remote delivery mode with Apprentices. Travel is an essential requirement.

Applications close Friday 7 September 2007.

Lecturer - Creative Writing

Position No.: 18079

Fixed term appointment for 3 years commencing October 2007 - Alice Springs

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$65,055-\$77,253

This position is responsible for the preparation and delivery of Higher Education units in Creative Writing, maintaining student records and associated administrative tasks. Travel throughout NT is an essential requirement.

Applications close Friday 14 September 2007.

Project Officer - Performing Arts

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to December 2007 - Batchelor

Remuneration Academic Level A/B - \$46,070-\$77,253

This position is responsible for the development and implementation of feasibility and scoping study for the incorporation of performing arts educational courses at both Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training level.

Applications close Friday 14 September 2007.

For further information, the Selection Criteria's and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin Palmerston and some rural areas.

Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland and adjoining waters where applicable

Notification day: 12 September 2007

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane, Queensland, 4003, on or before 11 December 2007. After 11 December 2007 the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Map	Application name	Federal Court File No	Date filed	Registration test status
1	Butchulla Land and Sea Claim	QUD16/06	18 January 2006	The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.
2	Karingbal People	QUD473/06	30 November 2006	The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.



Location: The area subject to this application covers approximately 6628km² and is located in the vicinity of Hervey Bay approximately 180km north of Brisbane, as shown in the locality map.

Description: The application falls within the Burnett Shire Council, Coooloolo Shire Council, Hervey Bay City Council, Isis Shire Council, Maryborough City Council, Miriam Vale Shire Council, Tiaro Shire Council, and Woomool Shire Council local government areas.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal or sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Water, Queensland.

For assistance and further information contact Felicity Thiesen on free call 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

National Native Title Tribunal

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Location: The area subject to this application covers approximately 1058 km² and is located in the vicinity of Rolleston, approximately 220km south-west of Rockhampton, as shown in the locality map.

Description: The application falls within the Bauhinia Shire Council and Taroom Shire Council local government areas.

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Opportunities in Indigenous Issues

Indigenous Issues Unit

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system. We are seeking suitably qualified applicants to undertake the following opportunities.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LODDON MALLEE REGIONAL ABORIGINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VP5 Grade 5, \$67,557 - \$81,738 pa, 12 months fixed term

Position No: DJ3695

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

The position of Executive Officer for the Loddon Mallee Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) plays a major role in the operation of the respective RAJAC, involving the development and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and community organisations, implementing the Regional Justice Plan as well as providing secretariat services to the committee. The occupant will coordinate, monitor and assist in the implementation of the Regional Justice Plan and manage the RAJAC network in the Loddon Mallee region.

In this role, you are required to have a high level of communication skills and work effectively with Unit members, Loddon Mallee Koori Community and stakeholders and have an understanding of the issues affecting the Koori Community. This is an identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER, LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

VP5 Grade 5, \$67,557 - \$81,738 pa, 2 years fixed term

Position No: DJ36404

The position of Senior Project Officer, Local Indigenous Community Partnership Project will involve the development and coordination of activities as identified by the Project Inter Departmental Committee Justice Executive with a critical role in building strong local networks with both community and Departmental officers in the identification and implementation of the initiatives under the project.

The occupant will be responsible for managing the activities of the Mildura, Swan Hill and Robinvale Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committees and providing both committees with secretariat assistance. In this role, you are required to have a high level of communication skills and work effectively with Unit members, Loddon Mallee Koori Community and stakeholders and have an understanding of the issues affecting the Koori Community.

This is an identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 14 September 2007.

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Program Manager

\$70,200.00 salary per annum
(including attractive salary packaging)

ACES is seeking a Program Manager who is highly motivated and experienced in facilitating organisational change and development.

You will have a passion for excellence, high level communication skills and the ability to work in partnerships. You will possess proven leadership, people management and change management skills. Ideally within a Human Services environment and be tertiary qualified in a relevant discipline.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For the position description and selection criteria call Yvonne Cook on (03) 9383 4244 or email yvonne@acesinc.org.au. Enquiries contact Deborah Deacon on (03) 9383 4244.

Applications should be addressed to: The CEO, ACES, 5 Parkview Avenue, East Brunswick Vic. 3057 or emailed to deborahd@acesinc.org.au

Closing Date: 12 September 2007.

Project Development Worker

Wage: Under the SACS Award Category 4

dependent on qualifications.

Hours: 20 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday.

Essential: Certificate in Community Welfare or equivalent and/or experience in the field, excellent problem-solving, interpersonal and communication skills; planning, organising, assessing, analyzing, negotiating, mediating, teamwork and database/word-processing skills; awareness of non-discrimination, EEO and OH&S principles; ability to work in a rural location; current driver's licence; prepared to participate in training.

Desirable: knowledge of local community service providers.

Requirements of successful applicant: Prohibited Employment Declaration and Working with Children Check.

The Application should include details of qualifications, experience and two recent referees.

Closing date: Monday 10th September 2007.

For Information Package, contact: Tess Kelly, Central West Family Support Group Inc., PO Box 278, CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877. Phone: (02) 6895 3555.

Cumberland Women's Health Centre Inc. (Parramatta)

Aboriginal & TSI Women's Health Worker

(30hrs/wk negotiable) to end 2008.

We are seeking a creative and innovative woman to work with A & TSI women in the central Western Sydney region. The workers tasks will be a mixture of community education, support/advocacy work, counselling and community development designed to ensure that A & TSI women have access to health and other services. Contact us for a detailed job description and position requirements or get details from our website www.cwhc.org.au. Salary is based on above award rate (SACS) according to skills and experience. Salary packaging and flexible work arrangements available.

Under Sec 14(d) and Sec 31(2)(h) of the NSW Anti-discrimination Act to be a woman of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background is a genuine occupational requirement for this position. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory 'working with children' check and criminal record check.

For further information and job package contact Felicity Martin on (02) 9689 3044. Application for the position close Monday 10th September 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
EPM15393 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 8 km NE from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°0'S Long.144°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook Part 2: Approx. 7 km NNW from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.15°59'S Long.144°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area of Part 1: 36 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooktown and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks Cooktown 3388 u, z 3389 q, r, s, v, w Townsville 4 d, e, k 5 a Area of Part 2: 1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooktown Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3388 w	Matthew Simon Vaughan
EPM16143	Approx. 19 km NNW from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.15°51'S Long.144°0'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 82 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooktown and Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks Cooktown 3241 l, m, q, e, v, w 3313 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w Mitchell River 3312 m, n, o, p, s, k, u, y, z	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195
EPM16144	Approx. 73 km SW from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°17'S Long.143°28'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 82 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 282 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	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195
EPM16146	Approx. 32 km W from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°01'S Long.143°46'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 20 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 70 a, b, f, g, h, m	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. 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.

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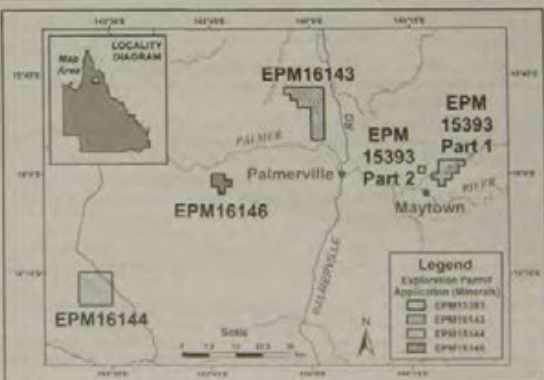
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Notification Day: 19 September 2007



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

CHIEF INDUSTRIES OFFICER GENERAL INDUSTRIES, (5 DAYS)

Chief Industry Officer, Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07510. Total remuneration package valued to: \$86,492 p.a. (\$87,442-\$87,442) Remuneration package includes a fixed salary of \$87,442 p.a. employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for the effective and efficient management of several business units including Printing at the Centre. **Selection Criteria:** Must have a relevant trade/tertiary qualification and managerial experience in a production or service related industry. Extensive experience in the implementation and maintenance of quality and OH&S systems. Demonstrated ability to train unskilled workforce, including vocational training. High level interpersonal, negotiation and conflict resolution skills, including a demonstrated commitment to customer service. Proven experience in strategic and operational planning, management and performance monitoring. Ability to meet operational targets and budgets. Experience in ordering procedures and stock control with computer skills. Commitment to the principles of the Way Forward and Work Readiness Program. Willingness and ability to implement change and work in a flexible manner in a team environment. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants must satisfy Correctional Officer entry requirements. Certified copies of qualifications must accompany application. Successful applicants will be required to assess nationally recognised units of competency and as such, will be required to complete relevant competencies from the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application. Applicants are required to provide contact details for two nominated referees, one of which must be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list will be created and maybe used to fill permanent or temporary positions within the Central West area.

Inquiries: Derek Brindle (02) 8346 1611 Email: derek.brindle@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Derek Brindle, (02) 8346 1611

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 07 September 2007.

24/178980W



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

OPERATIONS LEADER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Housing Contact Centre

Liverpool

Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)

Position No. DOH-07-07378

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa + \$67,448 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The purpose of this role is to ensure high-level service delivery to our clients through 24x7 real time operational leadership; responsibilities include queue monitoring, handling escalations, delivering against KPI's and staff management/allocation.

Selection Criteria:

- A record of performance demonstrating knowledge of service delivery within a contact centre environment.
- Understanding of service delivery issues in a policy, procedure and contractually driven environment.
- Demonstrated ability to assist others with complex real time issues.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills including active listening and sound negotiation and decision-making skills.
- Ability to ask investigative questions, interpret information and determine appropriate solutions in real time.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: There are 2 Permanent Full-Time positions available. 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. This position requires you to work 8 hour shifts on a 24x7 rotating roster. You must be flexible and willing to work variable shifts.

Inquiries: Tracy Eather (02) 9612 6121

Information Packages: 1800 502 766 or email: Elsie.Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or email: JobsDoh@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 6, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871

Closing Date: Friday 7 September 2007.

24/178980W

Personal/Human Resources Assistant
\$45,500.00 salary per annum
(including attractive salary packaging)

The successful applicant will possess:

- Experience with Microsoft Office including Excel
- Time management and organisational skills
- Previous experience in Human Resources
- Secretarial and administration skills
- Effective written and interpersonal skills

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For the position description and selection criteria call Yvonne Cook on (03) 9383 4244 or email yvonne@acesinc.org.au

Enquiries contact Deborah Deacon on (03) 9383 4244.

Applications should be addressed to: The CEO, ACES, 5 Parkview Avenue, East Brunswick Vic, 3057 or emailed to deborahd@acesinc.org.au

Closing Date: 12 September 2007.

2006 LG Leadership Award for Injury Prevention & Management

community development officer

• \$50,106 - \$57,623 per annum
• 9 day fortnight

Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander looking for a rewarding and challenging career in Local Government? Do you have experience and a genuine commitment to working with the community? Then look no further, Holroyd City Council has just the opportunity for you.

The person employed in this position will be responsible for tasks which identify community development needs including those of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: Gaynor Corfield (02) 9840 9911.

Closing Date: 14 September 2007.



Holroyd City
Built Around People

You must obtain a Job Application Pack from www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au or call the Customer Service Centre on (02) 9840 9840. Quote Ref: SP-LC-71.

Gateway to Careers

ABORIGINAL OUT OF HOME CARE

Mentor Program

Designated Aboriginal Position

Youth Support Facilitator

SACS Award Category 2/3 depending on qualification
20 hours per week.

The youth worker will work as a part of a team to provide a mentoring program for youth in Out of Home Care.

Essential Requirements: A strong commitment to working with children and young people; an ability of self-motivation and skills to motivate others; good writing and verbal communication skills; an ability to work as a member of a team; a strong motivation and commitment to the principles of Aboriginal Out of Home Care; a current driver's licence; prepared to participate in training; understanding of Equal Employment Opportunities and Occupational Health and Safety.

Desirable requirements: Knowledge of relevant community resources; knowledge of issues concerning Out of Home Care families (Children); previous experience working in Out of Home Care.

The successful applicant is required to undertake a working with Children Check.

Application should include details of qualifications, experience and two recent referees.

Closing date: 10th September 2007.

For information Package, contact: Tess Kelly, Central West Family Support Group Inc., PO Box 278, CONDOLIN NSW 2877. Phone: 02 6895355. Fax: 02 68954672. Email: koricare@westserv.net.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15623 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 20 km SE from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat. 20°14'S Long. 147°02'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple and Burdekin	Area of Part 1: 309 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 96 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 109 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 180 y, z 181 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 252 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 253 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 254 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, q, v 324 d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, p 325 a, b, c, d, f	Conquest Mining Limited 009 232 277
	Part 2: Approx. 10 km ENE from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat. 20°04'S Long. 147°0'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Burdekin	Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 36 y, z	
EPM16185	Approx. 41 km ESE from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat. 20°17'S Long. 147°14'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple and Burdekin	Area of Part 1: 96 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 30 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 183 f, y, z 255 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 256 f, l, q, v 327 b, c, g, h	Sexton Developments Pty Limited 010 554 953

* 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 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: 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, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 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: 19 September 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT SENIOR (TRADE) OVERSEER VARIOUS

Senior Overseer, Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07507. Total remuneration package valued to: \$75,067 p.a. (\$64,250-\$84,250) Total remuneration package includes a fixed salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. An incidental allowance (currently \$3,777 p.a.) also applies during occupancy of this position.

Responsible to the Manager of Industries for the daily operation and organisation of work related activities including the supervision of staff and the training of inmates.

Selection Criteria: Trade certificate or equivalent qualification or demonstrated experience in the chosen field. Experience in supervising staff in a production or service related industry. An understanding of manufacturing procedures and systems. Demonstrated ability to motivate, supervise and instruct skilled and unskilled workers. Proven communication, interpersonal, organisational and conflict management skills. Sound experience in operating within set budgets and operational plans. Demonstrated ability to work within a quality management framework and proven customer service skills. Commitment to the implementation of the Way Forward principles and Work Readiness program. Willingness and ability to work in a flexible manner within a team environment. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applications for Senior (Trade) Overseer Positions for the Wellington Correctional Centre (mid-Western New South Wales) in the following industries: Senior Overseer Bakery (5 Days); Senior Overseer Packing & Assembly (5 Days); Senior Overseer Buy Ups (5 Days); Senior Overseer Laundry (5 Days); Senior Overseer Print (5 Days). Applicants must satisfy Correctional Officer entry requirements. Certified copies of qualifications must accompany application. Successful applicants will be required to assess nationally recognised units of competency & as such, will be required to complete relevant competencies from the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created & may be used to fill future permanent & temporary positions within the West area.

Enquiries: Derek Brindle (02) 8346 1611 Email: Derek.brindle@dcs.nsw.gov.au **Information Packages:** http://www.dcs.nsw.gov.au/careers/trade_positions

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Career Recruitment Unit, Department of Corrective Services, 'Wellington Overseer Campaign', GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001

Closing Date: Friday 07 September 2007.

Indigenous Programs Development Officer (50D)*

Offender Management and Professional Development
Position No: 5374

Level/Salary: LS \$60,638 - \$67,017 p.a. P50A

Location: Milligan Street, Perth

The Department of Corrective Services is seeking to appoint an Indigenous Programs Development Officer to monitor the cultural sensitivity, responsiveness and appropriateness of offender programs delivered by the Offender Services Branch relevant to Indigenous people.

The monitoring of individual groups through specialist co-facilitation and the professional development of programs will constitute a large portion of this role. The successful applicant will also make recommendations for improving program content and delivery, and will provide cultural advice on assessments, written reports, and treatment and management reports on offenders.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position under Section 500 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Erin Sweeney on 9229 6812.

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 10 Sept 2007 at 4.30pm.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT GIRRAKOOL SCHOOL

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools.

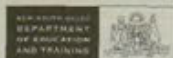
A vacancy currently exists at Girrakool School for an

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Please phone the principal on 02 4340 1353 for more information or to request an information package.

For full position criteria and to apply for this position go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au. Closing date for applications is **Friday 14 September 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

Shared Vision Aboriginal Corporation

Carers Co-ordinator

Shared Vision Aboriginal Corporation, Wula Wula Nga, Head Office located in Lismore, Northern NSW, seek to employ a 'Carers Co-ordinator' on a full-time basis.

The position emanates from our project to establish and enhance communication and services between the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community and service providers.

We seek to employ a suitable person that can work with the Indigenous network, including the Bundjalung Elders Council. The successful applicant will support Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Carers who provide care for people with disabilities in the Far North Coast Region.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful applicant that includes 4 weeks annual leave, superannuation, and salary sacrifice.

The successful applicant must have a valid drivers licence or be eligible to obtain.

Applications must address the selection criteria.

For a copy of the selection criteria, and to receive an employment package, call Mick Martin on 02 66215578.

Applications close Monday September 10, 2007 and should be sent to the Chairperson Shared Vision Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 14 Lismore 2460.

Please note that Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position in accordance with s14 (d) Anti Discrimination Act 1977 NSW.

Shared Vision Aboriginal Corporation reserve the right not to appoint if applicants do not satisfy the selection criteria or interview requirements adequately.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

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EPM16108	Approx. 90 km S from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°45' S Long.143°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 63 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2365 c, d, h, j, n, o, s, t, x, y 2437 c, d, h, j, n, o, t, x, y	Delminco Pty Ltd 010 489 924
EPM16109	Approx. 139 km S from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.15°12' S Long.143°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 53 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2724 y, z 2796 c, k, p, u, z 2797 a, f, j, l, o, q, t, s, v	Delminco Pty Ltd 010 489 924
EPM16121	Approx. 81 km SSW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°37' S Long.142°55'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 103 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 31 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2219 y, z 2220 q, v, w 2291 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2292 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2363 d, e, k 2364 a, b, f	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195

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Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woollongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

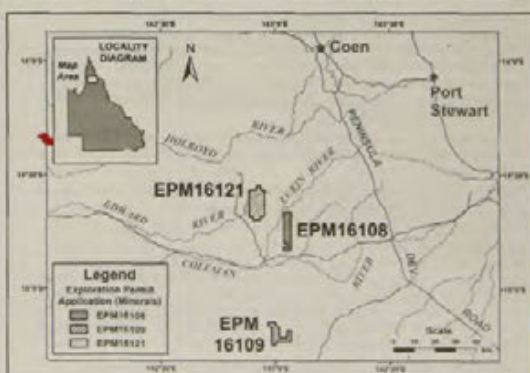
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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Notification Day: 19 September 2007



INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

Employed by the Commissioner for the Independent Commission Against Corruption to undertake ICAC's purpose to expose and minimise corruption in the NSW public sector through its investigative, corruption prevention, education and research activities. The Commission is an EEO employer.

INDIGENOUS ASSESSMENT & LIAISON OFFICER

ICAC Officer Grade 3
Permanent, full-time - Sydney CBD

Total remuneration package valued up to \$78,688 pa (Salary \$64,299 - \$71,308 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This is a designated position for an Aboriginal person employed under the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program, which has an exemption under Section 126 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Assist the Commission in addressing indigenous issues through the management of complaints and other information about suspected corrupt conduct received from the indigenous community and/or individuals by conducting inquiries. Critically analyse material, preparing reports and making recommendations as to appropriate actions. Assist in the liaison with NSW public authorities regarding their reports of suspected corrupt conduct. Provide cultural advice to other Commission staff and assist in the management of indigenous related issues that arise in the Commission's corruption prevention and investigative work.

It is essential that the successful applicant meets the following criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated comprehensive knowledge of Aboriginal affairs at local, State and Federal levels, and knowledge of Aboriginal cultures.
- Demonstrated ability to initiate and facilitate contact and communication between government and Aboriginal community groups and individuals.
- Demonstrated high level written and oral communication skills; interviewing, negotiation and interpersonal skills that are appropriate for all audiences, including senior public officials.
- Demonstrated high level analytical skills and sound judgement.
- Demonstrated ability to manage a high volume workload with limited guidance and within a multi-disciplinary environment.
- A broad knowledge of, or the ability to quickly acquire, relevant legislation including the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act.
- Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. Short listed applicants will have a stringent profile assessment. More detailed information on this process is available from the Commission's website under job vacancies/security vetting. Flexible work practices promoted.

For an information package contact Kathleen Thiel on (02) 8281 5730 or e-mail kthiel@icac.nsw.gov.au or visit the Commission's website at www.icac.nsw.gov.au. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact Jacqueline Fredman, Manager Assessments, on (02) 8281 5786 or e-mail jfredman@icac.nsw.gov.au. TTY facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service please call on TTY (02) 8281 5773.

Applications marked confidential to (Quote Job Reference No: ICAC-Assess-191); The Manager, Human Resources and Administration, Independent Commission Against Corruption, GPO Box 500, Sydney NSW 2001 or Level 21, 133 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or e-mail icac@icac.nsw.gov.au or fax (02) 9264 5364 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or via the Commission's website.

Closing date: 21 September 2007.

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FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

INDIGENOUS FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
SACS level 4 - P/T (19 hours) • TOOWOOMBA

Funded by the Department of Child Safety, our program offers home based foster care to children and young people in the community subject to statutory intervention. This position involves working with Indigenous children in foster care and their families to promote community and cultural connectedness.

Applications are invited from persons with relevant tertiary qualifications in Social Work, Behavioural Sciences, Community Welfare studies and/or previous experience in working with

families and children within a child protection context. Attractive salary packaging is available.

For an application package, please phone 07 46358600 or email toowoomba.admin@mtsq.org.au

Applications close Friday 7 September 2007.

Mercy Family Services is sponsored by the Brisbane Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy.

NSW HEALTH NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Apply online: www.ncahs.nsw.gov.au/apply

Application kits may be obtained from: www.ncahs.nsw.gov.au
Phone: 1800 196 991 or email: RecruitmentServices@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

CASINO COMMUNITY HEALTH

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Program

Perm Part Time, 24 hpw

Position No: 7142/06

NCAHS considers that being female and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are genuine occupational qualifications for this position under Sections 31 and 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Salary: \$19,600-\$36,81 ph

Enquiries: Robyn Rose, (02) 6660 0600

Closing Date: 7 September 2007

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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
EPM15689	Approx. 86 km NW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°20'S Long.139°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 317 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1959 n, o, p, t, u, y, z 1960 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1961 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1962 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2031 d, e, j, k, o, p 2032 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2033 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2034 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, r, s, t	Mojo Mining Pty Ltd 120 213 005
EPM15697	Approx. 37 km SSW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°12'S Long.139°45'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 315 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2755 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 2756 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 2757 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 2758 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2759 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2760 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w	Mojo Mining Pty Ltd 120 213 005
EPM15698	Approx. 44 km WNW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°45'S Long.139°31'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 317 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2320 t, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2321 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2322 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2323 q, v, w, x, y, z 2324 v, w, x, y, z 2325 v, w, x, y 2392 c, d, e, j, k 2393 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2394 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2395 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2396 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 2397 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p	Mojo Mining Pty Ltd 120 213 005

* 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: 600 000.

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, 2001 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(5), 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 Yulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 2216.

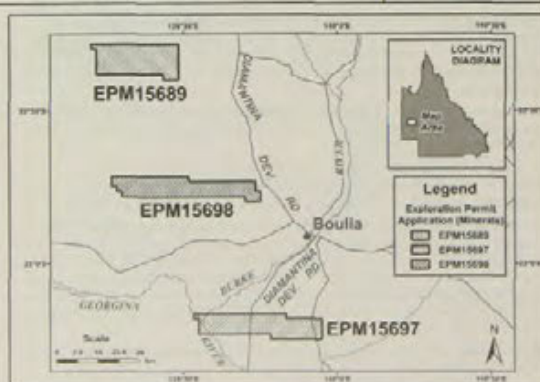
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification 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: qidreg@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: 19 September 2007



CLEAN AIR DREAMING (Quit Smoking Program)

3 temporary positions until June 2009

Applications are sought for the positions of:

- Clean Air Dreaming Project Officer (Nowra)
- Clean Air Dreaming Project Officer (Narooma/Bega)
- Clean Air Dreaming Research Coordinator (part time) (Wollawarra)

This is an exciting opportunity to participate in a new project of great benefit to Aboriginal Communities. The Clean Air Dreaming project has been funded by the National Illicit Drug Strategy to reduce the harm caused by tobacco smoking to Aboriginal communities on the South Coast of NSW.

Team members will be employed at the South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation, Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services, and Wollawarra Aboriginal Medical Service. They will work together and with other substance use staff and services in the region to deliver smoking cessation, promotion, prevention and community education programs.

The Project Officers will provide casework services including visiting services to outlying communities. The Project Officers will also provide or organise group work and community education programs. The Research Coordinator will develop and evaluate consistent smoking cessation and harm reduction programs and resources for the whole region and coordinate project activities.

Training and support will be offered to the successful applicants. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Further information: Applicants are expected to meet selection criteria relevant to the position.

You should obtain a copy of the job description and an application form. These can be obtained by contacting Kerry Mooney on (02) 4447 8037 or email kerry@southcoastams.org.au

For other queries contact Ms Lesley Roxbee on phone (02) 4447 8037 or email lesley@southcoastams.org.au

Salary: Salary will be between \$20-\$25 per hour dependant on qualifications and experience.

Closing Date: by COB Friday 31st August 2007.

Lodging Applications: Applications should include the application form, a current CV and responses to the selection criteria. Two recent referees who can be contacted to comment on your recent work should also be included. Applications can be sent via mail or fax to: Ms Anne Greenaway, Chief Executive Officer, South Coast Medical Service, Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 548, NOWRA NSW 2541. Fax (02) 4428 6602.



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

TAKE NOTICE that Central West Gold NL (ACN 003 078 591) of Level 4, 20 Loftus Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 as a registered holder and mining operator proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence 3506, on the following land:

The land in the State of South Australia being the land within:

EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 3506

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

OOLOO MINE AREA: Approximately 110km ESE of Marree, bounded as follows:- Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°46'S and longitude 139°11'E, thence east to longitude 139°17'E, south to latitude 29°47'S, east to longitude 139°20'E, south to latitude 29°48'S, east to longitude 139°21'E, south to latitude 29°53'S, west to longitude 139°19'S, south to latitude 29°55'S, west to longitudes 139°18'E, south to latitude 29°58'S, west to longitude 139°16'E, south to latitude 30°01'S, west to longitude 139°13°10'E, north to latitude 29°55'S, east to longitude 139°12'E, north to longitude 139°49'S, west to longitude 139°11'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA: 384 square kilometres approximately ("Land").

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on such Land is as follows:

Exploration operations to determine the presence of economic metal mineralisation, which may include (without limitation) such non-ground disturbing activities such as airborne and ground geophysical surveys, geological mapping, surface rock chip sampling, soil sampling and stream sampling as required. Follow-up ground disturbing exploration programmes may include aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling and associated sampling and assaying procedures. Rehabilitation of drill sites would also be undertaken. The data collected from the above surveys would be used to evaluate the economic potential of a prospect within the licence area with a view to moving to a full feasibility study programme.

TAKE NOTICE that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, Central West Gold NL (or its successors or assigns) may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BEGIN INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT)(ILUA) PROCESS UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth)

Origin Energy Wallroons Transmissions Limited ACN 125 873 869 and Origin Energy Wallumbilla Transmissions Pty Limited ACN 127 059 152 (Origin) propose to construct two pipelines on the Darling Downs southern Queensland. The first pipeline will run from the proposed power station site at Braemar south east of Dalby to the Talinga Gas Plant located on Rockwood property to the east of Condamine. The second pipeline will run from the Talinga Gas Plant to Wallumbilla.

The route of the proposed pipelines are shown on the plan below ("Pipeline Route") and are predominately located within the area subject to the Barunggam People registered Native Title claim (Federal Court QUD 6005/99) (NNTT QC 99/5). The far western portion of the Pipeline Route is not currently subject to a registered native title claim. There may be minor variations to the Pipeline Route undertaken during negotiations.

The ILUA will provide for the consent of the native title parties to the grant of all approvals and the carrying out of all works required for the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed pipelines. Negotiations for the ILUA are about to commence.

A preliminary assessment of the Pipeline Route suggests that native title has been extinguished over the Pipeline Route with the possible exception of a number of creeks.

Any persons who consider they hold or may hold native title in relation to land or waters within the area of the Pipeline Route are invited to register their interest to participate in the ILUA negotiations not later than 1st October, 2007 by writing to Native Title and Cultural Heritage Manager, Origin Energy, GPO Box 148, Brisbane QLD 4001 (telephone 07 3858 0600 facsimile (07 3369 7840)).

Written replies should clearly set out:

- our name and details of how you can be contacted; and
- the basis upon which you assert a native title right and interest in the area of the Pipeline Route.

Eastern Pipeline



Western Pipeline



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept 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
06/1306	Kalgoorlie Boulder Resources Ltd	193.75km ²	15km SWly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°07' Long 116°34'	Upper Gascoyne
06/1307	Kalgoorlie Boulder Resources Ltd	102.91km ²	149km NEly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°24' Long 116°27'	Upper Gascoyne
47/1690	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	47.42km ²	41km NWly of Tom Price	Lat 22°32' Long 117°25'	Aghburton
52/2058	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	9.32km ²	170km Ely of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°48' Long 116°57'	Upper Gascoyne

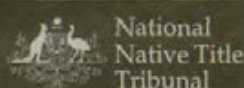
Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 29 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 **29 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 exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **29 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 exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



Northern Territory of Australia
Notification day: 12 September 2007



Desert Knowledge Precinct ILUA - DI2005/006

Description of the agreement area: The agreement area of approximately 73 hectares is located along the Stuart Highway approximately 6km south of Alice Springs, as shown in the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Alice Springs Town Council Area.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation,
PO Box 5186,
Alice Springs NT 0871

Northern Territory of Australia,
C/- Department of Planning & Infrastructure,
Level 1, Alice Plaza,
Alice Springs NT 0870

Central Land Council,
PO Box 3321,
Alice Springs NT 0871

Desert Knowledge Australia,
PO Box 2114,
Alice Springs NT 0871

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

This is the area covered by the Desert Knowledge Precinct, being Proposed Lot 9398, Town of Alice Springs, as delineated on Survey Plan S2004/004. It is the same area that will be covered in a Crown Lease, similar to the one set out in Annexure 6 and comprises Lots 4573, 9295 and Part Lot 800, Town of Alice Springs.

Clause 1 Definitions and Interpretation

"Agreed Rights area" means the area described in Annexure 4 *[to the agreement]*.

"Desert Knowledge Precinct" means the land described in Annexure 1 *[to the agreement]*.

"Development Area" means the area indicated in Annexure 5 *[to the agreement]*.

"Future acts" has the same meaning as in the Native Title Act 1993 and includes the construction of public works, roads and buildings.

Clause 6.2 The parties agreed that native title (if it exists) will be surrendered to the Territory and extinguished in respect of the development area, and in respect of all public works and the road reserves constructed, or to be constructed, within the Desert Knowledge Precinct.

Clause 8.1 The parties consent to the doing of all the future acts agreed to in the preceding paragraphs, subject to the conditions contained in this ILUA

[Clause 7 provides for the exercise of Agreed Rights (as set out in Annexure 7 to the agreement) over the Desert Knowledge Precinct area.]

Clause 8.2 The parties also consent to the doing of any future acts agreed to in this ILUA, subject to the conditions contained in this ILUA, being undertaken at any time following the execution of this ILUA.

Clause 8.3 The parties consent to the grant of leases by the DKA or their lessees or sublessees, to any person for any purposes consistent with the purpose of the Crown lease.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Central Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801 by 12 December 2007.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Planning & Infrastructure (NT). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Gordon Chalmers on free call 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15168	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	001/87 002/87	122.94ha 121.43ha	14km NW of Wajemootha	Lat 31°25' Long 121°27'	Cooragie

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 29 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 parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **29 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 exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 29 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 exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1646	Baxendale Resources Pty Ltd	464.69km ²	215km NE of Derby	Lat 15°41' Long 124°45'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
08/1710	Whitelya Pty Ltd	132.84km ²	110km SE of Onslow	Lat 27°33' Long 115°32'	Arbuckle
09/1443	Holocene Ltd	220.62km ²	50km W of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°14' Long 114°42'	Camaron
09/1452-4	Maldia Minerals Ltd	100.53km ²	130km SE of Coral Bay	Lat 23°45' Long 114°55'	Denison
09/1453	Maldia Minerals Ltd	171.61km ²	120km N of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°58' Long 115°21'	Camaron/Upper Gascoyne
09/1456	Maldia Minerals Ltd	171.61km ²	71km N of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°25' Long 115°21'	Camaron/Upper Gascoyne
09/1457	Maldia Minerals Ltd	329.65km ²	25km W of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°49' Long 115°14'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1458	Maldia Minerals Ltd	124.66km ²	64km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°33' Long 115°31'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1459	Maldia Minerals Ltd	102.48km ²	34km E of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°59' Long 115°32'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1460	Maldia Minerals Ltd	12.5km ²	140km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°06' Long 116°07'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1461	Northern Resources Pty Ltd	207.11km ²	126km E of Kalbarri	Lat 27°21' Long 115°23'	Murchison
09/1462	Northern Resources Pty Ltd	172.63km ²	164km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 25°48' Long 117°06'	Murchison
09/1463	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	391.91km ²	180km S of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 26°41' Long 115°46'	Murchison
20/698	Northern Resources Pty Ltd	213.21km ²	41km NW of Coi	Lat 27°12' Long 117°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1756	Gyphox Minerals Ltd	8.89km ²	112km E of Kalbarri	Lat 20°25' Long 122°34'	Leonora
36/597	Isaroy Pty Ltd	97.54km ²	48km NE of Leinster	Lat 27°26' Long 121°01'	Leonora
36/598	Agnew Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	3.02km ²	28km SW of Leinster	Lat 28°07' Long 120°30'	Leonora
36/599	Agnew Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	9.08km ²	30km SW of Leinster	Lat 28°05' Long 120°27'	Leonora
36/614	Agnew Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	12.11km ²	25km SW of Leinster	Lat 28°05' Long 120°31'	Leonora
36/616	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	12.14km ²	24km SW of Leinster	Lat 28°06' Long 120°33'	Leonora
36/635	Dunlop Pty Ltd	12.15km ²	13km NW of Leinster	Lat 27°51' Long 120°38'	Leonora
45/3019-21	Oakover Gold Ltd	673.71km ²	82km E of Shy Gap	Lat 20°33' Long 120°55'	East Pilbara
45/3022-3	Northern Resources Pty Ltd	1266.94km ²	195km S of Albany Crossing	Lat 19°55' Long 125°10'	East Pilbara
45/3029	Holocene Ltd	643.61km ²	245km NE of Yellie	Lat 19°53' Long 123°34'	East Pilbara
45/3031	Mucian Minerals Pty Ltd	223.91km ²	69km E of Marble Bar	Lat 21°06' Long 120°24'	East Pilbara
45/3033	Interpump Pty Ltd	224.04km ²	40km W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°19' Long 119°22'	East Pilbara
45/3034	Interpump Pty Ltd	35.23km ²	40km S of Shy Gap	Lat 20°56' Long 120°11'	East Pilbara
46/740	Kura Holdings Pty Ltd	31.86km ²	39km NE of Nullagine	Lat 21°40' Long 120°29'	East Pilbara
47/1705	Clayton Pty Ltd	41.73km ²	60km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°04' Long 117°19'	Arbuckle
51/1219	Ian Adair Black	215.75km ²	70km NW of Wiluna	Lat 26°03' Long 119°42'	Meekatharra
51/1220	Ian Adair Black	193.87km ²	89km NE of Meekatharra	Lat 26°11' Long 119°17'	Meekatharra
51/1225-6	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	429.08km ²	71km SE of Meekatharra	Lat 26°51' Long 119°09'	Meekatharra
51/1228	Piccolini Resources Pty Ltd	128.23km ²	73km SE of Meekatharra	Lat 27°05' Long 118°59'	Meekatharra
52/0273	Montrose Resources Ltd	219.09km ²	122km SW of Newman	Lat 24°02' Long 118°47'	Meekatharra
52/0286	Muniba Resources Pty Ltd	212.83km ²	113km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 25°44' Long 117°53'	Meekatharra
52/0289	Encounter Resources Ltd	359.8km ²	116km SW of Newman	Lat 24°06' Long 119°56'	Meekatharra
52/0291	Northern Resources Pty Ltd	83.83km ²	152km N of Wiluna	Lat 26°14' Long 120°04'	Meekatharra
52/0295	Encounter Resources Ltd	311.72km ²	141km S of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°28' Long 117°38'	Meekatharra/Upper Gascoyne
52/0297-8	Piccolini Resources Pty Ltd	534.29km ²	177km NW of Wiluna	Lat 25°08' Long 117°28'	Meekatharra
52/129-30	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	427.72km ²	53km E of Wiluna	Lat 27°04' Long 120°44'	Wiluna
52/162	Gateway Mining NL	27.43km ²	74km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°19' Long 119°48'	Sandstone
57/112	Micon Uranium Pty Ltd	213.19km ²	73km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°42'	Sandstone
58/336	Mount Magnet South NL	211.26km ²	39km SE of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°19' Long 118°07'	Mount Magnet
58/345	Julie Anne Daniels	6.05km ²	70km E of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°54' Long 118°32'	Mount Magnet
59/1338	Metjor Resources Ltd	18.16km ²	61km NW of Yalgoo	Lat 27°56' Long 116°16'	Yalgoo
59/1340	William Robert Richmond	181.73km ²	61km NE of Yalgoo	Lat 27°51' Long 116°50'	Yalgoo
69/2290	ABM Resources Ltd	306.51km ²	209km NE of Wiluna	Lat 25°44' Long 122°05'	Wiluna
69/2343	Tek Cominco Australia Pty Ltd	420.91km ²	79km E of Ravenhill	Lat 31°01' Long 120°03'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
70/2970	Anthony Young	199.69km ²	42km E of Kalbarri	Lat 33°45' Long 118°00'	Grosvonts/Katanning/Inland
70/3005	Rubicon Resources Ltd	557.32km ²	38km NW of Kalbarri	Lat 32°33' Long 116°55'	Kalgoorlie-West/Arbuckle/Meekatharra
70/3012	Quattro Resources Pty Ltd	201.56km ²	50km E of Nargan	Lat 32°55' Long 117°42'	Nargan/Woolpen
70/3034	GE Resources Pty Ltd	208.94km ²	60km NE of Three Springs	Lat 29°30' Long 115°49'	Camaron/Mingnew/Three Springs
70/3035	GE Resources Pty Ltd	418.65km ²	23km NW of Three Springs	Lat 29°20' Long 115°34'	Mingnew/Three Springs
70/3036	GE Resources Pty Ltd	400.36km ²	30km NW of Three Springs	Lat 29°23' Long 115°23'	Mingnew/Three Springs
70/3037	GE Resources Pty Ltd	339.97km ²	27km W of Three Springs	Lat 29°30' Long 115°29'	Three Springs
70/3074	Metal Sands Ltd	51.06km ²	69km SE of Jarmanup	Lat 34°20' Long 119°59'	Jarmanup/Ravenhorpe
70/3083	Washington Resources Ltd	44.03km ²	42km NE of Gerni	Lat 31°06' Long 118°45'	Crashin/Victoria Plains
70/3083	Junen Energy Ltd	47.38km ²	13km E of Junen Bay	Lat 30°20' Long 115°10'	Dardagan
70/3084	Junen Energy Ltd	546.29km ²	36km N of Enabba	Lat 29°30' Long 115°17'	Irwin/Three Springs
70/3085	Junen Energy Ltd	525.95km ²	30km SE of Enabba	Lat 29°58' Long 115°23'	Camaron/Cooragie/Dardagan/Three Springs
70/3127	Shoosha Australia Mining Pty Ltd	440.62km ²	64km N of Dardagan	Lat 29°42' Long 118°40'	Perenjri
74/666	Athens Resources Ltd	65.67km ²	30km NW of Munglinup	Lat 30°29' Long 120°40'	Ravenhorpe
74/666	Lake Rivers Gold Pty Ltd	571.7km ²	35km E of Munglinup	Lat 30°37' Long 121°14'	Experiences
77/1257	Range Resources Ltd	17.72km ²	43km E of Bullfinch	Lat 30°36' Long 118°58'	Yilgarn
77/1258	Range Resources Ltd	6.54km ²	30km W of Bullfinch	Lat 30°43' Long 119°00'	Yilgarn
77/1392	Bacon Minerals Ltd	89.75km ²	149km S of Sandstone	Lat 29°31' Long 119°13'	Menzies/Sandstone
77/1393	Feason Energy Ltd	26.89km ²	132km W of Menzies	Lat 29°31' Long 119°41'	Menzies
77/1394	Whitbread Holdings Pty Ltd	47.38km ²	62km NW of Bullfinch	Lat 30°25' Long 118°50'	Yilgarn
80/3540	Kallina Mines Pty Ltd	39.07km ²	72km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°51' Long 128°13'	Halls Creek
80/3604	Bausto Australia Pty Ltd	49.76km ²	254km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°33' Long 120°10'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3662	Pegmont Mines NL	227.83km ²	48km E of Halls Creek	Lat 18°07' Long 128°06'	Halls Creek
80/3711	Austar Resources Pty Ltd	56.6km ²	90km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°53' Long 128°23'	Halls Creek
80/3791	3D Resources Ltd	61.8km ²	12km N of Halls Creek	Lat 18°07' Long 127°42'	Halls Creek
80/3797-8	Coirco Resources Pty Ltd	1322.25km ²	105km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°53' Long 127°22'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3855	Warbana Pty Ltd	209.13km ²	150km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°06' Long 127°05'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3856	Warbana Pty Ltd	73km ²	215km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°28' Long 126°30'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3952	Quakup Jewellery Eks	170.42km ²	142km S of Wyndham	Lat 16°42' Long 127°41'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
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Calendar

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Until 29 August: The Aboriginal Film Commission School Screen Programs. There will be 8 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.

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 will 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.sydneyoperahouse.com or www.myspace.com/bangarra

Until 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.libjerrri.org.au

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 Fa'aoa on (07) 3840 7239 or email Elizabeth.Faaoa@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 Kings. Held at the NSW 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 Oaks and Crossier 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 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

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

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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

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31 August - 12 October: Boomalli Re-Inscriptions Exhibition. A collaboration between Aboriginal & Asian-Australian artists exploring themes of identity, belonging and dislocation. Featuring: Fergus Tam, Jeffrey Samuels, Karla Dickens, Aaron Meeks and many more. Refreshments will be served. Held at Gallery 4A, Sydney at 6.30pm. Details call (02) 9212 0380 or visit www.4a.com.au

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1 September: Reggae Town. Australia's premiere Reggae and Roots Festival. The festival will span four stages in the beautiful Tjupkal 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 Lui 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

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.visitamworth.com

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-deadyears@health.qld.gov.au

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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@gleebooks.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 Showground. Tickets \$89.90. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

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6-8 September: Alice Springs Festival, Circus Lawns and Araluen 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

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

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NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/4902	Australian Nickel Mines NL	133.95ha	7km NW of Widdemooltha	Lat 31°26' Long 121°02'	Coogee
15/5038	Charles David McCormick	6.58ha	7km NE of Coogee	Lat 30°54' Long 121°12'	Coogee
15/5146	Kenneth Raymond Maguire	191.01ha	14km SW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°23'	Coogee/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/5147	Westox Resources Pty Ltd	196.21ha	15km SW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°52' Long 121°23'	Coogee
15/5173-5	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	497.81ha	12km NE of Coogee	Lat 30°51' Long 121°13'	Coogee
16/2454-7	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	605.17ha	29km W of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°10'	Coogee
16/2478-9	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	397.38ha	47km N of Coogee	Lat 30°32' Long 121°01'	Coogee
16/2480-1	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	319.72ha	40km N of Coogee	Lat 30°33' Long 120°59'	Coogee
16/2492	Westox Resources Pty Ltd	200ha	60km NW of Coogee	Lat 30°27' Long 120°54'	Coogee
16/2493	Westox Resources Pty Ltd	200ha	60km NW of Coogee	Lat 30°27' Long 120°55'	Coogee
16/2494-5	Westox Resources Pty Ltd	563.21ha	60km N of Coogee	Lat 30°26' Long 120°57'	Coogee
16/2496-90	Westox Resources Pty Ltd	681.24ha	59km N of Coogee	Lat 30°28' Long 120°58'	Coogee
16/2491	Westox Resources Pty Ltd	178.5ha	61km NW of Coogee	Lat 30°26' Long 120°53'	Coogee
16/2509	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	32.41ha	28km N of Coogee	Lat 30°41' Long 121°09'	Coogee
20/2022	Michael Ashley Gies	184.39ha	5km N of Cue	Lat 27°23' Long 117°55'	Cue
24/4181	Siberia Mining Corporation Ltd	116.19ha	51km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°05'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4182	Siberia Mining Corporation Ltd	142.66ha	60km S of Menzies	Lat 30°13' Long 122°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4210	Kundana Gold Pty Ltd	80.89ha	60km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°15' Long 121°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
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24/4286	Heron Resources Ltd	5.5ha	22km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3547-9	Crossus Mining NL	625.07ha	5km W of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°24'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3550-3	Crossus Mining NL	679.47ha	12km W of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3591-5	Jackon Gold Ltd	632.79ha	10km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1789-94	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	1097.27ha	58km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1796	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	73.06ha	52km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
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29/1954-5	Heron Resources Ltd	325.1ha	46km S of Menzies	Lat 30°05' Long 121°11'	Menzies
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29/1962	Heron Resources Ltd	6ha	30km S of Menzies	Lat 29°56' Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/1963	Heron Resources Ltd	37.65ha	35km S of Menzies	Lat 29°58' Long 121°08'	Menzies
30/1571-5	Linger & Die Pty Ltd	966.27ha	55km N of Leonora	Lat 27°22' Long 120°56'	Leonora
37/4492	Ron Christopher Cooper	145.44ha	45km NE of Leonora	Lat 29°44' Long 121°06'	Leonora
52/1184	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	147.83ha	104km W of Newman	Lat 23°20' Long 118°43'	East Pilbara
52/1185	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	76.19ha	98km W of Newman	Lat 23°21' Long 118°46'	East Pilbara
52/1186	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd	74.76ha	98km W of Newman	Lat 23°24' Long 118°46'	East Pilbara
52/1187	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	23.57ha	100km W of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 118°45'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
52/1188	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	47.78ha	98km SE of Meekatharra	Lat 27°04' Long 119°19'	Wiluna
53/1303	Gateway Mining NL	37.94ha	94km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°09' Long 119°27'	Wiluna
53/1306	Gateway Mining NL	150.57ha	94km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°09' Long 119°28'	Wiluna
53/1343	Wiluna Operations Ltd	75.29ha	13km SW of Wiluna	Lat 26°45' Long 120°08'	Wiluna
53/1344	Wiluna Operations Ltd	144.18ha	11km SW of Wiluna	Lat 26°39' Long 120°08'	Wiluna
53/1345	Wiluna Operations Ltd	22.27ha	13km SW of Wiluna	Lat 26°38' Long 120°06'	Wiluna
53/1346	Wiluna Operations Ltd	70.84ha	17km SW of Wiluna	Lat 26°38' Long 120°04'	Wiluna
53/1347	Wiluna Operations Ltd	48.05ha	17km W of Wiluna	Lat 26°34' Long 120°03'	Wiluna
53/1348	Wiluna Operations Ltd	48.04ha	21km W of Wiluna	Lat 26°34' Long 120°01'	Wiluna
53/1349	Wiluna Operations Ltd	98.25ha	13km NW of Wiluna	Lat 26°30' Long 120°08'	Wiluna
53/1350	Wiluna Operations Ltd	98.84ha	13km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°41' Long 120°17'	Wiluna
53/1351	Wiluna Operations Ltd	16.75ha	17km S of Wiluna	Lat 26°44' Long 120°14'	Wiluna
53/1352	Wiluna Operations Ltd	22.23ha	25km S of Wiluna	Lat 26°50' Long 120°16'	Wiluna
53/1353	Wiluna Operations Ltd	52.77ha	45km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°57' Long 120°27'	Wiluna
53/1354	Wiluna Operations Ltd	98.39ha	49km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°58' Long 120°25'	Wiluna
53/1355-7	Wiluna Operations Ltd	528.67ha	25km S of Wiluna	Lat 26°50' Long 120°16'	Wiluna
53/1358-60	Wiluna Operations Ltd	655.33ha	33km S of Wiluna	Lat 26°52' Long 120°20'	Wiluna
53/1361	Wiluna Operations Ltd	21.79ha	43km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°56' Long 120°24'	Wiluna
53/1362	Wiluna Operations Ltd	94.95ha	47km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°57' Long 120°28'	Wiluna
53/1363	Wiluna Operations Ltd	130.35ha	51km SE of Wiluna	Lat 27°00' Long 120°27'	Wiluna
53/1364	William Robert Richmond	119.11ha	65km SE of Wiluna	Lat 27°07' Long 120°30'	Wiluna
53/1365	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	36.31ha	9km S of Wiluna	Lat 26°40' Long 120°15'	Wiluna
63/1389	Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd	135.1ha	11km S of Norseman	Lat 32°17' Long 121°48'	Dundas
63/1390	Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd	53.97ha	29km S of Norseman	Lat 32°26' Long 121°46'	Dundas
63/1391-3	Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd	449.20ha	9km E of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 121°51'	Dundas
63/1394-1419	Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd	5834.95ha	10km SW of Norseman	Lat 32°18' Long 121°42'	Dundas
63/1422-3	Pharvostic Energy Pty Ltd	376.74ha	16km E of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°34' Long 120°13'	Ravensthorpe
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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.

9 September: National Child Awareness Week STOMP IT - Awareness Carnival 2007. Stomp out child abuse and neglect. 9.45am-4pm at Southern Cross University, Lismore Campus. A child friendly community, free event. Main stage located on the Southern Cross University sports Oval is the

main stage. Musical performances from Roger Knox, Kev Carmody and Casey Donovan.

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: Bankstown Koori Interagency Meeting. At this meeting we will be looking at what the community issues are for Bankstown, and then develop strategies to see how we can address them. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders welcome. Held at the Bankstown Community Health Centre from 12-3pm. Details call Kerry Welsh on (02) 9780 2750.

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 Billa 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 Law II Conference. Supreme Court, George Street, 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

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 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 the Hume Building Society Butter Factory Theatre in Wodonga. Cost involved. Details call 1300 306 776 or visit www.griffintheatre.com.au

27 September: The 2007 Deadly Awards. Preparations are underway for the biggest and best Deadly's show yet, so stay tuned for further developments as the countdown to the 2007 Deadly Awards begins. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Details call (02) 9361 0140 or visit www.vibe.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

29-30 September: Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Skills Development Clinic. NSW Sport and Recreation are holding a FREE Aboriginal Junior Skills Development Clinic in Lismore to coincide with the 37th Annual Rugby League Knockout Carnival. Ages between 7-16 years. Please bring running shoes, comfortable sports wear, water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Enrolments close Friday 14 September.

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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
EPM15867	Approx. 16 km WSW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17°59'S Long.138°41'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Burke	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1592 v, w, x, y 1663 p, u, z 1664 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 1665 a, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1666 l, m, q, r, v, w 1735 c, k, p 1736 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1737 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1738 a, b, f, g, i	Troutstone Pty Ltd 118 017 244

* 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.

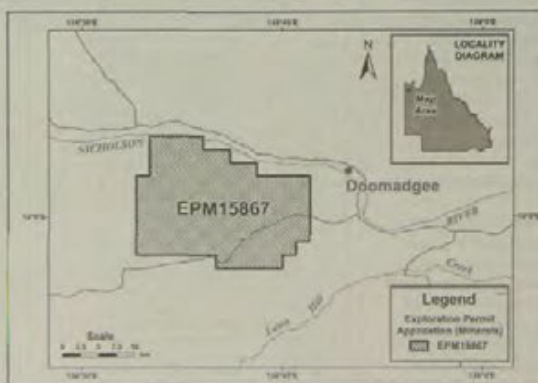
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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 8300 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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at Blair Oval, Magellan Street, Lismore from 9.30am-12pm. Details call (02) 6618 0400.

30 September: Parramatta Filmmakers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email lily@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.galdu.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 Tyalgum Showgrounds via Murwillumbah from 10am onwards. Details call Chana Beck on (02) 6679 3813 or email chanabek@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.ilibjerri.org.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@giringun.com.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

11 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger at Mackay

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER & ENERGY

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

Nicholas John Manning LOWING and Kerry Lynne LOWING have submitted an application to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Niemur River).

Works: 1 x 350 mm Centrifugal Pump (in addition to existing pump)
Location: Lot 29 DP756509, Parish Barrabu, County Wakool (no change)
Purpose: Irrigation, Stock, Domestic (no change)
Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 26/09/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50CA501799 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484738)

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

MURRAY VALLEY

Leslie Bruce GRANT has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot 52/1099443, Parish Baroooga, County Denison
Purpose: Industrial (car wash)
Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.
Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 26/09/2007. Please quote the application number 1065 (40WA404875) on all correspondence.

acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on 26/09/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1088 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484738)
Leslie Bruce GRANT, Christopher James GRANT and Jeanette Rosa GRANT 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 11/627027, Parish Tocumwal, County Denison
Purpose: Industrial (car wash)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 26/09/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1089 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484738)

Lindsay Holden
Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY OF NSW have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, for a 150mm centrifugal pump on Murrumbidgee River on Crown Reserve 76895 (Sandy Falls Reserve) in the Parish of COOLAC, County of HARDEN for road construction and dust suppression.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6953 0700.

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 26/09/2007. Please quote the application number 1065 (40WA404875) on all correspondence.

S. F. Webb, Licensing Manager
MURRAY/MURRUMBIDGEE REGION
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 155, LEETON NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 29/08/2007
Closing Date: 26/09/2007. (GA2: 484738)

TAAHEE MINISTRIES INCORPORATED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, for a pump on Tumut River on Crown Reserve 91524 (Lot 334 DP 39517) in the Parish of TUMUT, County of WYNNARD for water supply to Rivercrest Youth Camp Centre.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6953 0700.

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 26/09/2007. Please quote the application number 1085 (40WA404884) on all correspondence.

S. F. Webb, Licensing Manager
MURRAY/MURRUMBIDGEE REGION
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 155, LEETON NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 29/08/2007
Closing Date: 26/09/2007. (GA2: 484738)

STEVEN JAMES KIEL & MARION LOUISE KIEL have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, 50MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP - 1

At Lot 63/822044 in the Parish of PARINGI, County of WENTWORTH

The pump is to be used for stock and domestic water supply purposes only to "Pine Park".

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0350-516200.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 26/09/2007. Please quote the application number 1059 on all correspondence.

Peter Winton, Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 363, BURONGA, NSW 2739

Commencement Date: 29/08/2007
Closing Date: 26/09/2007

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 Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM12119	Approx. 45 km SSE from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°20'S Long.143°18'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 6.6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 20 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2008 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2080 b, c, d, g, h, j, n, o, s, t, u	Eric Richard Glensk

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 2, 14th March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3803.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedecourt.gov.au

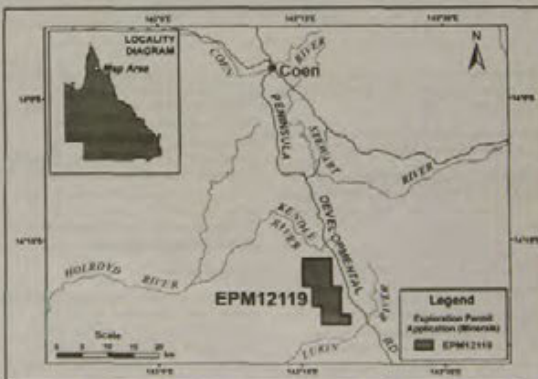
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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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 Gurringun 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.greataustaliancorroboree.com.au

13-14 October: Gurringun Cultural Festival. The Great Australian Corroboree following the conference. All welcome. Details: Phil Rist on

(07) 4066 8300 or email eo@gurringun.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 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

23 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong. Tickets \$99.90. All welcome. Details call Ticketek on 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

26-29 October: Victorian Art Awards

Ceremony and Exhibition. This is one of Australia's richest Indigenous art award programs with a prize pool of \$47,000. The awards encompass the visual arts, oral history, photography and the written word. Held at Koorie Heritage, Melbourne. Details call Elizabeth Liddle on (03) 9954 5017 or Magda Petkoff on (03) 9328 4522 or (0409) 436 473 or email info@purplemedia.com.au

26 October: 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 Perth. Details call Grant Paulson on (02) 6273 9200 mobile (0418) 872 717 or web www.reconciliation.org.au

28 October: 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

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Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of New South Wales
Notification day: 12 September 2007



Parties to agreement and their contact address:

RES Southern Cross Pty Ltd, PO Box 1274, CROWS NEST NSW 1585	Elsie Stockwell (on behalf of the Gundungurra People), 6 Waresley Way, CRANE BROOK NSW 2749	Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation, c/- Sharon Brown, PO Box 4986, KATOOMBA NSW 2780	Anthony Bernard Kelly, MLA, NSW Minister of Lands, c/- Manager Native Title, Native Title Branch NSW Department of Lands, GPO Box 15, SYDNEY NSW 2001
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The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal.]

4.1 For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA, the Parties agree to the doing of Future Acts under the NTA comprising:

4.1.1 the grant of the Lease by the Minister for Lands to RES Southern Cross; and

4.1.2 acts on the Agreement Area undertaken in accordance with the Lease, including but not limited to, the preparation, construction, commissioning, operation, repair, management, replacement and removal of not more than 5 wind turbines and associated infrastructure for the purposes of electricity generation, and the remediation and reinstatement of the Agreement Area.

4.2 The Registered Native Title Claimants [Elsie Stockwell, on behalf of the Gundungurra People] and the Gundungurra Corporation [Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation] agree that RES Southern Cross may nominate another person to be granted the Lease, provided the Minister for Lands agrees to that person being nominated.

Defined terms:

"Agreement Area" means unreserved crown land described as Lot 238 DP750046, being the whole of the lands dealt with in this agreement and shown on the map in Schedule A [attached to the agreement].

"Future Act(s)" means "future act(s)" as defined in section 233(1) of the NTA.

"Lease" means a lease or licence, and any extension or renewal of that lease or licence, for a term (including any extension or renewal) of no more than 30 years, to be granted under the Crown Lands Act 1989 (NSW) over the whole or part of the Agreement Area by the Minister for Lands to RES Southern Cross for the purposes of the construction and operation of not more than 5 wind turbines for electricity generation and associated infrastructure, together with any ancillary rights in the form of easements, rights of way or appurtenances to the lease necessary for the purposes of constructing, commissioning, operating and servicing the wind turbines and cables.

"Minister for Lands" means the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 1989 (NSW).

"NTA" means the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 12 December 2007.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Sydney, 2001 by 12 December 2007.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Public Sector Mapping Agency (November 2006). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance or further information contact Tom O'Reilly on
freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

National Native Title Tribunal



Sydney WATER

Notice to compulsorily acquire Land and Easements within Ryde Local Government Area (LGA)

Sydney Water Corporation hereby gives notice that approval has been sought for the compulsory acquisition of land and easements within Ryde LGA.

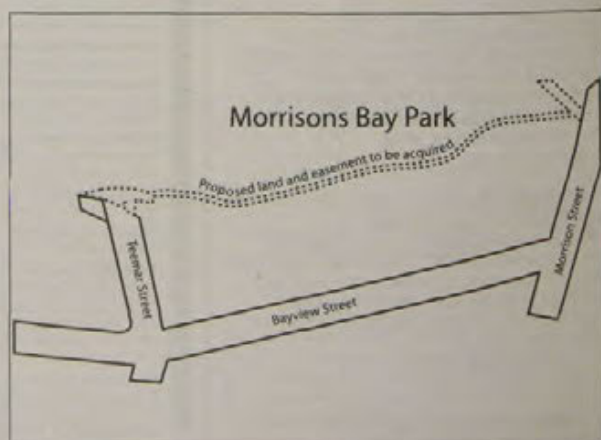
Notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth).

The land to be acquired has an area of 36.8m² and is shown as Lot 1 on the attached Plan of Acquisition that has been registered as DP 1058077. The Interests in Land are shown as (A), (B) and (C) on DP 1058077 within Crown Land located at Tennyson (as detailed below) being part of Crown Reserve R95771 for Public Recreation vide Government Gazette 15-1-1982 folios 206-207, which is shown on DP 1058077.

The compulsory acquisition of all rights and interests (including native title rights and interests, if any) in the subject land by Sydney Water Corporation is pursuant to Section 47 of the Sydney Water Act 1994 and the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

For the purposes of section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 the notification day is 29 August 2007. Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until three months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

For further information please contact Marcus McClintock on (02) 9350 5013 or marcus.mcclintock@sydneywater.com.au



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Awards Ceremony. Outlined awards are: The Justice Medal, The Aboriginal Justice Award, The Pro Bono Partnership Award and Law and Justice Volunteer Award. Held at the Parliament House, Sydney. Details call Grainne Murphy on (02) 8227 3203 or email if@lawfoundation.net.au or visit www.justiceawards.lawfoundation.net.au

1-3 November: 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 Federation Square, Melbourne, 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

11 November: Remembrance

Day.

12-15 November: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association 2nd Annual National Basketball Championships held in Perth. Nomination fee \$250. Divisions available for teams: U14, U16, U18 and A grade men and women. Registrations close 14 September. This is a drug and alcohol-free event. Details: Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661, or go to www.atsibasketballassociation.com.au

14-15 November: The 3rd Northern Territory Indigenous Economic Development Forum. The theme for this year's Forum is 'Partnerships and Pathways' which will focus on "doing business" - creating business opportunities, building partnership and celebrating successes for sustainable Indigenous economic activity. Held at the Holiday Inn Esplanade,

Darwin. Details call (08) 8981 2010 or email edforum@agentur.com.au or visit www.nt.gov.au/edforum

20 November: 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 level 2, Block F, 84 Crown Street, Wollongong. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.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 vs 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 or toll free 1300 729 157 or email events@firstcontact.asn.au or visit www.firstcontact.asn.au

25 November: United Nations International Day to promote the elimination of violence against women. For details visit www.osw.dpmc.gov.au/international_day.cfm

25 November: Parramatta Filmmakers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performance.space.com.au or email lily@performance.space.com.au

29 November: 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 Melbourne. Details call Grant Paulson on (02) 6273 9200 mobile (0418) 872 717 or web www.reconciliation.org.au

29-30 November: Money Minded Financial Education Course. MoneyMinded is an adult financial education program designed to help community workers/ educators build confidence around every-day money matters. Details: Susan Allen (02) 4627 2792 or go to susana@bensoc.org.au or www.docep.wa.gov.au

3 December: Hurstville Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting. All welcome. Meeting is held at the Civic Centre, Level 1, Meeting Room 2. Details: Louise Durmush on (02) 9599 0233.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (C'th) 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 26122 sought by BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 060 990 632 over an area of 498 Blocks (1508 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NUMAGALONG locality.



Exploration Licence 25819 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 13 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BUSHY PARK locality.



Exploration Licence 26062 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 94 Blocks (269 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PEACHY locality.



Exploration Licence 26123 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 58 Blocks (186 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CONICAL HILL locality.



Exploration Licence 26124 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 147 Blocks (451 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WILLOWRA locality.



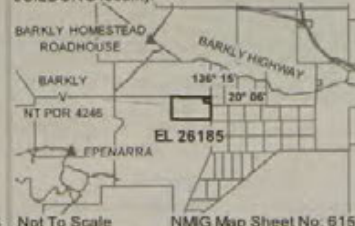
Exploration Licence 26125 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 59 Blocks (189 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BARROW locality.



Exploration Licence 26126 sought by MATILDA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 103 651 538 over an area of 18 Blocks (58 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TAYLOR locality.



Exploration Licence 26185 sought by MINEMAKERS AUSTRALIA NL, ACN 081 911 917 over an area of 164 Blocks (492 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JOILDUNG locality.



Exploration Licence 26038 sought by ST BARBARA LIMITED, ACN 009 165 066 over an area of 128 Blocks (392 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GOSSE RIVER locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 29 August 2007



Exploration Licence 6506 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 27 square kilometres (9 units) situated approximately 12 km north west of Eden, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Ironbark Gold Limited (ACN 118 751 027) is the holder of Exploration Licence 6506 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

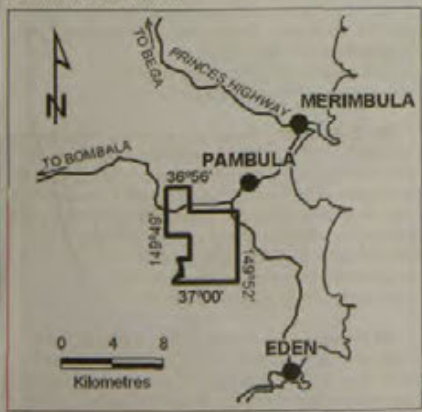
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Chris Cottier, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, phone (02) 4931 6462, fax (02) 4931 6776

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 12 September 2007. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Todd's Adelaide United off to good start

By PETER ARGENT



TRAVIS Dodd and Adelaide United team-mates had a perfect preparation to the A-League 2007-08 campaign. On Sunday 12 August, at Hindmarsh Stadium, they claimed the Pre-Season Cup, defeating Perth Glory 2-1 in front of 9606 parochial South Australians.

Supported by a noisy red army, United came from a goal down at half-time to secure the win, with goals from Bruce Djite and Cassio.

"It is a good win for the club and the win shows how well the coach staff have got us ready for the season," Dodd, the Adelaide skipper, said.

"We're the only club to have defended a title and this does set us up for the 07-08 campaign. It is also another piece of silverware in our trophy cupboard."

"I thought we were on top in the second half and was confident the boys were going to win after our first goal."

This gives the Adelaide and Dodd back-to-back titles and a three-year unbeaten run in the pre-season competition.

The first half lacked any real energy, but Indigenous star Dodd was among the more prominent – trying to generate opportunities by hard running into attack, but Perth's defence was proving difficult to penetrate.

During the second half, an unmarked Dodd had a chance to equalise at the 56-minute mark. Unfortunately, the Red's vice-captain's initial touch let him down and this allowed the Glory keeper to mop up.

● LEFT: Travis Dodd, with a hand on the pre-season cup, and his Adelaide United team-mates after their 2-1 win over Perth Glory.



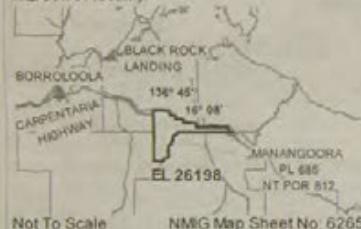
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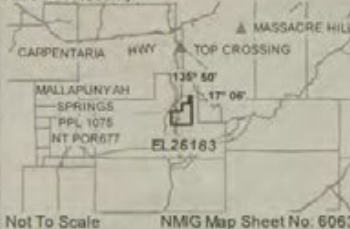
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26198 sought by BRUMBY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 118 522 124 over an area of 89 Blocks (245 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WEARYAN locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No. 6265

Exploration Licence 26183 sought by CASTLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 124 314 085 over an area of 55 Blocks (181 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.



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Exploration Licence 25958 sought by INDPRO CONSULTING PTY LTD, ACN 010 117 601 over an area of 475 Blocks (1546 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DUNMARRA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No. 5564

Exploration Licence 26175 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC, ACN 120 855 352 over an area of 1 Block (2 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No. 6165

Exploration Licence 26176 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC, ACN 120 855 352 over an area of 2 Blocks (6 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



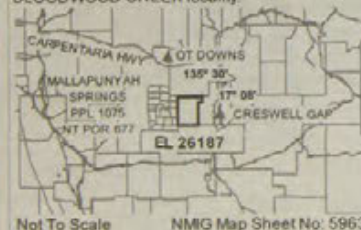
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Exploration Licence 26177 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC, ACN 120 855 352 over an area of 1 Block (3 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



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Exploration Licence 26187 sought by WHITVASTARTY LTD, ACN 074 751 992 over an area of 364 Blocks (1191 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BLOODWOOD CREEK locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No. 5963

Exploration Licence 26188 sought by WHITVASTARTY LTD, ACN 074 751 992 over an area of 334 Blocks (1091 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MONGALA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No. 5962

Exploration Licence 26189 sought by WHITVASTARTY LTD, ACN 074 751 992 over an area of 412 Blocks (1324 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.



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22 February - 16 March 2008: Adelaide Fringe Festival. One of the worlds largest and most vibrant open-access arts festivals with a diverse program of theatre, dance, circus, comedy, cabaret, new media, music, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, film and the visual arts. Details call Christine Anthony on (08) 8100 2000 or email buzz@adelaidefringe.com.au or visit www.adelaidefringe.com.au

25-29 February 2008: 8th Australian Performing Arts Market. APAM brings together more than 400 of the most important performing arts presenters and producers from around Australia and overseas. It is the prime destination for promotion, networking and gaining an insight into Australia's performing arts. Details call (08) 8271 1488 or email apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.performingartsmarket.com.au

29 February-16 March 2008: Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts. Australia's leading international multi-arts festival, featuring the performing, visual and literary arts. Details call Brett Sheehy on (08) 8216 4444 or email afa@adelaidefestival.com.au or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

If, at first, you don't succeed ...

Story and pictures by
Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



COURAGEOUS 16-year-old Palm Island heavyweight boxer Nat Seaton was hospitalised after losing his first bout less than a year ago, but has rebounded magnificently to record his initial win on 12 August.

Seaton was a star performer at the prestigious fifth annual Wilcox Cup amateur boxing tournament run by the Upper Ross PCYC Hawks Club at Townsville's Kirwan Tavern.

It was the third bout for Seaton, who won a points decision over another Indigenous boxer - Ingham Alliance Club's Dwayne Friday.

Last October, Seaton was knocked out in the first round by giant Mackay heavyweight Sefo Pau at a Palm Island meeting, at which former champion boxer Tony Mundine was the special guest.

Many a lesser person would have given the sport away, but not Seaton, who continued training hard under veteran mentor Ray Dennis.

Seaton was supported by a large contingent of Palm Islanders in the crowd, which included his mum Maria and six-year-old sister Nareeda.

"It was good to win as I lost my first two bouts and there were

so many of my people here," he said.

Many Indigenous boxers were on show and clubs represented included Ingham Alliance, Hawks, Moranbah, Stingers, Black River, Palm Island, Flatenem and Stand Up.

The main bout was between arch rivals Mark Flanagan, from Hawks, and Palm Islander Assan Sam, who is a nephew of former Australian professional champion Dougie Sam.

Seventeen-year-old Flanagan won the entertaining bout, which earned generous applause.

Garth Murray, Shaun Quagliotto and Wayne Parker Jnr are boxers who have fought in previous cups and have gone on to be successful professionals.

Murray and Quagliotto were at this event, and so too was Parker's father, Wayne Parker Snr, who trained another son, 14-year-old Josh Parker, who lost his first bout to Matt Prior in the 73kg division.

One of the most hotly contested bouts was in the heavyweight division. Nat Seaton, of Palm Island, beat Dwayne Friday, of Ingham, on points.

The 16-year-old Seaton was having his third bout and had been hospitalised after losing his first fight on Palm Island last year.

"I was very happy to win and it was a hard bout," he said.

Stingers boxers performed well, with Beau Smith (63kg), Ethan Vaughan (51kg), Kial

Gosling (42kg) and Sean Pedersen (91kg) winning their bouts.

Zorran Cassady, of Ingham Alliance, looked impressive, winning his 37kg bout and so did Palm Island's Selwyn Seaton, who beat Eric Wyles in the 57kg contest, which prompted Dennis to speculate he could be a future world professional champion.

"Selwyn is just so fit and if he continues, will go on to be a top boxer," Dennis said.

Respected Flatenem trainer Gonzo Hooper refereed bouts in which his charges didn't take part, and was impressed.

"There were some talented boxers on show," he said.

Results:

Exhibition Bout: Gareth Prior (Ingham Alliance) v Dennis Haines (Palm Island): 48kg, Inosi Geia (Palm Island) d Cameron Coppo (Alliance); 37kg, Zorran Cassady (Alliance) d Mick Noble (Palm Island); 63kg, Beau Smith (Stingers) d Cain Oldfield (Moranbah); 63kg, Chris Gundy (Palm Island) d Chris Khan (Black River); heavyweight, Nat Seaton (Palm Island) d Dwayne Friday (Alliance); 51kg, Ethan Vaughan (Stingers) d Matthew Lake (Moranbah); 73kg, Mat Prior (Alliance) d Josh Parker (Aitkenvale PCYC); 42kg, Kial Gosling (Stingers) d Damien Izzard (Hawks); 57kg: Selwyn Seaton (Palm Island) d Eric Wyles (Hawks); 48kg: Kye Wehrman d Dean Thomas (Hawks); main bout, 71kg, Mark Flanagan (Hawks) d Assan Sam (Palm Island); 69kg, Matt Angus (Flatenem) d Steve Kelly (Stingers); 91kg, Sean Pedersen (Stingers) d Chris Zagami (Flatenem).

● **LEFT:** Palm Island boxers at the carnival with trainer Ray Dennis.

● **RIGHT:** Ingham Alliance club officials Gary Prior, left, trainer Jake Cassady, right, and trainer Dean Poppi, front, with some of the Ingham Alliance boxers who fought on the card at the Townsville tournament.



● **ABOVE:** Winner Nat Seaton, right, of Palm Island, with opponent Dwayne Friday, of Ingham.

● **BELOW:** Boxer Nat Seaton after his first career win with, on left, Danelia Sam, his proud mum Maria Spencer and sister Nareeda Seaton, 6.



Cherbourg-born boxer Chris Gundy, now from Palm Island.



Boxer Michael Noble, 12, from Palm Island.



Merritt-Patten Redfern RLFC Host Club responsible for staging the 37th New South Wales Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Lismore 2007 in partnership with Northern United RLFC.

MERRIT-PATTEN REDFERN RLFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Patron: Tony Merritt
President: Ray Davison
Vice President: Wes Patten
Secretary: Ricky Lyons
Assistant Secretary: Graham Merritt
Treasurer: Charles Madden
Assistant Treasurer: Charlie Simpson

NORTHERN UNITED RLFC COMMITTEE:

President: Steven Roberts
Vice President: Laurie Mercy
Secretary: Russell Kapeen
Treasurer: Grantley Creighton
Public Officer: Darrell Creighton
Ash Moran
Les Roberts
Chris Binge

Official draw and all game disputes controlled by New South Wales Koorie League State Council Chairperson Phillip Hall.

37th NEW SOUTH WALES ANNUAL ABORIGINAL RUGBY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT CARNIVAL LISMORE 2007

KNOCK OUT WINNERS 1971 - 2006

1971	LA PEROUSE UNITED
1972	REDFERN ALL BLACKS
1973	REDFERN ALL BLACKS
1974	KOORIE UNITED
1975	KEMPSEY ALL BLACKS
1976	LOUIS ST DODGERS
1977	WEST KEMPSEY
1978	REDFERN ALL BLACKS
1979	REDFERN ALL BLACKS
1980	NARWAN
1981	ZETLAND
1982	ZETLAND
1983	DUBBO PACEMAKERS
1984	KOORIE UNITED
1985	MOREE BOOMERANGS
1986	NARWAN
1987	NEWCASTLE ALL BLACKS
1988	B.A.C. WALGETT
1989	B.A.C. WALGETT
1990	B.A.C. WALGETT
1991	LA PEROUSE UNITED
1992	REDFERN ALL BLACKS
1993	REDFERN ALL BLACKS
1994	TOOMELAH TIGERS
1995	BOURKE WELMORINGLE
1996	NAMBUCCA VALLEY RAMS
1997	NAMBUCCA VALLEY RAMS
1998	WELLINGTON WEDGETAIL EAGLES
1999	NAMBUCCA VALLEY RAMS
2000	NARWAN EELS / LOUIS ST DODGERS
2001	NARWAN EELS / LA PEROUSE
2002	MOREE BOOMERANGS / LA PEROUSE
2003	CEC PATTEN-RON MERRITT RAB MEMORIAL TEAM
2004	CEC PATTEN-RON MERRITT RAB MEMORIAL TEAM
2005	CEC PATTEN-RON MERRITT RAB MEMORIAL TEAM
2006	CEC PATTEN-RON MERRITT RAB MEMORIAL TEAM



Carnival Coordinator: Phillip Hall

Mobile 0400 478 795

Merritt-Patten Redfern RLFC in partnership with Northern United RLFC greatly appreciate and wish to acknowledge the following for their support and contribution in staging the Knockout in Lismore 2007.

Lismore City Council

Information Technology and the Arts (DICTA)

Koori Mail

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

Roads and Traffic Authority

NSW Ambulance Service

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Green light for Knockout



IT'S all systems go as the 37th NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout

Carnival approaches.

In a departure from tradition, the carnival this year will be held in Lismore from 28 September to 1 October.

The Merritt Patten Redfern RLFC, which holds the right to host the carnival, has joined with the Lismore-based Northern United RLFC to co-host the event, which is the biggest of its kind in Australia.

Between 30 and 40 teams are expected to fight it out for the rich prizemoney. Some of these will come from

Queensland, but they must play under the umbrella of a NSW club. This is to ensure that carnival hosting rights remain in NSW.

Junior boys and women are also catered for on the football field.

But the Knockout is developing into much more than a rugby league carnival. This year there will be a range of other events, including an Aboriginal women's beauty pageant that will give the carnival diversity.

In Lismore on 11 August, a meeting was chaired by the Merritt Patten Redfern RLFC with representatives from the Lismore City Council, police,

Northern United RLFC, local businesses and Aboriginal representatives from Lismore to discuss arrangements for the carnival.

The major issues discussed were security, transport, medical services, public liability insurance and policing arrangements. The Knockout is a drug and alcohol-free event.

Meeting chairman Ricky Lyons explained details of the major issues and concerns of the Lismore council and the police. He said people at the meeting were impressed at the professional approach of the organisers and how well advanced the arrangements were in progress.

"All systems are in place to provide for the needs of all our Elders, women and children," Mr Lyons said.

"Arrangements have been made with Aboriginal organisations, local businesses and government service providers to promote their services and products to hundreds of Aboriginal people in one venue over four days of the carnival."

More than 35 Aboriginal rugby league clubs have responded to the host club that they will attend the carnival.

It is expected that as many as 12 women's teams and 12 under 15 junior teams will participate.



Merritt Patten Redfern RLFC secretary Ricky Lyons at the Lismore meeting on 11 August.

Young Kununurra footballers visit Melbourne

These boys from the East Kimberley Academy of the Clontarf Foundation were pictured at Darwin airport while on their way to Melbourne. The Clontarf Foundation is a non-profit organisation for Indigenous boys. The program uses the drawcard of Australian football to re-engage boys into education and ultimately into employment. There are now nine football academies in WA and three in the NT and the program is expanding rapidly. These boys, enrolled at the East Kimberley Football Academy at Kununurra, spent a week in Melbourne involved in cultural, educational and sporting activities.

Picture: SOLUA MIDDLETON



NT's first junior Indigenous cricket side



CRICKET history has been made in the Northern Territory. During the NT school holidays, a team of young promising Indigenous cricketer from around the Territory was assembled to play against a Combined XI side in Darwin.

The team consisted of players from Alice Springs, Darwin and the Tiwi Islands – an area better known for its fishing.

The week-long carnival was designed to educate and develop the skills of our top elite junior cricketers.

For some, it was further enhancement of what they already knew, and for others it was a new and fresh experience. The cricket game formats were a mix of Twenty/20s and 50-over cricket divided into four innings.

Through the week the players' endurance was sorely tested. With a total of five games in four days, the

Indigenous side came through, defeating the Combined side 3-2 to clinch the series.

With hope of retaining the Indigenous players for the ultimate test of the Imparja Cup in years to come, the instant the players became accustomed with each other's personalities, they took the first step of building rapport within a team that is required to perform at the elite level.

Each member of this team can now look back at the moment and reflect with positive memories.

It was a positive step towards promoting cricket to our Indigenous community in the NT and at the same time developing our promising players to become even better.

With the Imparja Cup as the pinnacle of the Indigenous cricket calendar, this group of players and future juniors will be playing for the NT at the Imparja Cup and hopefully represent the NT at future national age championships.

An eye on cricket

Welcome to the first of many articles dedicated to the promotion and development of Indigenous cricket in Australia.

First and foremost, we must remember the pioneers of Indigenous cricket – the 1868 team that was the first Australian team to tour England.

Leading up to the summer, we will explore, promote and provide stories about Indigenous cricket issues and talented Indigenous cricketers. With the support of Cricket Australia, a variety of

articles will be published. It is also an avenue for recognition of many individuals who commit their own time by umpiring, coaching, scoring, supporting family members and most of all, playing cricket.

At left an article from the Indigenous Cricket Officer from the NT, Ian Redpath. I hope you enjoy the story as there will be many more to follow in the coming months.

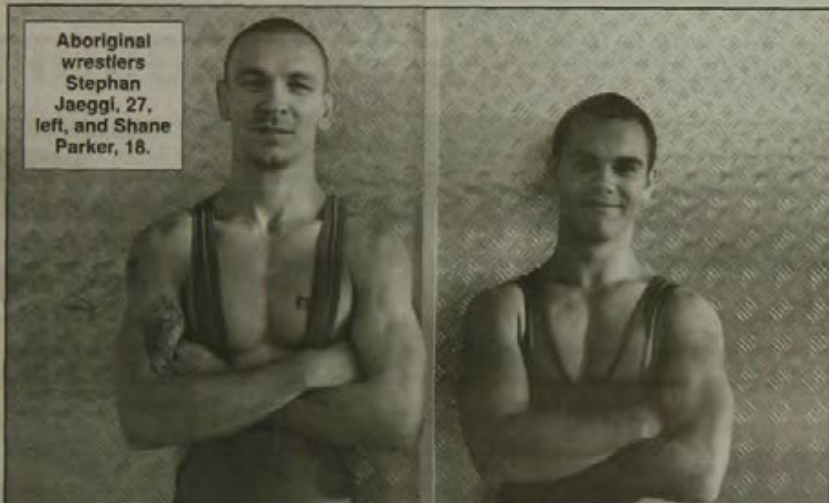
– Michael McGregor, Cricket Australia Senior Officer, Indigenous Cricket



Michael McGregor

Wrestling their way to the top

Aboriginal wrestlers
Stephan Jaeggi, 27,
left, and Shane
Parker, 18.



TWO Aboriginal Australians are making giant inroads into Olympic wrestling.

They are Stephan Jaeggi, a 27-year-old Bundjalung man, and Wiradjuri 18-year-old Shane Parker. They are from the western suburbs of Sydney and are bidding for the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2010 New Delhi Commonwealth Games.

Jaeggi is the Australian champion 60kg Freestyle wrestler and Oceania champion in Freestyle and Greco Roman wrestling.

He recently attended training camps in America and competed in the Commonwealth Champions and the Canada Cup, where he was placed in the top five.

Most recently, Jaeggi has been selected to represent Australia in the World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, in September.

But he may not attend. A neck injury has kept him off the mat for four weeks and he doesn't know if he will be fit enough for Baku.

Jaeggi grew up in the Sydney suburb of Blacktown.

He started wrestling at the local PCYC as a 10-year-old. He trialled for selection to represent Australia at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, but missed out.

He left the sport and turned to various martial art forms.

Jaeggi returned to wrestling last year and has since made every post a winner.

The Olympic Games have Freestyle and Greco Roman as the two forms of wrestling. Jaeggi's preference is Freestyle.

Shane Parker is the Australian champion in Freestyle and Greco Roman Jnr 55kg classes. He also is the 55kg Oceania Champion Jnr Greco Roman class.

He has attended training camps in America and competed in Commonwealth and the Canada Cup and was placed in the top six.

Parker has been selected to compete in the World Junior Championships in Beijing, August 2007 and the World Wrestling Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan September.

He left for Beijing on 18 August.

Like Jaeggi, Parker began wrestling about the age of 10 and then left the sport and played rugby league in Blacktown.

But he 'wanted bigger and better things' and saw wrestling as a vehicle to achieve those goals.

Jaeggi said he believed that he and Parker were Australia's only elite Indigenous wrestlers.



● ABOVE:
Stephan Jaeggi
up-ending an
opponent in
Canada.



● LEFT:
Wiradjuri
wrestler Shane
Parker, 18,
handing out
similar
treatment, also
in Canada.



Thomas Mosby and the Horn Island bus that he drives.

Former footballer enjoys lifestyle

By ALF WILSON



FORMER star Mid West Queensland, Whitsunday and Townsville rugby league player Thomas Mosby now lives an idyllic lifestyle as a bus driver, deckhand and tour guide in the Torres Strait.

When the Koori Mail caught up with him, the 48-year-old Mr Mosby was driving the bus which picks up passengers at the Horn Island airport and takes them to the jetty for the ferry service to Thursday Island (TI).

"I work for Rebel Marine and this (bus) is an old girl which came from the Hermit Park Bus Service in Townsville," Mr Mosby said.

As a young man, Mr Mosby played in the Mid West League for Richmond while working in a maintenance gang for the Railways Department.

"I played representative football for the Noel Ford Memorial Shield on Foley Shield day at the Townsville Sports Reserve and later for Centrals Club, and now defunct

Estates in the Townsville comp as a centre," he said.

Mr Mosby played for Bowen Brothers in the Whitsunday competition in 1979 and Richmond during the late 1970s.

Normally, Mr Mosby works on Thursday Island, but the day we met up with him, he was taking the place of a Horn Island driver who was sick.

"It takes about 10 minutes to drive people from the Horn Island airport to the jetty from where they go by Rebel ferry to TI," he said.

Arriving at TI, the administrative capital of the Torres Strait in 1996, Mr Mosby later coached Royal Dragons to premierships there in 2000 and 2001.

"But I haven't been involved in rugby league up here for two years," he said.

While Mr Mosby loves the lifestyle on TI, he still hopes to get back to Townsville soon and meet family and friends.

"I would like to see some of my old Estates team-mates like Alan Kilcullen, Steve Morgan, and others," he said.

Follow the NSW Rugby League Knockout news on the website

The New South Wales annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival has its own website.

It was created by Ricky Lyons to assist Aboriginal rugby league clubs who wish to participate in

the Knockout to download information on the world's biggest rugby league carnival.

Aboriginal rugby league clubs can download the carnival information and rules and

regulations of the Knockout and read the history of the Knockout, check up on news and also they can provide feedback to the host club.

Check out the new website on www.knockout.net.au

It's crunch time

The start of the Australian Football League major premiership is just over a week away. Here, PETER ARGENT takes a look at how Indigenous players performed between rounds 10 and 15 of the season.

Adelaide Crows

Aboriginal players: Andrew McLeod, Graham Johncock, Jonathon Griffin

In a period where the Crows struggled on occasions, hard running defenders Andrew McLeod and Graham Johncock were among the sides' better performers.

After a modest performance in the showdown match with the Power, Johncock had a massive 31-possession game in the next game against the minor premiers - Geelong.

McLeod continues to win the ball consistently and while not being as outstanding as the first half of the season, he has still been a key player for the Crows.

After playing the first 13 games of the season and being quite productive in attack and in the rucking contests, much to many people's surprise, Jonathon Griffin returned to the SANFL competition. He has been consistent but not outstanding at this level.

He did make a return for the Geelong game when the club axed Ben Hudson for disciplinary reasons for just one week.

Brisbane Lions

Aboriginal players: Ashley McGrath, Anthony Corrie (rookie), Rhan Hooper, Chris Johnson, Jason Roe, Albert Proud, Sam Sheldon

Ash McGrath was a significant loss to the Lions when he broke his arm in the round 18 contest against the Kangaroos, having previously been playing an important role in the Lions' midfield.

Anthony Corrie came back from a knee reconstruction through the Suncoast Lions against Southport in round 18 and is regaining confidence and form.

Rhan Hooper has played in the six consecutive senior matches and has been an important player with the Lions. He kicked an equal career-best four goals against Carlton in Round 16 and followed up with a career-best 28 disposals against Collingwood in Round 17. Unfortunately, after an altercation against Hawthorn, he was ordered by the judiciary to watch for three weeks.

Veteran and the only former

Fitzroy player still on the Lions' list, Chris Johnson, returned from a foot injury through the Suncoast Lions - where he played two matches. He was promoted for his first senior match in almost 12 weeks against Hawthorn.

Jason Roe has played in the past seven senior matches and held down a position in the Lions' back lines.

Youngster Albert Proud has been performing well with the Lions' QAFU affiliate, while Sam Sheldon also returned to this side from a broken leg in Round 18.

Carlton Blues

Aboriginal players: Eddie Betts, Andrew Walker, Joe Anderson, Clinton Benjamin

After making five AFL appearances earlier in the season, injuries have derailed Joe Anderson's season. Still with hamstring problems, he is a couple of weeks away from returning to the field.

Eddie Betts also missed five weeks in the middle of the year, but in a period where the Blues have been struggling, he has displayed more consistency than a number of his counterparts.

Yet another member of Carlton's Aboriginal connection, prospective leader at the club Andrew Walker has also dealt with injuries, which meant his missed rounds 17 and 18.

He had produced some sterling performances and is on the brink of his 50th AFL-game milestone.

Rated by many as the prototype player for AFL in the next decade, Clint Benjamin has been learning his craft with the Northern Bullants. Except for one game early in the year, he has been playing in the VFL senior football.

Collingwood Magpies

Aboriginal players: Leon Davis, Chris Egan, Shannon Cox, Brad Dick, Sharrod Whellingsham (rookie)

'Neon' Leon Davis has been again among the key players of the Magpies up forward, having kicked 29 goals in the 20 rounds played so far. His best hauls included a four-goal effort against the Bombers in Round 16.

West Australian lad Shannon Cox has played eight games in his first season so far, including the Round 18 win over Carlton, while Brad Dick has been spending his time during the second half of the year with Williamstown in the VFL.

The Magpies placed Chris Egan, after his knee problem on the long-term injury list, and selected another Indigenous player, Sharrod Whellingsham, as his replacement. The athletic

Wellingsham has been listed as an emergency player for the round 19 clash against Richmond and the Round 20 match against Melbourne.

Fremantle Dockers

Aboriginal players: Jeff Farmer, Antoni Grover, Roger Hayden, Des Headland, Michael Johnson, Troy Cook, Clayton Collard, Calib Mourish

In the last-gasp charge to the finals, Fremantle wayward and mercurial star Jeff Farmer has made quite an impact. With two three-goal hauls in rounds 18 and 19, he has given a secondary target for the Dockers' mid fielder.

A couple of the Dockers' most

Essendon Bombers

Aboriginal players: Courtenay Dempsey, Richard Cole, Patrick Ryder, Andrew Lovett, Nathan Lovett-Murray, Leroy Jetta, Dean Dick (rookie), Alwyn Davey

After a brilliant first half of the season, Alwyn Davey's year came to an abrupt halt when he broke his arm in the Round 14 clash against the Cats. Up to then, although he was too old to win the NAB rising star award, Davey had been regarded by many as the best rookie of season 2007. His pace, ability to chase down and tackle

Rookie Dean Dick is also struggling with injury.

Geelong Cats

Aboriginal players: Travis Varcoe, Mathew Stokes, Nathan Djerrkura, Liam Bedford (rookie)

In a Geelong side which has made every post a winner this year, Mathew Stokes has cemented his place in a powerful Cats outfit. Used as both a pinch hitter in the middle and with the capacity to kick goals as well, his best effort was a five-goal haul against Fremantle. He has played 16 games since his promotion to the senior team in round four, kicking 23 goals.



Andrew McLeod continues to win consistent ball and remains a key player for the Adelaide Crows.

AAP image



Chris Johnson, back in first grade with the Brisbane Lions after being off the scene for 12 weeks.

AAP image



Alwyn Davey was firing on all cylinders for the Bombers before his season came to a screaming halt with a broken arm.

consistent players, Roger Hayden and Antoni Grover, have played all 20 games so far, giving the side plenty of drive from defence.

Des Headland was in good form until a hamstring injury pushed him to the sidelines after Round 17.

After his late start to the regular season, Michael Johnson has followed Grover and Hayden's lead, being a consistent player in the back half.

Clayton Collard has been a reliable goal kicker at the South Fremantle Bulldogs, while Calib Mourish has been playing in the reserves with East Fremantle, which included his third four-goal haul in a recent game against East Perth.

Troy Cook has been among the leading players with his WAFL club Perth over the past month. This has included a magnificent 34-possession game against Swan Districts. He returned to the Fremantle combination for the crunch match against the Saints.

opponents has excited many football purists.

The most consistent of the Bombers' Indigenous contingent has been tall defender and ruckman Patty Rider, while Andrew Lovett and Nathan Lovett-Murray have shown glimpses of their outstanding abilities.

Rider, was a NAB Rising star nomination earlier this season, having played each game this year.

After moving across from Collingwood a couple of years back, Richard Cole only played three game at the top level this winter before an ankle injury finished his season.

The rigours of his first AFL season have caught up with exciting young prospect Leroy Jetta and he has only made a couple of appearances for the Bendigo Bombers first XVIII in July and August.

Courtenay Dempsey has had a heavily interrupted year, only playing four senior VFL games so this season.

Explosive talent from South Australia, Travis Varcoe, was sent back to the VFL competition to find some form and will be keen to impress as we move towards the business end of the year. He has returned for the last three games and his work rate has been strong, as shown by the strong tackle count.

Northern Territory native Nathan Djerrkura has been dealing with a quad injury and is still a week or so away from resuming with the Falcons in the VFL.

Rookie Liam Bedford has played ten games for the second-placed Geelong Falcons side, showing promise.

Hawthorn Hawks

Aboriginal players: Lance Franklin, Mark Williams, Chance Bateman

What more can be said about

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young sensation Lance 'Buddy' Franklin. His performance this year has virtually ensured he will be in the AFL All-Australian team in 2007. At just 20 years of age and having just passed his 50-game milestone, he is being touted as one of the budding superstars of the competition. After Round 20, he was third on the AFL goal-kicking ladder with 60 goals. Not bad for a centre half forward.

The first Indigenous player ever to captain the Hawthorn Football Club, Chance Bateman is one of the Hawks' high possession winners in a powerful mid field group, being creative and attacking in all the 17 matches he has played this season.

The Hawthorn management have now finally conceded that the season of leading goal kicker for the past two seasons, Mark Williams, is over because of a knee injury.

Kangaroos

Aboriginal players: Daniel Wells, Eddie Sansbury, Djaran Whyman, Lindsay Thomas, Matt Campbell (rookie)

After playing 10 and 11 games respectively over the first two thirds of the season, Lindsay Thomas and Matt Campbell have spent the most of the last six weeks playing with North Ballarat in the VFL competition. Thomas did return for the Round 19 loss to the West Coast.

Upgraded rookie from last year, Djaran Whyman made his AFL debut in the Round 16 win over Melbourne, where he kicked a couple of goals. The former Echuca footballer didn't look out of place at this level in his initial appearance and followed his up with two goals from his two kicks the next week.

Premiership player in the SANFL back in 2003, Eddie Sansbury returned to the Kangaroos' senior side in Round 16 and has been a consistent since his return. Despite his team's loss to the Cats' juggernaut in Round 20, Sansbury was a leading performer in the contest.

Daniel Wells, besides dealing with injury, has been among the best players.

Melbourne Demons

Aboriginal players: Aaron Davey, Byron Pickett, Matthew Whelan, Isaac Weetra, Daniel Hayes (rookie)

One of the shining lights in a dismal year for Melbourne has been the older Davey brother, Aaron. He has been one of the



Graham Johncock had 31 possessions for the Adelaide Crows in their game against the high-flying Geelong Cats.

AAP Image



Andrew Krakouer hasn't been in good enough form to hold down a spot in the Tigers' AFL line-up, but shines in VFL matches.

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David Wirrpanda, still firing for the West Coast Eagles.

AAP Image

intensity of football at the top level, he is also poised to move into a special club of players who have played 200 consecutive games at the top level early in season 2008. Also don't be surprised if he polls very well again this year on Brownlow Medal night.

Now 30 and having become the longest serving player in the history of the South Melbourne-Sydney Swans Football Club, Michael O'Loughlin hasn't missed a game so far this year. His strength and determination to play with injury was displayed during this period, especially against arch rival West Coast in Perth.

West Coast Eagles

Aboriginal players: Ashley Sampi, David Wirrpanda

Returning to the Eagles side for the local derby against Fremantle, 2006 premiership player David Wirrpanda was one of the Eagles' best players in the 27-point loss with 17 possessions and two goals.

Ashley Sampi has lost his football focus because of a tragedy outside the game and it will be surprising if he is on the West Coast Eagles list in 2008. He hasn't played in the Eagles' colours since Round 21 in 2006 and his last game with South Fremantle senior team was on Saturday 9 June.

An unbridled talent who can do anything on the football field, it would be a sad loss if he didn't continue at the top level.

Western Bulldogs

Aboriginal players: Cameron Faulkner, Josh Hill, Malcolm Lynch, Brennan Stack, Jarrod Harbrow (rookie)

With his career on the line, Cameron Faulkner has certainly found form over the last month and a half with Werribee. Unfortunately, this hasn't gained the attention of Bulldogs' selectors.

Josh Hill is continued his learning curve, playing mainly at senior level in the VFL.

Regarded as a project player, Brennan Stack has received a couple of opportunities in the Werribee firsts, but has been learning his craft for the majority of this time in the seconds.

After being promoted to the Bulldogs' senior list and making his debut in Round 4 against the Tigers, Jarrod Harbrow has played 10 senior games in his first season at the top level.

Michael Lynch had been through a roller coaster this year, making is AFL debut and playing two games, along with playing nine matches in the Werribee seniors and participating in three more fixtures in their reserves.

few consistent forwards in a team which was has struggled to find goal kickers.

His season finally came to a haul after an injury during the Round 20 match with Collingwood, having played under duress for the season half of the year. He will promptly go under the surgeon's knife.

Finally returning for the Round 18 match against Sydney after a lengthy spell with Sandringham, Byron Pickett joined the fabled 200 AFL games club. Now fast approaching 30, the last few rounds of the season will determine where Pickett's football is going in 2008.

When the Demons decided to declare their season over after the demise of coach Neale Daniher, they also decided to give injured players the best preparation for 2008. This included spirited defender Matthew Whelan, who had been dealing with a significant ankle problem.

In his first year out of under-age football Isaac Weetra has been playing with the Sandringham reserves. Over the past month he has collected a four-goal haul against Bendigo and another three-goal effort against Box Hill.

Rookie Daniel Hayes received a senior game with 'Sandy' against Werribee in mid-July, but has spent most of the season in the VFL seconds.

Port Adelaide Power

Aboriginal players: Peter Burgoyne, Shaun Burgoyne, Daniel Motlop, Danyle Pearce, Nathan Krakouer

Peter Burgoyne became the second player in the history of the club to reach 200 games

since the Power joined the AFL in 1997 against Melbourne, following on from current captain Warren Tredrea. Except for a hiccup against Adelaide, Burgoyne has been in stellar form as a sweeper across half back.

Younger brother Shaun hasn't been quite as consistent, but he has been as damaging, including an outstanding best-on-ground effort against Richmond.

Danyle Pearce has had some second year blues early in the season, dealing with heavier tags after winning the NAB Rising Star Award last winter. But showing his quality as a footballer, Pearce has returned to his 2006 form, running hard and creating many opportunities for team mates as a linkman over the last six rounds.

Daniel Motlop's reinvigorated season had its catalyst in the match against Brisbane and has continued to grow in the latter part of the season. He kicked five goals in the win over Richmond and another four in the victory over the West Coast.

First-year player Nathan Krakouer continues to be blooded by the Power coaching staff and has played 11 games in his debut season.

Richmond Tigers

Aboriginal players: Andrew Krakouer, Richard Tambling, Jarrod Oakley-Nicholls, Carl Peterson

The most consistent of the Indigenous players for the Tigers has been Northern Territory lad Richard Tambling. He has played in 18 of the 20 rounds so far, but hasn't been as effective in front of goal as the coaching staff would have liked during the last six rounds.

Out of form at AFL level, each time Andrew Krakouer has

returned to the VFL competition, he has stood out as one of the leading players for his side. This includes two best-on-ground performances and always being is his team's top couple of players.

After his late start to the season, Carl Peterson forced his way into the seniors at Coburg and spent the last four rounds playing at VFL senior level.

Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls has spent the majority of the year with the Coburg Tigers, without looking like getting a chance in the Richmond jumper.

St Kilda

Aboriginal players: Raphael Clarke, Xavier Clarke

The older of the Clarke siblings, Xavier, spent this period playing predominately off half forward. While he hasn't had a huge influence, he has been a member of the Saints' combination which has collected a number of good wins in this charge to the finals. His best performance has been in the round 20 victory over Fremantle.

Younger brother Raphael has been floating along with the Casey Scorpions in the VFL and wasn't able to force his way into the senior team until the important Round 20 match against the Dockers.

Sydney Swans

Aboriginal players: Michael O'Loughlin, Adam Goodes

One of the brightest stars in AFL football, Adam Goodes just keeps going from strength to strength. As the Swans make a dramatic charge for a top four finish, he has again been one of the team's leading players. In the

Mills 'the next general'



DANNY Morseu remembers just what it was like to be a Boomer.

The most memorable

moment for me was playing in the starting five in the first game at the Moscow Olympics. I'd achieved my dreams to represent my country," said Morseu, one of only two Indigenous basketballers to play for the Australian national team.

And now another Indigenous Australian may get the chance to achieve the dream of representing Australia in the Olympics.

Patrick Mills recently made his impressive debut for the Boomers in the international friendly against Austria in Italy and Morseu says he has what it takes to go further in the sport.

"I went to every home game to watch Patrick Mills at the AIS this year," said Morseu.

"Personally, I feel that he has really stepped up this year. I certainly feel he's



Boomer Danny Morseu, second from left, with the 1980 Australian Olympic basketball team.

Picture: nbl.com.au

got the tools and the ability to compete at that level given the opportunity. He's only 18, so he's got youth on his side."

"In terms of learning and growing, I think he's still developing in that area. There's not too many generals around in Australian basketball, he could be the next general. I think he's the right fit and given the opportunity to be a part of the team I

think he'll be a major factor."

As a trailblazer for Indigenous athletes in basketball, Morseu is passionate about getting more interest in the sport from Indigenous communities.

"It's been a long drought since I played. I guess I've probably been a role model in relation to encouraging and supporting Indigenous kids to achieve their dreams in basketball," he said.

"I've sort of been involved in recommending players to play at the AIS in the past, but it's the players who really want it that bad, who want to be there, they are the ones who are going to achieve their dreams."

But getting more interest from Indigenous athletes is easier said than done. Morseu says that it's going to take active participation from the national basketball organisations as well.

"The difficulty around getting Indigenous kids to come and play at the AIS is taking them out of their

environment. It's difficult for them to adjust, they miss their families, and there's also the cultural aspect of it.

"We need to look at developing a long-term partnership with Basketball Australia, the NBL and the Indigenous community to look at how we can improve Indigenous representation in the men's and women's programs nationally."

Morseu has been waiting for a player like Mills to break onto the basketball scene for a long time. There has not been another Indigenous basketballer since Morseu played in the 1980s.

But hopefully this will be the beginning of many more Indigenous athletes to play at this level.

"With Patrick being one of the leading players in Australian basketball, we need to look at what sort of support system we need to provide not only to an individual, but also to Australian basketball to maintain and support Indigenous players throughout the country so they can achieve their dreams and aspirations in basketball," Morseu said.

- MIA PARRY (nbl.com.au)

TI league grand final a nail-biter

By ALF WILSON



THE Pioneer Knights beat Roosters 28-24 in a nail-biting grand final of the Kaiwalagal Torres Strait Island competition at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island.

Torres Shire Mayor Pedro Stephen presented the KRL Shield to Knights skipper George Nona.

The 32-year-old Nona helped Knights qualify for the final when they beat minor premiers Suburbs 24-22 in the major semi-final.

Nona, who just hours earlier, had been rescued after his boat sank and he spent an hour and a half clinging to an anchor chain, kicked a goal deep into golden point extra time after the scores had been deadlocked.

The Knights came from behind to snatch their inaugural grand final victory.

Roosters led for the first time when they snatched an 18-16 lead with eight minutes to play, and looked set to win three titles in succession.

However, Edgar Daniels crossed adjacent to the posts as Knights regained the lead, but a rampaging 50-metre charge from big forward Roby Toby sealed the Knights' victory.

Toby brushed aside Roosters defenders, who could see their chances of another grand final victory fading with each metre that Toby covered.

It was a try worthy of deciding a grand final. Knights supporters invaded the in-goal area after Toby touched down.

The Knights, who formed in 2003, had been consistent throughout the season, finishing second on the ladder behind minor premiers Suburbs, who stumbled in both play-off games.

Roosters, who finished number three in the minor premiership reflected the closeness of the competition where only six points was the highest margin in the four play-off games.

The match, which attracted a capacity crowd, was a tense and typical grand final. It featured 11 tries, with the Knights scoring six to the Roosters' five.

The scores were locked at 8-all and then 12-all deep into the second half. But the Roosters appeared to be taking control as they edged out to 18-12 with 10 minutes to play.

Referee Leo Akee said the outcome showed how close the semis had been, given that there was no runaway scoring margin.

"Even the lowly Sand Goannas, who sat at the bottom of the ladder all the year, posed a real threat to Island Roosters' third



There were plenty of Knights defenders on hand to ensure this Roosters player went to the ground in action from the Thursday Island rugby league grand final at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval.

grand final appearance and were only beaten by four points." He said.

"The 2007 grand final was my first as a registered referee and people said I did a terrific job of it. Players weren't back-biting, and being unruly towards officials, so it was a good final."

Knights 28 (H Nona, E Daniels, M Gela,

B Satrick, R Roby, B Eseli tries; G. Nona 2 goals) d Roosters 24 (J Mareko 2, S Dai, B Pabai, S Binawel tries; E Nai, S Bowie goals).

In the preliminary final, Roosters 24 defeated Suburbs 20. Points table after the end of fixtures were: Suburbs 18, Knights 18, Roosters 16, Sand Goannas 8, Eels 6.

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Knights players and supporters after their win.

The clues to Roos



Sydney Swans coach Paul Roos (centre) speaks to coaching staff during the AFL round 15, Sydney Swans v Carlton at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 15 July.

- AAP Image

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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As finals football approaches with all its associated pressure and scrutiny and with so many unsuccessful clubs involved in a process of sacking and hiring coaches as they set their sights on 2006, I am often asked the question: What makes Paul Roos tick.

Roos and I have a long-term relationship going back to well

before his appointment as head coach and we will hopefully maintain a strong friendship into the future beyond our time at the Swans.

I do not propose to reveal the personal side of our relationship beyond saying he has had an enormous influence beyond my football career and has helped shape the person I am today.

What I am happy to comment on are the qualities that make him a successful coach, who, in many ways, has defined the role in recent years.

Communicator

Firstly, Roos is a supreme communicator.

Whether he is talking to a player one-on-one or dealing with the pressures of a media scrum, he almost always remains calm, unflappable and direct.

If you asked the person in the street to describe Roos, they would almost certainly include the words honest and decent in their answer.

And so it is with the man. Paul himself has often said that communication is the key to everything.

Even when there is a drama in the club, Roos believes in getting the truth out there and getting it out quickly.

He believes that communication between the coaches and the players is far

more important these days than it was 20 years ago.

In those days, the senior coach rarely spoke to the players as both the coach and virtually all the players had jobs or studied and would come down to training at five o'clock and leave three hours later.

The professional era has changed all that and if you look at our club as an example, we have 47 players on our list, along with development coach Brett Allison, midfield coach John Longmire, forwards coach Johnny Blakey, defensive coach Peter Berbakov and Roos himself, all full-time.

As professional players, we are committed to improving our game and want constructive feedback to help them become better.

Roos has great confidence in his staff – as do the players – and we would all receive direct feedback from somebody on the coaching staff as much as four times a week, both individually and as a group.

He also has great faith in our leadership group, which is another key factor in successful communication within the club.

But perhaps the biggest factor that distinguishes Roos is the way the club deals with a loss.

After a loss, the coaching staff communicates any disappointment quickly and

moves on, so we don't carry any negativity through the week.

The players honestly ask why we lost and what we did wrong, both collectively and individually, so we can learn from our mistakes.

Sometimes, as human beings, we are disappointed with what we hear, but then we all realise we have to prepare mentally for the next game.

The same balance is there if we win, we try to come down from the emotional high and focus as quickly as we can on the next opponent.

This interaction and dialogue is the key to the relationship between the coaches and the playing group.

If you don't communicate the right messages, a season can easily unravel.

Balance

The other key to Roos' success is to be found in a simple word that in the reality of professional football is hard to achieve – balance.

Football is not the be-all and end-all for Roos.

I remember his wife, Tammy, describing Paul's ability to switch off when he gets home.

Unlike the coaching obsessives who spend every waking hour glued to a whiteboard trying to contrive the perfect match-ups for next Saturday's game, Paul puts his

family first.

"He leaves it at the door," said Tammy. "We don't even have a whiteboard at home."

It is not unusual for Paul to delegate tasks to one of his assistants so he can play with his sons Dylan and Tyler.

He also finds time to meditate and leave all the stresses behind.

Part of his philosophy can be attributed to a list he wrote down at the end of his career so he would never forget what it was like to be a player.

One of them was to be as positive as you can because players don't go out to make mistakes deliberately.

That's what he brings to our team: Honesty, perspective and balance.

In many respects he is our secret weapon as we attempt to rise to the challenges that remain this season.

He will keep us focused but try not to allow the external pressures of the media and public expectation affect our preparation.

I remember when he had a public fall-out with Robert Walls.

He put the dispute into perspective with a simple statement

"It's a game of footy," he said.

We just know we have to make every one count!

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!

Challenging week

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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The week leading up to the Rabbitohs' critical game against the Wests Tigers has consisted of a number of 'challenges' for myself and for the team as a whole.

Firstly, as I prepared for the major clash with the Sea Eagles at Telstra Stadium, there came news from Townsville that the NASCA Challenge had been an enormous success with more than 150 kids travelling from 30 schools all over north Queensland to participate.

I will report on the Challenge later in this article.

However, the news buoyed me as I prepared for my own personal challenge to come off the bench and make a difference in another critical game.

Many fans would have written us off at half-time, but the boys were quietly confident that we could rise to (you guessed it!) the challenge of coming from behind against one of the premiership favourites.

The euphoria of the crowd was matched by the commitment from the team that our season was far from over.

Any personal excitement I might have had quickly disappeared the next day when I found out that I had been cited over what is being described as a 'crusher tackle'.

I would like to take some time to discuss this episode because I believe there are some important lessons to be learnt by some of our young players coming through the ranks.

I was bitterly disappointed that I had been charged because I knew that I had no intent to injure Jamie Lyon in the tackle and I have always been an advocate of fair play.

It would have been easy for me to be critical of the review committee, but I knew they were only doing their job.

I decided to instead come out publicly and reaffirm my belief that any rule that was designed to minimise serious injury to players should be supported and place my faith in the appeals process.

Under the NRL rules, I had the right to challenge the charge and be judged by three former players.

As everybody knows, the panel supported my view that all the weight came from other players in the tackle and there was no intent on my part.

The point I would like to make is that if I had been found guilty, I would have accepted the decision because the process was fair and just.

Too often in junior sport, we see incidents of young players refusing to



The Torres Strait and North West teams before their NASCA Challenge rugby league grand final at Dairy Farmers Stadium, Townsville.

accept the decisions of officials and I know at times how easy this can be.

But I feel that we sometimes do not have enough faith in the system.

If the system is wrong, we can always change it, but in most cases, decisions are made to protect the best interests of the player.

I was relieved that I had not let my team-mates down and I can contribute to our campaign to reach the finals and beyond.

Now, on a more positive note, let us return to the NASCA Challenge.

The North Queensland Cowboys have influenced a future generation of champions through the NASCA Challenge for Indigenous communities held at Dairy Farmers Stadium last Saturday.

More than 150 primary-aged students (including 30 girls) represented 32 schools from communities as far away as Thursday Island, Hughenden and Weipa competed in the competition that also allowed them to meet some of their heroes.

The top two teams were North West and Torres Strait, who played the final as a curtain raiser on Dairy Farmers stadium with the final score 12-6 in favour of North West.

Both teams were afforded a lap of honour after the game with all 150 kids being given the opportunity to run on Dairy Farmers Stadium in the NASCA Relay at half-time of the Young Guns game.

The North West side (Healy SS, Sunset SS, Happy Valley SS, St Joseph's Primary, St Kiernan's Primary, Townview SS, Barkly SS, Cloncurry SS, Dajarra SS and Hughenden SS) may have been the eventual winners, but every student left feeling like a champion.

Speaking on return to Badu Island, in the Torres Strait, teacher David Bell praised the event, saying that it reinforced what the schools were trying to do with education and sport.

"Meeting with their heroes like Matt and Brenton Bowen, Jonathan Thurston and Carl Webb was the highlight," he said.



Matty Bowen surrounded by young fans at the NASCA Challenge at Dairy Farmers Stadium.

"To hear them talk about their personal stories was inspirational for our kids, particularly when they spoke about the other factors that determine success, including commitment to school.

"They were also thrilled to run onto Dairy Farmers Stadium and to see themselves on the big screen."

All students received a special package, including the Cowboys 'Making Choices For Champions' poster produced in conjunction with NASCA which now takes pride of place in the classrooms of the many Indigenous communities visited by the Cowboys.

Western Cape College teacher Rod Wasniak said the poster that encouraged positive choices was now a prized possession of the kids lucky enough to attend the Challenge.

"They all want the poster laminated and it's like getting blood from a stone if you try to borrow it from them," Wasniak said.

Like all his fellow teachers and community members attending the carnival, he appreciated the key values the Challenge reinforced.

"The whole experience was awesome," he concluded.

It is awesome to hear the impact the carnival had on all the kids - they are all champions!

● More pictures from the NASCA Challenge in our next edition.

In praise of Bowen



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"It is an absolute privilege to watch Matt Bowen play...." These were the words of television commentator and former Queensland and Australian representative Ben Ikin last Friday night as he watched another piece of 'Bowen magic' cast a spell on the hapless Knights' defence.

They are words that could have been used so many times in the past – the games against the Broncos, the Bulldogs and the Raiders in particular.

They are words that are destined to be used many times in the future.

They are words that North Queensland coach Graham Murray might have used in the recent match against the Panthers when he never lost faith.

But then again, why would he when he has two of the NRL's greatest match-winners in his side.

Jonathan Thurston and Bowen orchestrated one of the club's greatest comebacks when North Queensland scored three tries in the final eight minutes to steal a remarkable 30-26 golden-point win over Penrith.

The fact the Cowboys got home after trailing 26-16 with less than five minutes to play showed just how dangerous Murray's team will be come next month's finals.

"We just kept the faith and when you've players like JT and Matty, you know that something can be pulled out," Murray said.

"You know you're always in the contest, even when you're behind."

"You don't want to just reflect on those two guys, but they are that brilliant."

As great as some of the current players are – including his partner in crime Jonathan Thurston – it is my opinion that Bowen is the jewel in the NRL crown.

No other player has the same ability to create something from nothing.



Cowboys Matt Bowen attacks against the Dragons during the 2006 NRL Rugby League season at Wollongong. – AAP Image

No other player has the same capacity to bring fans from all sides to their feet to applaud his attacking prowess.

No other player appears to enjoy his football as much as this mercurial magician.

Football comes naturally to Bowen and thankfully, nobody has interfered with his innate talent.

North Queensland Coach Graham Murray is too astute to try to turn Bowen into an NRL clone.

He is also humble enough to acknowledge this rare talent.

In a recent article, he wrote about Matty's skills making him the genuine superstar that he is and that he was pleased that Bowen hadn't spent too much time reading coaching manuals.

"You can't coach those skills, but you don't want to coach them out of blokes either," he wrote. "You just have to let them do their own thing."

Murray's article focused on a visit he made with Bowen to Abergowrie College, where Matt first came to notice as a 14-year-old.

I remember the story of an acknowledged recruitment manager from a major Sydney club being 'tipped' about a young kid of exceptional talent.

"Too small" was his immediate assessment and these words still ring in his ears to this day!

Similar to Murray's trip to Abergowrie, I remember when Dean Widders went on a three-day tour with Bowen,

including a visit to the school.

I remember Widders laughing that he barely got three words out of Bowen on the trip!

But when the formalities of the Sportsman's Dinner was over, Bowen led the stampede to the ovals for a pick-up game of 30-a-side touch.

Bowen was in his element, displaying the same sublime skills that have bamboozled many an NRL defence.

And all the time there was that trademark Bowen grin as he beat the defence to score or set up another try.

Yet, as is the case with Scotty Prince in my last article, it is highly unlikely that Bowen will regain his Australian jersey for the end-of-season Test.

This will still be the case although all commentators will tell you that Bowen's defence this year has almost been as exceptional as his attack.

This is purely a case of discrimination based on size rather than race.

It is unlikely that the current-day selectors would choose a Clive Churchill or Les Johns in the Australian side.

As Preston Campbell found out, it does not pay to be 'the people's champion' when it comes to representative selection.

Like most other Aboriginal rugby league supporters, I will be cheering the resurgent Rabbitohs as they charge towards the finals for their first appearance since being re-

admitted to the competition.

However, I will be praying for the Cowboys to overcome their loss of key players to make an unlikely appearance in the grand final.

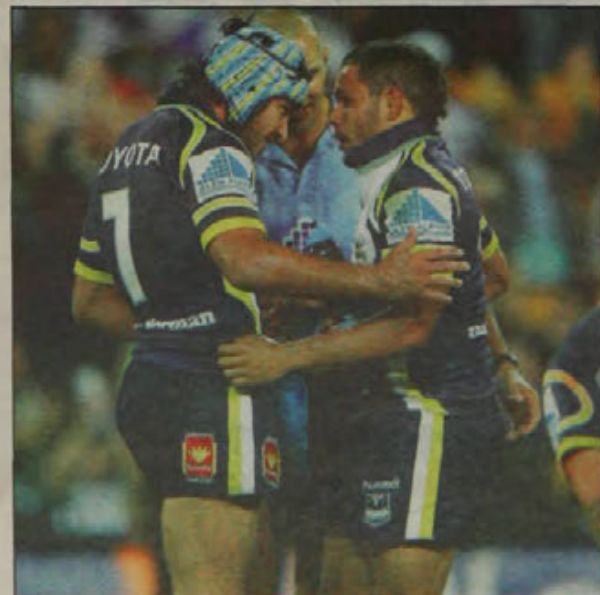
Anybody who saw the performance of Bowen and Thurston in the Reconciliation Cup match against the Bulldogs would not argue against their combined brilliance being rewarded with an appearance at

Telstra Stadium.

It would then be my ultimate dream that Bowen would take out the medal named in honour of the afore-mentioned Churchill as Man-of-the-Match.

This would make his selection in the Australian team a matter of credibility for the selectors.

If this is the only way that Bowen can force his way into the green and gold then, so be it! He deserves no less!



Jonathan Thurston and Matt Bowen during the match against the Bulldogs at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, last 25 May.

– Image by Colin Whelan © Action Photographics



Palmer a hero in Napranum

By ALF WILSON



Former Napranum rugby league forward Palmer Wapau has proven to be a star signing for Queensland Cup Rugby League competition leaders Redcliffe and has rejuvenated the sport at his remote Aboriginal Community.

The 25-year-old Wapau has also proven to be a role model for youths at the Napranum Aboriginal community near Weipa, in far north Queensland.

Wapau is quietly spoken but his unsung efforts received coverage on the ABC Radio football coverage on 2 June with respected commentator Warren Boland

interviewing Napranum physical education teacher Rod Whittle.

"Palmer comes back here after the football season and is a hero up here," Whittle said.

The 25-year-old Wapau was signed by the premiers Redcliffe after starring in 2006 for the Innisfail Leprechauns which won the strong Cairns rugby league competition.

The powerhouse prop was snapped up by Innisfail five years ago after being noticed shining for the Napranum Bulldogs at a Cairns All Blacks carnival.

Front rower Wapau was watched at that carnival by respected Townsville Aboriginal talent scout Kevin Aldridge who saw the big forward as a potential star of the game.

"He had all of the skills and earns respect in every game," Aldridge said.

The Koori Mail spoke to Whittle at Weipa's Cape Western College where he is a physical education teacher.

"The local footy up here is dormant but because of the efforts of Palmer, a team is training for the Torres Cup in October," he said. "Also, six Napranum lads competed at the Island of Origin Series on Badu Island over the Queensland's Birthday weekend."

Whittle was involved with Palmer while he was an ARL development officer from 2002 to 2004.

He also paid tribute to Jason Nixon, who has been a driving force behind the rejuvenation of league at Napranum.

Napranum footballer Palmer Wapau is proving to be a cut above the rest.



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Exhibition highlights Goories in sport



FROM Aboriginal cricketer Sam Anderson, who caught out Don Bradman for a duck, to boxing champion Tony Mundine, the NSW Northern Rivers has produced a long line of prominent Indigenous sports people.

And now the search is on for photographs, sporting clothes, trophies and other memorabilia for an exhibition highlighting their achievements.

The Richmond River Historical Society, in conjunction with Southern Cross University, is holding an exhibition 'Goories playing sport' to coincide with the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Lismore over the October long weekend.

Dr Adele Wessell, Southern Cross University historian, said they were looking for people in the region, from Tweed Heads to Grafton, to loan or donate material for the exhibition.

Dr Wessell will also be working with students and colleagues John McPherson, Jo Kijas, Leonie Lane and Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples to record the stories of Indigenous people.

Many Aboriginal people achieved sporting success without the luxury of sports facilities or specialist training and in the face of blatant racism.

"One of the common themes we have found is community and family support, and sport was very important in strengthening these things," Dr Wessell said.

"Sport also provided a means of social mobility for Indigenous people," Dr Wessell said while some of the Indigenous sports people were known nationally, there were often few photographs or memorabilia.

Call goes out for young cricketers



ORGANISERS are on the lookout for talented Indigenous junior cricketers to play against Barker College, Sydney.

The college has invited a NSW Indigenous XI to play a 50-over match at the college on 3 October.

Russel Grimson, Indigenous Program Co-ordinator, Metropolitan Cricket Officer, Sydney East, says some players have been identified as potential members of the team.

He named Faren Lamb, of Gunnedah, and Condobolin boys Cameron Richards and Coedie Sloane as likely players.

But Grimson is on the lookout for more boys in the 15-18-year age group.

He can be contacted on 9339 0915 or mobile 0425 295 551 or fax 9360 6877.

Hodges signs with Broncos



RUGBY league Test and Origin centre Justin Hodges will remain with the Brisbane club until the end of the

2011 NRL season after signing with the premiers for another four years.

Hodges, who returned to the Broncos from the Sydney Roosters two seasons ago on a budget basement deal, had his terms significantly upgraded.

Negotiations have gone on for several months and Brisbane chief executive Bruno Cullen has confirmed the deal has finally been signed off.

He is widely regarded as one of the game's premier centres.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

'I'll be back': Choc



ANTHONY Mundine is out of hospital and has vowed to return to the boxing ring as he continues to fight a serious eye infection.

The WBA super middleweight world champion had spent 10 days in hospital after picking up the infection cleaning a contact lens with his mouth and putting it back in his eye during a recent trip to New Zealand.

His doctor still believes Mundine will lose some vision in his left eye, which would put his professional boxing career in major doubt, but the 32-year-old is determined to continue to fight.

"I've fought adversity all my life. I've

fought injustice, I've fought the best fighters in the world, but this is my hardest fight," Mundine told the Nine Network.

"The vision is still blurry. I can see things but it's blurry.

"(But) I ain't done yet. Believe in me and pray for me and I will be back, God willing."

Mundine regained the WBA world title after knocking out compatriot Sam Soliman in Sydney in March and defended it against Argentine Pablo Daniel Zamora Nieves on the Gold Coast two months ago.

It was believed Mundine was in line to fight the winner of this year's unification bout between unbeaten

super middleweights Mikkel Kessler and Joe Calzaghe, to be held in November.

But Dr John Males said it would be some time before the full extent of the damage to Mundine's eye was known.

He has been taking antibiotics to fight the infection.

"I still think it's likely he'll lose a degree of vision in the eye," Dr Males said.

"But it's very hard to say and we won't really know for weeks or possibly even months."

Mundine, who struggled while in hospital with his inability to train and remain active, wants to resume training as soon as possible. —AAP



Anthony 'The Man' Mundine

Chong a late bloomer Beijing: Here comes Mills



ZINIFEX Century mine operator and recent boxing convert Michael Chong is the new national Indigenous amateur boxing champion in the 60kg division.

He took the title at the Touloug 2 Challenge at the Broncos Leagues Club, Brisbane, on 27 July.

Winners at the tournament became members of the Australian Indigenous boxing team and will tour Fiji.

Despite having had only three fights prior to the titles, Chong's raw talent secured him an invitation to represent the Gulf region.

Supporters say his win is even more amazing considering he was entirely self-trained, apart from some last-minute

professional input the week before the fight.

At the age of 30, Chong is a latecomer to boxing, but his mates say he is loaded with raw talent.

"I believe I won on sheer guts and determination. The other guy was definitely fitter and a more polished performer than me," Chong said when he returned to work.

Cairns resident Chong identifies as a Waanyi man, and will be representing the Waanyi and the Gulf at the Guruguneemynina tournament in Suva, Fiji, in October.

The tournament will bring together the best Indigenous boxers Australia and Fiji have to offer, many with Commonwealth and Olympic Games aspirations.

Century Mine Acting General

Manager Jeff Innes said: "We were all thrilled to hear about Michael's win. He's a real self-starter and he's shown everyone here what can happen if you train hard enough for long enough."

"We're all very proud of him — he's a great ambassador for the Gulf country and Century."

Chong drives a water truck in the mine's pit.

● The Century mine is a large open cut zinc and lead mine in north-west Queensland. It is about 250 kilometres north by north-west of Mount Isa with associated concentrate handling and ship loading facilities at Karumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Twenty per cent of employees at the mine are Indigenous.

● From back page

"He's exciting for our sport."

Mills is off to the United States this week.

The 181cm guard has earned a four-year scholarship with division one school St Mary's College in California, a path he hopes will ultimately lead him to the NBA.

He is highly rated by St Mary's, described as 'a true point guard that possesses outstanding quickness with excellent ball-handling skills' on the college's website.

Mills knows the Olympic qualifying series is a big step up, but he simply plans to keep doing what he's been doing.

If his rapid rise is any indication, that should be more than enough to ensure future success.

"I've just got to do what I did on the Europe tour, which is bring energy off the bench," he said.

"(Goorjian) mentioned to me the importance of bringing energy when I come on, push the ball and get up the court defensively and put pressure on the other guards."

"I managed to get that done and that's what I've got to do against the Kiwis. It all comes down to this," — AAP

He's something special: Skipper



AUSTRALIAN skipper Sam Mackinnon says exciting teenage newcomer Patrick Mills is an exception to the rule that size matters in basketball.

An electrifying guard, set to play college ball in the US after the current series, Mills has caught the eye against the Tall Blacks.

He posted 17 points in Sydney last Wednesday night when the Boomers booked their ticket to Beijing with a 93-67 win in game two.

"He's very explosive. It's worthwhile coming out to see him because once he goes to college, you want see much of him for a few years," said Mackinnon.

Mackinnon said Mills' relative lack of height at 181cm would not hold him back.

"He's an exception. He can jump, he's strong. I won't talk about NBA stuff yet, just watch him and enjoy him."

"He's something we haven't seen before and he's definitely worth coming out to watch along with another youngster, David Andersen."

Mills' idol, apart from his uncle, is rugby league coach Wayne Bennett.

The people he most admires are Bennett and his Brisbane Broncos captain Darren Lockyer and his favourite piece of clothing is his Broncos jersey. —AAP

Dubbo to host Indigenous athletics



THE popular Cathy Peachey Indigenous athletics

carnival is on again at Barden Park, Dubbo, on Sunday 23 September.

Run by NSW Sport and Recreation, the carnival is for children and youth aged from six to 18 and features a broad range of athletic events.

"Last year's carnival attracted 250 participants, which was great to see," said Sport and Recreation

Aboriginal Development officer Ronny Gibbs.

"This was a big increase on previous years."

"Already there's been a lot of interest for the event and we are expecting to increase that figure by at least one-third this year."

Mr Gibbs said he was expecting participants from across New South Wales, including Wilcannia, Walgett, Brewarrina and Broken Hill, to attend.

"Last year we had athletes from Broken Hill take part and

I'm hoping we can cast the net further afield this year," Mr Gibbs said.

"There will be medals for participants who come first, second or third, and ribbons for all other participants, as well as age champion presentation for male and female for each age group."

"Judging by last year's performances, it's going to be another terrific round of competition — I urge everyone to make note of 23 September and get to Dubbo."

The day will start with a free breakfast for all participants at 7am, with athletic events kicking off at 8am. Participants will also be provided with lunch. There will be a canteen operating so spectators will be able to purchase refreshments.

All participants should complete an enrolment form prior to the event. For enrolment forms or further information, contact NSW Sport and Recreation's Dubbo office on (02) 6884 6483.

Koori netballers, register now!



NSW Sport and Recreation is urging keen Indigenous netballers to get on board for what promises to be the

biggest event of its type yet in the Hunter region — the Koori Netball Tournament.

It will be held in Newcastle on 19-20 October.

"Registrations are open for this highly popular event," said Peter Britt, NSW Sport and Recreation's Northern Regional Manager.

"More than 200 netballers took part in last year's hugely successful tournament. They came from Dubbo, Armidale,

Sydney, and from as far north as the Macleay Valley.

"This year we are hoping to attract Indigenous netballers from all around NSW."

Mr Britt said the tournament, now in its ninth year, provided an excellent opportunity for lovers of netball to get active and participate in a competitive and social event with other Indigenous people.

"It's also a great place for junior players to showcase their talents," he said.

"As a special feature, I am pleased to announce that NSW Sport and

Recreation is offering a course in sports taping on the first day of the event.

"We'd encourage interested coaches, managers and players to make the most of this course which helps minimise the risk of injury."

The tournament will be held at the Charlestown Netball Complex. It will involve three categories: Juniors, seniors and mixed teams, which will enable as many Indigenous people as possible to participate.

● For more information and registration forms, phone NSW Sport and Recreation's Newcastle office on (02) 4926 1633.



Peter Argent takes a look at how Indigenous players are performing into the run-up to the AFL semi-finals

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Beijing: Here he comes



TEENAGER Patrick Mills long dreamed of earning selection in the Australian men's basketball team, but he always felt the 2008 Olympic Games were too soon to be a realistic goal.

That has all changed in the past month.

Not only has the 19-year-old point guard firmed as a likely choice if Australia reaches Beijing, last week he played a major role in last week's crucial Olympic qualifying series against New Zealand.

The son of an Aboriginal mother and Torres Strait Islander father, Mills was selected to join the Boomers on last month's European tour as part of an Indigenous talent identification program run by the Australian Sports

Commission and Basketball Australia.

The idea was to give Mills a taste of the senior international game.

He impressed coach Brian Goorjian so much that he was selected last week as part of the 12-man Australian team that faced the Kiwis in the vital three-game series which began in Melbourne last Monday week.

The series continued in Sydney and Brisbane.

"I'm over the moon still and trying to let it all sink in," Mills said as he prepared to join the Boomers.

"There's a lot of excitement through the family at the moment and I'm just really looking forward to next week.

"Growing up playing basketball I always wanted to represent my country at a senior level, but no way did I expect it would come this early.

"I didn't even think about the next

Olympics either, just some time after that, so it's all been a big shock."

Mills has some outstanding basketball pedigree.

His uncle is Danny Morsey, a member of the NBL Hall of Fame and a pioneer in the local game who played in the St Kilda side that won the league's first two championships after it was established in 1979.

Prior to Mills, Morsey - who played for Australia at two Olympics (1980 and 1984) - was one of only two Indigenous players to represent the Boomers, along with Michael Ah Matt, who played at the 1964 Games.

Just last month Mills was guiding Australia's fortunes at the under-19 world championships in Serbia, averaging 14.9 points and 4.6 assists as the Emus finished fifth.

Having just turned 19, Mills formed a three-guard rotation - along with veteran Darnell Mee and Sydney King Luke Kendall - against the Tall Blacks.

"We've established three guards who are different," Goorjian said.

"Pat Mills is a buzzsaw who can push the ball, you've got an experienced, big guard in Darnell and then a guy who understands the system in Kendall.

"Patrick Mills joined us on the European tour and gave the team more and was further along than I anticipated.

"He was a real positive inclusion.

"He's still got a lot to learn and this is a whole different level of basketball for him, but he's explosive, skilled and fearless.

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Our first Indigenous Australian basketballer announces Mills the next leader

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Patrick Mills in action for the Australian Boomers against the New Zealand Tall Blacks in the first of three Olympic qualifying matches last week. This game was played in Melbourne and was followed by further matches in Sydney and Brisbane.

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