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The Dally double for Thurston



HOW good is this bloke! For the second time in three years, Jonathan Thurston won the Dally M medal in the National Rugby League competition.

Named captain of the North Queensland Cowboys earlier this year, Thurston polled an amazing 13 votes in the final five rounds to overtake Wests Tigers hooker Robbie Farah in the final game to win the Player of the Year award.

Thurston trailed Farah by two votes heading into the last round but produced a man of the match performance in the 38-32 win over the Bulldogs to take his second medal.

The Australian Test representative was also named Halfback of the Year at the awards night, held in Sydney.

The Prime Minister, John Howard, last week took a break from APEC commitments to present the medal, which is judged by former international players and a group of senior rugby league writers who allocate votes on a 3-2-1 basis.

Thurston said after the awards that he would love to cap the 2007 season by hoisting the NRL trophy aloft on 30 September at Telstra Stadium.

A new voice?

By DARREN COYNE

ABORIGINAL community representatives from around Australia are gathering in Alice Springs this week in the first tentative steps towards establishing a national representative body.

They are also hoping to find agreement on the thrust of any united lobbying in the lead-up to the next Federal election.

The 12-14 September national summit, which has been organised by the Combined Aboriginal Organisations of the Northern Territory, will focus not only on the controversial intervention in the NT, but also on issues affecting Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander people throughout the country.

CAO co-ordinator Olga Havnen said the purpose was to re-engage with the Federal Government at an individual and organisational level.

Since the Federal Government intervention was announced, the Government has been widely criticised for what has been perceived as a lack of

consultation with Indigenous people.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has shrugged off that criticism, saying he has consulted with 'people on the ground'.

Pat Turner, CEO of the National Indigenous Television service and a former CEO of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, has been

especially critical of Mr Brough's measures, and believes now is the time for Indigenous Australians to unite.

"It will be a body for, by and about Aboriginal people. We will be looking to produce evidence-based policy rather than short-sighted politically convenient

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Special Koori Mail feature report



Family waits for a miracle

This is Michael Duddy as he was two years ago, before the then-20-year-old Aboriginal man from southern Queensland took a decision that would have a catastrophic impact on his life and those of his family. In this edition, Koori Mail Editor Kirstie Parker meets Michael and his courageous family who, despite their ongoing struggles, are still hoping for a miracle. See pages 36-39 for Michael's story, one that every Australian family should read.



Brown Sugar's crack at pro boxing title

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Arlene Bolt (centre) with her daughters Letisha, 21, and Christina, 20, at the Lismore Cinema showing of the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival last week.

This photo is of me and my daughters Letisha, 21, and Christina, 20. We're Bundjalung people from the Northern Rivers area of New South Wales. I have two other daughters; Karina, 18, and Melanie, 19. We're all pretty close although only the two oldest girls are living at home with me nowadays.

This photo was taken at the Lismore Cinema showing of the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival. We loved the films we saw but we really wanted to see a film called *A Sister's Love* about Rhoda Roberts, who is also Bundjalung and from around here, about the death of her twin sister Lois. But the film was on the night before we went so we'll have to find another way to see it, it sounds very important. I know most of the people who grew up with Rhoda and Lois.

I'm 41. I was born in Ballina and grew up

around Cabbage Tree Island and then the Sawtell and Coffs Harbour area. We moved back from Coffs about three years ago. I just wanted to come home. My two brothers and sisters still live down Coffs Harbour and Sawtell way though. My mum June and dad Victor have passed away now.

The Bolts are a big family and we're related to the Morans too. As a family, me and my girls go to the movies and concerts, stuff like that. We've had our fair share of challenges, including racism, but we just try to support each other as much as we can. If anyone ever tried to hurt my girls, they'd need to look out. I'm proud that my daughters are well-mannered and just beautiful girls. They're well-liked by everyone round our local community too. In the future, I hope that they get good jobs and good husbands and live happy lives...

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OUR CHILDREN



Youngsters check out the TAFE hairdressing stall at the annual Palm Island Jobs Expo last Thursday. The event aims to give local children insight in potential future careers. See our next edition for more photos from the event. Photo by ALF WILSON

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President George Bush meets Aboriginal artist Cathymanka Marika, right, as Gapala Yunupingu looks on during a visit to the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney last Thursday. AAP image

Call me Dubya...

DIPLOMACY versus demonstration. Indigenous Australians tried both approaches when they met US President George W Bush in Sydney last week during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit.

At the National Maritime Museum last Thursday, Mr Bush met Aboriginal dancers who performed for him and, at the end of the show, dancer Djambawa Marawili spoke to him about the Howard Government's intervention in Northern Territory Indigenous communities.

However, Mr Bush just shook Mr Marawili's hand before moving on without comment.

After the President's departure, Mr Marawili, from Arnhem Land in the NT, said he felt it was important to talk to Mr Bush about the situation.

"Intervention is coming up into this world but isn't really clear to us for my rights," he told reporters.

"Mr Bush should understand I think, I'm talking English ... Mr Bush, he heard the message."

Sydney-based activist Jakalene X wasn't nearly as diplomatic, taking part in an earlier demonstration against continued US involvement in the Middle East.

"I'm certainly not happy that George Bush is here," she told the Koori Mail. "I would not shake his hand unless he did a couple of things like ended the Iraq war, stopped civilians dying, signed the Kyoto Protocol and more."

"I don't welcome a war criminal into Australia."

Meanwhile, a national survey suggested last week that Mr Bush's vocal support of Prime Minister John Howard was likely to backfire.

Australians told pollsters that Mr Howard's backing of Bush policies on climate change and Iraq hurt Australia's international reputation more than it helped.



Anti-Bush protesters including Jakalene X (with megaphone) shout slogans during a demonstration in Sydney last Tuesday. AAP image

Election looming



INDIGENOUS Australians are being urged to ensure they're on the electoral roll for the upcoming

Federal election.

Tom Stephens, Member for Central Kimberley-Pilbara in WA, said it was important that all voters were correctly enrolled.

"As we know there is a strong prospect that the Federal election could be called any time now," Mr Stephens said last week.

"To have your say, make sure that you are on the electoral roll at your correct address."

"If you are going on the electoral roll for the first time you need to do this now before the election is called. Particularly if you live in a regional area or remote location because your completed enrolment claim card needs to be with the Australian Electoral Commission office by 8pm on the day the election writs are issued."

"That can be within 24 hours of the election being called."

To make matters worse, you're

not informed if you've been taken off the electoral roll for some reason – such as if a piece of mail addressed to you from the AEC gets returned to sender – so many people do not find out until they turn up on election day, only to be denied their vote.

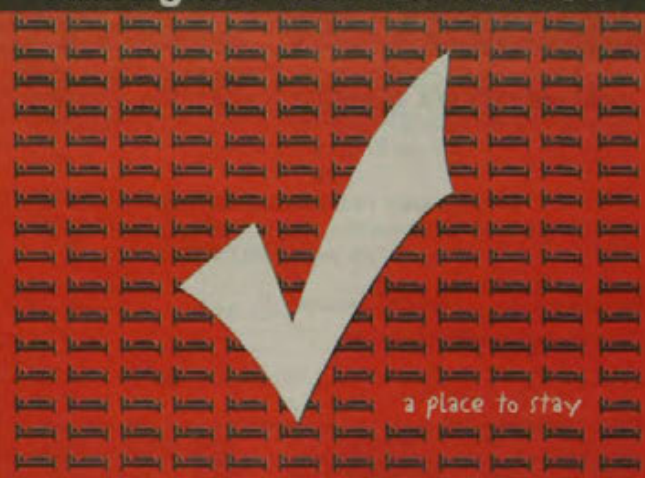
A spokesperson said the AEC had a targeted communication plan in place for Indigenous audiences focusing on enrolment and voting.

"The AEC has Community Electoral Information Officers (CEIOs) who actively visit communities across Australia encouraging Indigenous people to enrol and vote," she said.

"The AEC also has an advertising campaign which has been adapted for Indigenous audiences and includes translations into some Indigenous languages."

As well, remote polling will be operating in the weeks leading up to the election to ensure everyone has a chance to vote. To check that you are on the roll, go on-line at the following web address: <https://oevf.aec.gov.au/verifyenrolment.aspx> or phone 132326.

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From left, NT Local Government and Central Australia Minister Elliot McAdam, NT Chief Minister Clare Martin, CLC Chairman Lindsay Bookie and CLC Executive member Maxie Ray sign off on the ILUA watched by CLC lawyer Steve Quinn, and native title holders Pat Brahm and Carol Fitz Slade.



Chief Minister Clare Martin congratulates Mrs Fitz (in blue shirt) and other Tennant Creek native title holders. Photos courtesy of the CLC

Native title recognised over Tennant Creek



Native title has been upheld over one of Australia's most famous outback towns, Tennant Creek, marking the first time a claim has been made over a whole town.

It was also the first time a native title determination had been made by consent rather than litigation.

On a sandy red floor under a makeshift tent at Tennant Creek, the Federal Court last Monday recognised the Patta Warumungu people's eight-year battle for country.

Justice John Mansfield handed down his determination and an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) was signed immediately afterwards by the Patta Warumungu people, the NT Government and the Central Land Council (CLC).

The judge praised all parties for avoiding a 'lengthy and costly' trial.

"The event is important because it marks a significant milestone ... in the court's strategy for dealing with native title claims," he said.

The claim covers 65 per cent of the township — or 42.1 square kilometres including the Tennant Creek Watercourse — and involves 200 people from seven families.

They now have non-exclusive native title rights to live on, travel over and access the land, including hunting, gathering, taking natural resources and conducting ceremonies.

Local elder Kathleen Fitz, 87, said the claim had massive implications for her people.

"A long time we have been waiting around for country," she said.

Compensation involves the granting of freehold title over some residential and industrial blocks, a commitment by the NT Government to create a park at the Devil's Pebbles and a \$250,000 education trust fund for local Aboriginal children to further their education.

"If we just give them a little bit of support and assistance they will be able to get there," Ms Fitz's daughter Kathleen said of the five kids already earmarked for university and college studies in nursing, science and sport.

She said the day was an emotional time for her ageing mother, who had seen sisters and cousins pass away during the fight for recognition.

"This is tough for her," she said.

Federal Labor MP Warren Snowdon said native title was about respect and rights.

"It is a bit of an irony I suspect for some that we

have the Federal Government compulsorily acquiring land and we have the NT Government handing land back," he told the gathering at Tennant Creek.

NT Chief Minister Clare Martin said the federal intervention to combat child sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities would have no impact on the claim.

"It is a historic day for the Warumungu people, it is a historic day for the town of Tennant Creek and I believe for our country," she said.

"Today's outcome shows the power of negotiation over litigation."

Other native title claims have been successfully made over parts of towns in central Australia such as Alice Springs.

Justice Mansfield found the Aboriginal people of Tennant Creek had demonstrated an ongoing relationship with the land which he said 'forms the backbone of their culture and way of life'.

CLC Director David Ross congratulated the native title holders and the NT Government for their common sense in coming to an agreement.

"There have been no lengthy and costly court battles and a consent determination and an ILUA forged with goodwill is the best outcome anyone could expect from the native title process," Mr Ross said.

He also paid tribute to the many claimants who passed away during the process.

"They spent a good part of their lives battling so that the young people of Tennant Creek today can enjoy a better future."

National Native Title Tribunal President Graeme Neate said the negotiations about the Patta Warumungu peoples' native title rights and interests showed that when mediation was approached with good will positive results for all parties could be achieved.

"This is the first native title determination in the Northern Territory to be fully reached through a negotiated agreement rather than litigation. It is a significant achievement, particularly as it involved land in a town," he said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma also congratulated the Patta Warumungu people.

"It is not just the recognition of traditional owners' native title rights that is to be welcomed here, but also the fact that we can see how mediation approached with goodwill can deliver a win-win result for all involved," he said. —AAP with Koori Mail staff reporters.

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50-year struggle ends in triumph

Miriuwung Gajerrong people get back their land

By Perth correspondent
KEN BOASE



THE Miriuwung Gajerrong people of the Kimberley region of Western Australia have won a significant area of their land back

as part of a deal signed two years ago with the WA Government.

The 50,000ha area of land, known as Yardungarri, is north-east of Kununurra, on the WA-NT border, and is home to eight communities who fought the WA and Federal governments for land rights after part of their homelands were flooded by Lake Argyle in the 1970s.

The area was given to the Miriuwung Gajerrong people on a 50-year lease in the 1970s, but in 2005, the WA Government agreed to give back the land as freehold title, the largest land handback in modern WA history.

WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper, who attended the official handback ceremony on 31 August, said the Yardungarri handover was part of a \$56-million Ord Final Agreement between the State Government and the Miriuwung Gajerrong people.

The agreement, signed in October 2005, resolves native title and heritage issues over 65,000ha of East Kimberley land, paving the way for the expansion of the Ord irrigation project and other agricultural, commercial and residential developments.

It also includes the transfer of



Miriuwung Gajerrong traditional owners Marjorie Brown and Dennis Ward: "We fought the Government and they gave the traditional owners a 50-year lease... we are happy to get our land back freehold."

land valued at about \$15 million to the Miriuwung Gajerrong people over the next 10 years.

"This is a very important area of land, one that the State Government has long recognised as having both traditional and emotional significance for the Miriuwung Gajerrong people," said Mr Ripper.

"In the late 1960s, a lot of surrounding land was flooded when the Argyle Dam was built, and many Miriuwung Gajerrong people lost their homes, traditional hunting grounds and sites of significance.

"This freehold grant will not wipe out the past, but it will mean that the Miriuwung Gajerrong people have control over their future."

Elder Marjorie Brown said it was very significant and

important to the Yardungarri traditional owners to be given total control once again over their country, and to be given back their land.

"All our old people have died and gone so it's the next generation taking over to look after the country," Ms Brown said.

"Yardungarri was given back to my people on a 50-year lease, back in the 1970s after being removed from Lake Argyle and Argyle Station.

"We fought the Government and they gave the traditional owners a 50-year lease on Yardungarri, which ran out a couple of years ago so we are happy to get our land back freehold.

"It's important for the people, now they have native title, to start businesses on the land, it's

not for sale, it's for traditional owners to start businesses with other parties on this part of the country and we are very pleased and happy."

Dennis Ward, son of Elder Ben Ward, said the freehold title status would open up many economic opportunities for his people.

"It's going to give us more chances for jobs, to start up our own businesses in town, give us opportunity to make it good for our young people," he said.

"It will give us opportunity on our land, for work, businesses and to do our law and culture on the land and make sure it's there for when our kids grow up."



WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper: "This freehold grant will not wipe out the past, but it will mean that the Miriuwung Gajerrong people have control over their future."

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Wakmatha's ship comes in

Bauxite ore carriers named after Cape York Aboriginal legends



ON Queensland's Cape York in the 1950s, Aboriginal man Wakmatha was regarded by many of his people as a man of vision, a teacher and a great fisherman.

He has passed away now, but a new and very big visible reminder will ensure that the memory of his spirit lives on in an unusual way.

In 1955, Wakmatha, along with George Wilson (Piramu), and publican Lea Wassell, assisted geologist Harry Evans with the commercial discovery of bauxite on Cape York.

The discovery led to the beginning of Comalco, now Rio Tinto Aluminium.

Last week in Weipa, members of Wakmatha's family were amongst local Aboriginal people who welcomed Rio Tinto Aluminium's new bauxite ore carrier ship, the Rio Tinto Marine (RTM) Wakmatha, to Weipa's Lorin Point.

The ship was named after Wakmatha to recognise the important role he played in the discovery. It will carry bauxite from Weipa to Rio Tinto Aluminium's Yarwun refinery and Queensland Alumina Limited in Gladstone.

Thelma Coconut, family member and Western Cape Communities Co-existence Agreement (WCCCA) representative, described Wakmatha as a great inspiration to his people.

"He was a man of vision and dreams and

always hoping for bigger and better things to happen. Now he has returned in spirit form as a big boat, not to finish his work, but to continue," she said.

Rio Tinto Aluminium (RTA) General Manager Commercial, Simon Wensley, said the occasion was very important for Rio Tinto Aluminium, and part of reconciliation.

"I hope that the arrival and departure of RTM Wakmatha regularly from our port helps us all remember the important role Wakmatha has played in our community and the lives of many people," he said.

Thanakupi, a close relative of Wakmatha, Elder and artist, thanked RTA for accepting and respecting Wakmatha's work and the time he spent there.

A second ship to be named RTM Piramu, after George Wilson, and a new tugboat to be named after Harry Evans are being built.

East Weipa operations manager Zara Fisher said the Wakmatha – and Piramu to come – would mean a great deal to her and to other people in the Cape.

"They will remind me, whenever they are tied up here, how much the history of this company is tied up with the history of Aboriginal people in this area. It is really one history not two histories," she said.



The Wik Dancers performed as part of the Wakmatha welcome ceremony in Weipa last week.



From left, two of Wakmatha's great grandchildren, Reggie Miller and Lizzy Miller, with traditional owner Stanley Coconut Wathyn, who was also a long-time employee of RTA before he retired.

Ban the booze: Fitzroy survival at stake

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



TWO senior members of the Marninwarrtikura Women's Resource Centre in Fitzroy Crossing have spent a week in Perth lobbying Government ministers and senior police for a 12-month takeaway alcohol ban in the troubled Kimberley community.

Fitzroy Crossing women want a State parliamentary inquiry into the social and economic impact on the 4000-strong town since two liquor outlets were acquired there in 1988 through a partnership between the Federal Government and a locally controlled business.

The women, belonging to the Bunuba, Gooniyandi, Walmajarri and Wangkajunga, have written to WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts, asking for such an inquiry to be conducted by the Standing Committee on Education and Health. Chairperson of the Marninwarrtikura Women's Resource Centre in Fitzroy Crossing, Emily Carter, said Fitzroy Crossing women were concerned about various issues but the main issue was around alcohol and its negative impacts on the community.

"The women decided that they wanted to make a stand and call on the Premier to help us in a moratorium to stop the takeaway sale of alcohol in Fitzroy Crossing," Ms Carter said.

"We've spoken to Michelle Roberts to gain her support and push our cause further and we also met with the Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan to get his support and give him some background information on what we're experiencing as a community.

"He was very supportive. As he put it, the community needs a circuit breaker."

Marninwarrtikura Chief Executive Officer June Oscar said alcohol was destroying the Fitzroy Crossing community.



Marninwarrtikura Women's Resource Centre CEO June Oscar (left) with Chairperson Emily Carter in Perth for a series of meetings calling for a 12-month ban on the sale of takeaway alcohol in Fitzroy Crossing.

"The problem arises in other situations, whether it's health, policing, crisis accommodation for women and children escaping domestic violence, and our children who are being born severely affected by alcohol," Ms Oscar said.

"It's an issue for us as Aboriginal people for our cultural survival and the people who will carry our generations and thousands of years of knowledge into the future.

"It's a very frightening situation for us because we're wondering how our languages can survive and how we can survive as a people.

"What we're asking for is 12 months to suspend the sale of takeaway alcohol in our community and for our community to be

supported in assessing the health and well-being of our community in that 12 months to see exactly where the needs are and where resources should be directed."

Ms Oscar conceded there were fears that alcohol could be brought into the community from other sources if the takeaway ban went ahead.

"That issue has been discussed in many public forums and sly grogging is an activity that happens, but we feel that a 12-month ban will make the sly groggers a lot more visible and that's where the role of the police is very important because it's illegal to traffic in alcohol."

Votes have been taken at several community meetings on the alcohol ban,

but the motion has been defeated each time.

"We understand who the people are who are opposing the ban and it's mostly people who have been able to maintain a certain lifestyle or habit and then there are those who drink moderately," Ms Oscar said.

"We're not saying that you can't have a drink, but we're saying that people should be responsible for their drinking and they should be able to drink in a safe and secure environment and be served responsibly.

"The onus is on the people who drink and whose drinking is having a negative impact on those who don't drink, like the little children and the unborn babies and the old people and the women and the other people who live in the community.

"What about their rights? What about their right to be able to live free of fear and to have a quiet and peaceful life and to be able to sleep at night?"

The WA Liquor Licensing Commission is considering the 12-month takeaway alcohol ban and the WA Coroner is due to begin an official inquiry this month into the deaths of 13 young people over the past year, many of which, it is claimed, were alcohol-related suicides.

Ms Oscar said that the Government must listen to the concerns of the community and act on them.

"There's been a lot of talk about the Northern Territory intervention being something that's imposed on those communities, but we'd like to think that we are a community that is offering this State Government an opportunity to work with us on some real challenging issues," she said.

"The issues are not going to go away and they'll become more challenging if the Government does not act."

Mixed reaction to Tiwi 99-year lease



THE signing of Australia's first 99-year lease on the Tiwi Islands has been lamented by some and celebrated by others.

Traditional owners on the islands north of Darwin on 30 August signed over the township of Nguiu to a commonwealth authority in exchange for \$5 million and 25 new houses.

The agreement was welcomed by the Tiwi Land Council (TLC) and hailed as a landmark occasion by the Federal Government, which hopes the lease is the first of many.

Walter Kerinauia, a senior traditional landowner, said the agreement – designed to result in economic investment in the community and private home ownership – marked a new beginning for all Tiwi.

"The Mantiyupwi land owners are proud to have made history today," Mr Kerinauia said in a statement issued by the Tiwi Land Council (TLC). "It will ensure we are full partners in the future development of Nguiu..."

"The benefits we have negotiated will be shared by all Tiwi, and not restricted to the traditional owners."

Mr Kerinauia said the immediate benefits were the opportunity to build private homes to be financed by the Home Ownership on Indigenous Land Program.

"The lease arrangements also make it commercially possible for Tiwi people to negotiate loans and open a business in Nguiu," he said.

"I want all Tiwi and our children to look forward to a better future."

Mr Kerinauia said negotiations with the government had not been easy.

"We had to stand our ground on a number of issues, such as insisting that the lease conditions restricted the non-Tiwi population of Nguiu to 15 per cent," he said.

The TLC said the agreement followed



Marion Scrymgour

more than 50 meetings over three years and 11 days of discussions and consultation.

Middletons law firm partner Sebastian Greene, who helped broker the deal, said the process had been exhaustive and democratic.

"Obviously there are political and local sensitivities around this issue, and the Tiwi Land Council was very diligent in running its town meetings and informing the traditional land owners throughout the process," he said.

"Despite the distractions of applications for court injunctions and media attacks, they remained on course because they saw the long-term benefits available to the residents of Nguiu."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said the signing would pave the way for a new era of opportunity for the local

community, and augured well for similar agreements elsewhere in the Territory.

"This is the first 99 year lease agreement and I'm sure it will pave the way for similar agreements across the Northern Territory where communities want to take control of their own future," he said.

"We are already working towards a similar agreement in Galiwin'ku (on Elcho Island)."

"As a result of this agreement, people in Nguiu will, for the first time be able to strive towards things that most Australians take for granted – the right to own their own home and attract investment for businesses."

Rocky road to deal

But the path to the signing of a head lease over Nguiu has been rocky.

NT Family and Community Services Minister Marion Scrymgour, also a Tiwi Islander, told the NT Parliament the signing was a sad occasion that ended 'a long saga' that had split her community.

"The last two years on the issue of the 99-year lease has certainly divided my people like no other issue has ever divided us," she said.

Ms Scrymgour also hinted that unorthodox processes had been used to achieve the outcome.

"I have seen the aftermath of many meetings when people have been threatened and totally intimidated," she said.

"Non-Indigenous people who have lived over there for a long time, non-Tiwis, were taken into rooms and told that they weren't to provide any advice or talk to Tiwis in relation to these 99-year leases."

"They were threatened that their contracts would be revoked and they would be sent off the island."

Ms Scrymgour acknowledged that her

people needed to move forward and 'change things'.

"But when you see a project that has been fraught with problems and the process is so wrong that it excludes people, as the local member and as a Tiwi, I have every right to question. It is disappointing, it is sad."

The Tiwi Islands' local government chief executive Lawrence Costa said the community was shocked by the signing.

"Pretty disappointed, actually, that we weren't told about it and other people in the community weren't told about it," he told ABC Radio.

"My understanding is that even the chairperson of the land council wasn't fully aware of the signing."

Fellow Tiwi Islander Adam Kerinauia will learn later this week the amount he'll be liable to pay the Tiwi Land Council for court costs.

Last month, Mr Kerinauia was unsuccessful in gaining a NT Supreme Court injunction against the agreement proceeding. He had claimed that some islanders were bribed to agree to the agreement and others had their signatures forged on related documents but Justice Stephen Southwood found there was not enough evidence to substantiate the claims.

The TLC is believed to be undecided if they'll pursue Mr Kerinauia over whatever court costs ultimately are decided.

Federal Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokeswoman Jenny Macklin said that economic development models were being embraced by remote Aboriginal communities.

"The most important things is that's the view of the local people, if they've agreed to this because they think it's best for the community then I think we have to respect that," she told ABC Radio. – AAP with Koori Mail staff reporters

Roll up roll up, it's the APY circus



'RUNNING off to join the circus' has become more than a figure of speech for a group of youngsters from one of South Australia's most remote communities.

Ten budding circus performers from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands' Ernabella community have travelled to another very remote part of the country – Christmas Island, far off the northern Australian coast – to perform with local children in a joint show called *Desert Island Dreaming*.

Representatives from the Darwin and Perth festivals were planning to attend the joint circus show with a view to including the act in their 2008 events.

The trip and an intense training regime were supported by grants from State and Federal governments.

SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill said the circus, coordinated in Ernabella by Kindred Circus with help from Nganampa Health, was gaining status in the community.

"To get into the circus is something the young people have to work hard for," he said.

"This means going to school on a regular basis, learning to work as a team, understanding the importance of training, discipline, exercise and healthy eating."

"The circus is also providing the young people a positive, fun and healthy activity."

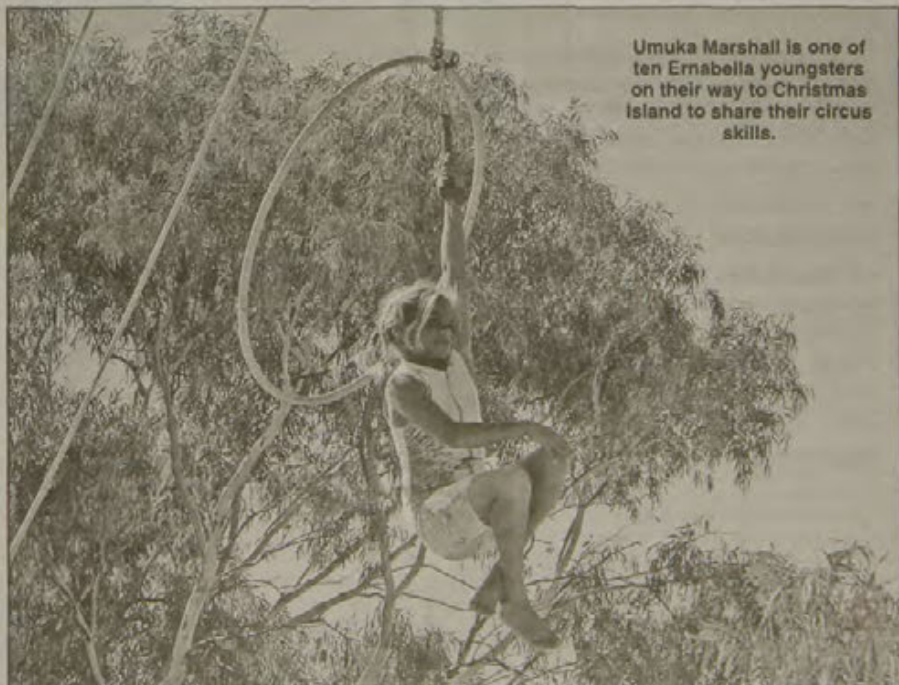
The APY Lands are 470km south-west of Alice Springs – right in the middle of Australia. Christmas Island is 2600km north-west of Perth, off WA. Although it is an Australian territory, its closest neighbour is Java, 360km away.

Tom Miller, who is travelling to Christmas Island with the team, said Ernabella was the first Indigenous community project for Kindred Circus.

"In the early days we did very basic training, mainly tumbling, low trapeze and mini tramp," Mr Miller said.

"Now they are spinning and swinging from ropes and trapeze six metres in the air in front of hundreds of people."

He said it would be amazing to see the Ernabella and Christmas Island acts come together.



Umuka Marshall is one of ten Ernabella youngsters on their way to Christmas Island to share their circus skills.

A new voice

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policy responses that are totally unsustainable," Ms Turner said.

Ms Turner and others including Ms Havnen, Jack Ahkit, Dennis Eggington and Michael Mansell issued a statement saying it was time for Aboriginal people "to draw a line in the sand and mobilise once again".

"For the past decade, we have watched with great sadness the erosion of many of the gains that were secured through the activism of our parents and our grandparents. We no longer have a national representative body and the Howard government has consistently attacked the autonomy of our community organisations," the statement said. The body would also provide guidance to a new think tank that will produce evidence-based policy, it said.

Prime Minister John Howard recently visited the community of Hermannsburg, south-west of Alice Springs, the first place to receive health checks, and said that only by joining mainstream society could Indigenous people survive.

Mr Howard also told community leaders about his motivation for launching the intervention.

"We have a simple aim and that is whilst respecting the special place of Indigenous people in the history and the life of this country, their future can only be as part of the mainstream of the Australian community," he said.

"Unless they can get a share of the bounty of this great and prosperous country, their future will be bleak."

Mr Howard also said negotiations were continuing with traditional owners on whether to build a nuclear waste dump, but would not say which communities were being consulted.

That prompted the Member for Lingiari Warren Snowdon to call Mr Howard a hypocrite for promising a plebiscite for communities where a nuclear power station could be built, while refusing a vote on nuclear waste facilities.

The Federal Labor MP says Mr Howard is being mean and tricky by not revealing which communities are involved in consultations.

"He says that people have been consulted - well I've asked the Prime Minister, what the hell is he talking about?" Mr Snowdon said.

"Which people have been consulted? And over what site have they been consulted?"

You little beauties!



They don't make 'em shy in Victoria. Sasha Greenoff, Candice Williams, Renessa Nelson and Julie Spratt were all happy to smile for the camera at the first Unity Foundation gala ball held in Melbourne recently. See pages 42 and 43 for more coverage of the ball, organised by the not-for-profit Unity Foundation which was formed by St Kilda football club team-mates Allan Murray and Xavier Clarke to help inspire at-risk youth to achieve their life goals through leadership, support and education.

Calling Aspiring Film Producers

The Indigenous Branch of the Australian Film Commission is calling for expressions of interest for a new initiative aimed at developing **Indigenous Film Producers**.

If you've ever thought about a career in the film industry and more specifically as a film producer then we would like to hear from you.

We are looking for self-motivated, organised, energetic collaborators with an understanding of the art of storytelling to take part.

No experience is necessary, but some idea of the film, theatre and arts industries would be useful, but not essential.

The **Indigenous Producers Initiative** will involve an intensive development plan that covers all aspects of producing and will be tailored to suit the needs and skills of participants. This development plan will also involve workshops, internships with experienced producers, and help with developing projects and participation in conferences and markets.

May suit arts administrators, lawyers, bush lawyers - anyone with a creative bent and an interest in storytelling.

For an application form or more info please contact:

Administrator, Indigenous Branch
Tel: 02 9321 6499
Toll Free: 1800 226 615
Email: indigenous@afc.gov.au
Or visit our website at www.afc.gov.au

Deadline: 12 October 2007.



Australian Government



Tri-state operation arrests two over outback drug dealing



TWO men have been charged after a covert, year-long operation tracking dealers peddling large amounts of cannabis through Aboriginal lands.

The tri-state operation, involving police from South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, closed in on a supply network last Monday.

A team of officers swooped on the tiny mining community of Mintabie, in SA's far north, and searched local homes.

They arrested two men, aged 38 and 37, and later charged them with various drug offences, including selling cannabis.

Acting Commander of NT Police's southern

region Lance Godwin said the arrests were the result of a long and intensive operation.

"During the operation we received many complaints about the distribution of drugs, especially cannabis, throughout the APY (Anangu Pitjantjatjara) lands," he said.

"(We) have been actively involved in the gathering of evidence and information to identify the main offenders."

He said the operation, aimed at stopping the flow of cannabis into Aboriginal communities, reflected the enormous value of states working together.

He said more arrests were expected. The two men have been bailed to appear in Marla Magistrates Court on 29 October.

Porn bans



THE Federal Government is using print and radio ads to warn Northern Territory residents of new pornography bans.

The ban in Aboriginal communities of X-rated films and Category 1 and Category 2 pornographic books and magazines is part of the government's radical intervention into NT Indigenous affairs.

Unlike existing offences in the NT, the ban applies to possessing prohibited material without the intention to copy or sell the material.

Attorney-General Philip Ruddock said the bans, passed into law by Federal Parliament last month, will come into effect from Friday, 14 September.

"These bans help create a safer place for the children, a living environment where they are not exposed to sexually explicit material," he said.

To support the introduction of the new laws, the Government had been running print and radio advertisements in Northern Territory media with the aim of increasing awareness of the bans, he said. A 24-hour information line has also been established - 1800 333 995 - to provide advice on how the bans

will effect people.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has said the bans are being imposed because hardcore pornography has been used to groom children for sex.

People caught in possession of category 1 prohibited material will face a fine of up to \$5,500.

Those in possession of category 2 material will face a fine of up to \$11,000.

People caught in possession of five or more prohibited items will be automatically considered traffickers, even if they are not seeking financial gain out of supplying the material, and will face up to two years imprisonment.

Major speaks out on sex abuse

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



YOUNG Australian of the Year Tania Major has revealed on a top-rating television program how she suffered sexual abuse as a child. The

22-year-old Kokobera woman from Kowanyama, on Queensland's Cape York, gave a gutsy interview on the ABC's *Enough Rope* with Andrew Denton program at the end of August, declaring she can't understand why people aren't doing anything about the issue.

Ms Major revealed to Denton that one of her cousins was responsible for the abuse.

"It happened twice actually ... and I thought 'this is not right'," she revealed.

"He said 'Oh don't you tell anybody'. And for me, all my life I'm thinking 'well what did I do wrong, what did I do wrong?'"

Ms Major said that many of her white friends would say 'you know Tan, it's happened to everybody'.

"I say, 'But why is it happening

continuously in Aboriginal communities? Why aren't people doing a f***ing thing about it?'" she said.

"I'm speaking because I want other young kids and children to know that there's a way out. And a lot of the young people who commit suicide in our

Cape York Institute, running its Youth Talent Development Program.

She said she agreed with Mr Pearson's stance on welfare dependency.

"When I talk about welfare mentality, it's that passivity, that dependency. (That) 'because I'm black you owe me this, you

After talking about her connection to her country and spending time with her grandfather, a healer, Ms Major concluded the interview by telling Denton what ordinary Australians could do to help Indigenous people.

"I bloody love this country and the only way we're going to heal in this country is to face up to reality," Ms Major said.

"Face up to the fact that there was a Stolen Generation ... people weren't paid right. My mother was denied an education because she was black.

"And I want people to realise that so they understand how to interact with Indigenous people because not very many people out there know how to interact with Indigenous people.

"And I really want that for the future generation, and for my kids to sit in a classroom and to talk about the worries and to talk about the massacres, because we've got to heal, we've got to get over this.

"We've got to say 'Hey, it's happened, why are we denying it?'. That's what I want."



'I bloody love this country and the only way we're going to heal in this country is to face up to reality'

— Young Australian of the Year Tania Major

communities have been raped or molested as children. I know one of my cousins was."

Ms Major also spoke of her admiration for Noel Pearson, saying that when she was ten years old she wanted to grow up to be like him.

Now she works with Noel Pearson's

owe me that, you gotta do this for me'. And that's a bit of a problem in our program," she said. "But apart from that there are some really good high achievers, some young people who want to get out there, who want to be accountants and nurses, who are going out there and, and giving it a go."

Women power

Wik lobby group is back in action



THEY are women ... hear them roar. Prominent Australian women, outraged at the Federal

Government's intervention into Aboriginal communities, have resurrected the Women for Wik lobby group.

Group members are promising to independently monitor the implementation of the Government's intervention, and speak out loud and strong against injustices.

Women for Wik was formed in 1997 and was endorsed by 130 women's organisations, representing hundreds of thousands of Australian women. The group's name refers to the Wik people of Cape York whose native title rights the High Court found in 1996

were able to co-exist on pastoral properties, setting an Australia-wide precedent.

Its original members included the late actor Ruth Cracknell, film-maker Jane Campion and Justice Elizabeth Evatt, and was inspired by a speech by Lady Deane, wife of the then Governor-General Sir William Deane, who



Kayla, Jessalina, Joash, and Jasmine Willika are pictured with Women for Wik mentor Associate-Professor Claire Smith, of Adelaide, who worked in Northern Territory Indigenous communities for more than 20 years.

said women had to take the lead on the issue of reconciliation.

Lady Deane has again added her support, along with Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue and Tammy Fraser, the wife of the former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

Sydney film-maker Christine Olson (*Rabbit-Proof Fence*) told the Koori Mail the original group had attracted a groundswell of support and things were shaping up the same this time. Their website www.womenforwik.org already is

receiving messages of support from across Australia, and women in other countries are also taking notice.

Ms Olsen said the Government had painted all Aboriginal communities as dysfunctional and had forged ahead with its intervention with no real consultation or planning. She said 130 organisations around Australia supported the Women for Wik group last time, and many more were expected this time.

"The timing is right. There will be a Commonwealth election soon and we are taking the stance that, yes, we want the money being promised for Aboriginal communities but it has to be done correctly and with proper consultation," Ms Olsen said.

"The answer to the problem is the support of Aboriginal culture. Not the destruction of it."

Prof O'Donoghue, a member of the original group and a former chairperson of ATSIC, described

the NT intervention as patronising and unworkable.

"We need policies that will take us forward, not backwards," she said.

Claire Smith, of Adelaide, the President of the World Archaeological Congress, said many ordinary women believed the intervention was well-intentioned but flawed.

Associate-Professor Smith said the group would be bipartisan and would educate Australians by recording on its website the voices of Aborigines affected by the intervention.

She said rallies also would be organised. Associate-Professor Smith worked in NT communities for 20 years and said she was appalled at the lack of respect shown for community organisations struggling with paltry monetary resources to find solutions.

"The pretext of the intervention was child sexual abuse," she said.

"Now they've taken away the permit system and advertised these communities as vulnerable. Is that going to increase or decrease the level of paedophilia in these communities?"

Sydney-based author Rosie Scott encouraged all women to lend their support.

"You can endorse our website as an individual, and also get your organisation to endorse it as well — the endorsements are flooding in, the more the merrier. We need lots of organisation endorsements," she said.

"You can do an email out of the website address and attached statement, organise meetings (you only need a few women — Women for Wik first started with only four of us) to work out activities, public meetings and rallies as a build-up before the election."

'The answer to the problem is the support of Aboriginal culture. Not the destruction of it'

Yanco to host Elders Yarn Up

THE Third Riverina/Murray Aboriginal Elders Yarn Up Gathering will be held in New South Wales next month. The event, from 9-11 October, will include storytelling, music, stalls, workshops, yarn up painting, healthy lifestyle activities, dancing, a kids

story session, and discussion about establishing a regional Elders group. The gathering will be held at the Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre at Yanco, south of Leeton. For more information, contact Maxine Kirby on (02) 6964 5049.



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

RFT 081/0708

IMPACT EVALUATION OF THE OPAL FUEL ROLL-OUT

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced individuals or organisations to undertake an initial impact evaluation of the supply of non-sniffable Opal fuel to remote Aboriginal communities as a strategy for reducing petrol sniffing.

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the impact of the roll-out of non-sniffable Opal fuel in contributing to changes to prevalence of petrol sniffing and other outcomes, including unforeseen consequences. The evaluation will also identify and analyse the range of factors that determine the success or otherwise of the outcomes of the Opal fuel roll-out. The evaluation will be conducted in a sample of 20 remote Aboriginal communities in Central Australia, East Kimberley, the Top End and Far North Queensland (to be determined in conjunction with the Department).

Parties interested in tendering must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlined in the Request For Tender document, available in the first instance by registering on the Department's internet site at www.health.gov.au/tenders

Any difficulties accessing this site should be addressed to the Project Officer Gina De Pretto, on: Phone: (02) 6289 8830, Fax: (02) 6289 1412 or Email: gina.de.pretto@health.gov.au

Tenders will close at 2pm on Wednesday 3 October September 2007 in Canberra.



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

IMPROVING SEXUAL HEALTH IN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER YOUTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking expressions of interest from appropriate services/organisations/consortia to develop and implement demonstration projects aimed at improving the sexual health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

The demonstration projects present an exciting opportunity for services/organisations/consortia to develop and implement innovative community led projects which will target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and aim to improve their sexual health.

Funding for the demonstration projects will be determined after a two stage process.

1. An Expression of Interest (EOI) stage where Proposals that meet eligibility criteria for funding will be prioritised and those who are short-listed invited to submit a full Proposal. Assistance will be made available for those organisations who are short-listed at the EOI stage to develop their full Proposals.

2. Full Proposals that meet government selection criteria will be selected.

The aim of the demonstration projects is to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people accessing services for testing and treatment of sexually transmissible infections and HIV, reduce the level of risk behaviour and contribute to the development of best practice approaches.

The funding period will be from the 1st quarter of 2008 until 30 June 2010.

For each demonstration project between \$50,000 and \$300,000 per annum will be available for up to three years.

Organisations interested in applying for funding must address the assessment criteria in the format outlined in the Application Form.

Information about the project and how to apply is available on the department's Internet site at www.health.gov.au or by contacting the Project Officer Mr Andrew McCormack, on: Phone (02) 6289 5338, Fax (02) 6289 4603 or Email andrew.mccormack@health.gov.au

Expressions of Interest must be received in the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health of the Department of Health and Ageing by 5.00 pm on Friday 19 October 2007.

Substance abuse the target of programs



'...we still have a lot of work to do in tackling drug and alcohol misuse, particularly in remote communities'

— SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill



TWO new programs costing \$2.85 million are aimed at tackling substance abuse in South Australian Aboriginal communities. The programs are being launched as a result of a partnership between the SA Government and the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation.

The agreement, which comprises \$2.1 million from the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AER) and \$750,000 in State Government funding, is the third highest grant in the Foundation's history.

Under the arrangement, AER will sponsor the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands: Celebrating Healthy Communities initiative and the Wiltanendi ... Becoming Stronger Program in the metropolitan area.

State Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill said AER's contribution supported the Government commitment to provide 'real solutions to address substance misuse and its impact on individuals and communities'.

"In the last 18 months, petrol sniffing on the APY Lands has reduced by 60 per cent," Mr Weatherill said.

"This is a major step forward but we still have a lot of work to do in tackling drug and alcohol misuse, particularly

in remote communities.

"The APY Lands program uses the arts as a way of engaging young Aboriginal people and encouraging and supporting them to channel their energy into more positive and productive activities.

"Led by Carclew Youth Arts, it will work closely with the APY communities to provide arts and culture workshops for young people to prevent them turning to alcohol and drugs. The venture will also build career pathways for them, furthering their education and career choices and helping them reach their full potential."

Opportunities

Mr Weatherill said the Wiltanendi program, led by Drug and Alcohol Services SA (DASSA), also focussed on linking young people with opportunities to turn their lives around.

"This program, for 10-to-17-year-olds, involves professionals working one-on-one and intensely with young Aboriginal people, some of whom may already be engaging with inner-city support services, to address the issues leading to substance misuse."

AER Chairman Professor Ian Webster said the Foundation was committed to a partnership approach in improving substance misuse awareness and prevention programs.

"AER is pleased to see a major focus of the projects on communities in rural areas."

Professor Webster said.

"I am confident that these projects will greatly contribute to and strengthen existing efforts in reducing substance-related harm in our community in line with the Foundation's key strategic objectives of changing community attitudes to drinking."

AER was established in October 2001 to address prevention, treatment, research and rehabilitation for the misuse of alcohol as well as paint, petrol and glue sniffing. It was set up as an independent public company with \$115 million, which the Federal Government had taken incorrectly as excise on beer.

Since its inception it has supported 800 projects, mostly in the non-government sector.

SA Commissioner for Social Inclusion Monsignor David Cappo said the new agreement built on a partnership set up in 2005 between the AER and the State Government, led by the Social Inclusion Board.

"This partnership is testament to the value of government, non-government and community organisations working together to improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable young people," Monsignor Cappo said.

"Most importantly, these programs are also committed to working closely with the Aboriginal community, including Elders, to engage with young people and keep them connected."

Using art in the fight against family violence

A NEW resource will use storytelling and pictures to encourage vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to break the silence on violence and other forms of abuse within their families.

The *Our Kids: Stay Safe, Stay Strong Children's Activity Book* was launched in Sydney last Thursday to coincide with National Child Protection Week.

"The activity book examines sensitive issues surrounding family violence through storytelling and pictures," said Jacqueline Gerber, activity book author and policy advisor for the NSW Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (AJAC).

"It explains to Indigenous children that they have a right to feel safe and should tell a trusted person if they have witnessed or been the victim of abuse within their family."

"Children who experience family violence are never to blame, but are sometimes too scared to speak out."

"Aboriginal people have traditionally used stories and art to teach children about their culture; and a drawing or an activity in this book may help children express their feelings."

The activity book will be distributed throughout NSW to family violence counsellors and specialists in the judiciary, education, health, police and child protection sectors.

"Practitioners in these areas should contact the appropriate authorities if they have concerns for the child's safety," said Ms Gerber.

AJAC Executive Officer Terry Chenery said the book was not just for Aboriginal children at risk.

"This book contains positive messages about family safety that are relevant to all Indigenous children and their communities," said Mr Chenery.

"Research shows there has been a lack of culturally appropriate resources for Indigenous communities to address issues that contribute to the over-representation of our people in jail."

"Through increased awareness of family violence, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will be in a better position to address the problem."

The activity book is an AJAC initiative that is supported by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board.



Spotlight on child abuse



THE epidemic of child abuse and neglect in Australia came under the spotlight last week during National Child Protection Week (2-9 September) with a leading children's charity declaring the issue the 'social equivalent of global warming'.

Child abuse in Indigenous communities, especially in the Northern Territory, has been the focus of considerable national attention for several months since the Federal Government announced it would intervene in Territory Indigenous communities in an emergency response to the *Little Children are Sacred* inquiry report.

However, child abuse authorities and agencies say the problem is not limited to remote areas and is widespread in neighbourhoods all over the country.

Speaking at the national launch of the annual National Child Protection Week in Darwin last Monday, Executive Officer of the NAPCAN Foundation Marie Fox said that until Australians viewed child abuse as something that threatened their very way of life, as they did global warming, child abuse figures in Australia would continue to soar.

"Like global warming, our national crisis of child abuse and neglect has come about through a series of systemic failures," said Ms Fox. "Like global warming, its impact will be massive and will touch each one of us. Like global warming, there is no quick fix to this problem. And like global warming, it calls on every one of us to act urgently by changing the very way we live."

Ms Fox said child abuse and neglect had been Australia's most serious social

problem for many years.

"Recent media attention has shone a spotlight on the problem in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory", Ms Fox said. "But the truth is, child abuse and neglect is not just happening in remote places – it is happening in neighbourhoods all over the country."

"Australian children are now at risk in many settings including at home, in the wider community, through bullying at school and online."

Ms Fox said evidence showed that 'child-friendly communities' – a whole-of-community approach that emphasised the need for children to live well, reached their potential, played a part in decisions that affected them and be free from harm – provided a web of support across all aspects of a child's life, enhancing their development, well-being and resilience against harm.

The NAPCAN Foundation contributed to the *Little Children are Sacred* inquiry and is currently working directly with Indigenous communities in the NT, providing micro-grant funding and educational programs to support initiatives developed by the communities themselves.

Kids Help Line General Manager Wendy Protheroe said last week that during 2006 the national counselling service provided 2782 telephone and online counselling sessions about child abuse, with 40 per cent involving sexual abuse.

According to the Queensland Government, while the exact figures for child sexual abuse are unknown, it is estimated that between one-in-three and one-in-five girls and one-in-six and one-in-ten boys are sexually abused before the age of 18.

Sexual abuse includes inappropriate

touching, performing sexual acts on children, having children perform sexual acts on themselves or the abuser, exposure to sexual material or children being made to witness actual sexual acts or conversation.

"If a child discloses sexual abuse it is important that they are listened to, believed, acknowledged for their courage and strength and, most importantly of all, given professional help," Ms Protheroe said.

In Canberra, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service used the week to focus on its services and facilities, which CEO Julie Tonga said would be upgraded to make them more child-friendly.

She said there would be an emphasis on encouraging parents to have their children up to the age of 15 years undergo the comprehensive Aboriginal Child Health Check, children taking advantage of Winnunga's child-hearing program, and expectant mothers' access its midwifery service.

Meanwhile, in Lismore, in northern New South Wales, students at Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at Southern Cross University and NAPCAN were scheduled to hold the *Stomp It* carnival last Sunday to raise awareness about all the issues involved in child abuse and neglect, 'to inspire community action to Stomp Out all forms of child abuse and neglect'.

Kids Help Line, Australia's only national children's counselling service, provides 24 hour counselling services to young people aged 5 to 25 years. Free-call 1800 55 1800 or online at www.kidshelp.com.au



STOP. OR GET STOPPED IN YOUR TRACKS.

A train travelling at 100 km/h takes at least a kilometre to stop. So always be extra cautious when approaching a level crossing, always look and always follow the road signs.

Some crossings alert you to oncoming trains with flashing lights, warning bells and boom gates. Many more crossings are being upgraded. But, at other places it's

up to you. Remember, freight movements and timetables change. Make sure you stop, or you could get stopped in your tracks.



\$300m mining contract



AN Indigenous mining company in Western Australia has signed a \$300 million contract with BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

Ngarda Civil and Mining will manage and operate the Yarrie iron ore mine, which is located about 200 kilometres east of Port Hedland in the Pilbara.

The contract will provide greater education, training and long-term employment opportunities for Indigenous Western Australians.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma congratulated Ngarda Civil and Mining.

"The success of this multi-million dollar Indigenous-owned and operated business is

testament to the fact that Indigenous peoples can and do effectively engage in the mainstream economy with the support of industry and governments," Commissioner Calma said.

Ngarda Civil and Mining is a subsidiary company of the Ngarda Ngarli Yarndu Foundation Inc, initially developed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) through the Ngarda Ngarli Yarndu Regional Council.

Beginning with a staff of six, Ngarda has grown to become a multi-million dollar company providing contracting services to the mining and construction industry in four regions of the Pilbara.

The Yarrie mine contract, which will commence in April 2008, aims to contribute to BHP Billiton's

overall target of having a workforce comprising 14 percent Indigenous employees throughout the company by 2012.

"The philanthropic approach taken by Ngarda and their industry partners in supporting and developing other Indigenous companies is a model for other established industries who want to support Indigenous economic development and build capacity for Indigenous community development," Mr Calma said.

WA Premier Alan Carpenter also welcomed the contract saying Indigenous owned and operated enterprises such as Ngarda Civil and Mining were increasingly important.

"Western Australia has a booming economy and we need to ensure that Indigenous people are given the best possible opportunity to participate in that

economy," Mr Carpenter said.

Mr Carpenter congratulated BHP Billiton on the company's commitment to Indigenous development.

"BHP Billiton currently employs 600 Indigenous people through its different operations and contractors in WA," he said.

"Indigenous owned and operated enterprise, such as Ngarda Civil and Mining, also has a growing role in the resources sector.

"Together they are providing long-term sustainable employment for Indigenous people and helping indigenous communities achieve economic viability – an outcome we want to see expanded beyond the resources sector.

"When we came to Government in 2001, the Indigenous unemployment rate was 20 per cent compared to the

general Western Australian rate of 7.3 per cent.

"The Indigenous unemployment rate is now around 14 per cent compared with the general rate of 3.3 per cent.

"This is significant progress but more needs to be done.

"However, it's not just up to Government to provide jobs to Indigenous people, we need the private sector and Indigenous communities to play their part."

Mr Carpenter recently announced a major Indigenous employment forum which will be held in Perth on 30 November.

The employment and economic development forum will involve leading figures in business and industry, Indigenous stakeholders, training providers and Government to discuss and develop new initiatives to promote Aboriginal job creation in WA.

Pulp mill threatens Aboriginal heritage

Story and photo by Tasmanian correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL people have joined escalating community opposition to the withdrawal of the development proposal for a giant pulp mill not far from Launceston from Tasmania's regular planning system.

There have been claims the mill development will see Aboriginal cultural heritage dug up and removed.

The proposal was withdrawn from Tasmania's Resource Planning and Development Commission (RPDC) earlier this year when Gunns Limited threatened to pull the pin on the \$1.4 billion project if their time frame was not met by the RPDC.

In response, the Tasmanian Parliament passed the Pulp Mill Assessment Act 2007, which allows a fast tracked approval by the parliament, independent of the RPDC.

Members of the RPDC board have resigned, a Tasmanian MP virtually ousted from their party and protests have been staged both for and against the mill.

The campaign against the mill has been compared to the landmark Franklin Dam campaign in the seventies which seeded the Tasmanian Greens party and subsequently the Australian Greens.

A rally in Launceston, earlier this year was reported to have attracted more than 11,000 people in protest to the pulp mill and its fast tracked approval.

While Tasmanian politicians debated the pulp mills approval in late August, Aboriginal people joined 500 other protesters voicing their opposition.

Greens MPs emerged from in the Parliament to listen to speakers from the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, the Wilderness Society, fishing industry, tourism operators, honey makers, wine makers and furniture makers, while their Labor and Liberal counterparts debated the issue indoors between themselves.

Tasmanian Aboriginal woman and Launceston resident, Trudy Maluga addressed the crowd with her concerns for Aboriginal heritage on the proposed pulp mill site and the health of residents living nearby.

"They are going to dig up Aboriginal heritage and remove it. They've [Tasmanian Government] ignored Aboriginal concerns, they gave a commitment to tighten



Trudy Maluga sent a strong message against the Gunns pulp mill proposal to the Tasmanian parliament at a rally in Hobart.

up and increase fines for destroying Aboriginal heritage," Ms Maluga said.

"Yet legislative councillors sitting this week will indeed destroy Aboriginal heritage. [There are permits to] dig Aboriginal heritage up and remove it.

"The whole process is a farce. If Parliament House in the background is damaged you are fined half a million dollars, if it's Aboriginal heritage it's \$1000 – what an imbalance!"

Ms Maluga said that the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre had lodged an objection to the Gunns pulp mill proposal last year. She said the objection did not attack the proposal on environmental grounds, as there were plenty of others better equipped to deal with that, but on the ground that valuable and irreplaceable Aboriginal heritage will be destroyed if it goes ahead.

The day after the rally, the Tasmanian Parliament approved the pulp mill, with ten members voting for the proposal and four against. The pulp mill will also need

Federal Government approval.

Campaigners against the mill are hoping for an eleventh hour saviour. More than 24,000 people had provided comment on the pulp mill to Malcolm Turnbull, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr Turnbull said his decision would not be made until early October, so that comments from public consultation and advice of the Chief Scientist could be considered.

While supporters of the mill see it as promising long-term prosperity for the State, those opposed fear for the future of already successful industries, such as tourism and fishing, which stand to be affected from pollution from the mill. Those industries are already seen as under pressure from the continued demand for wood from Tasmania's forests, loss of habitat to endangered species, increased traffic and damage to Aboriginal heritage.

The Gunns pulp mill proposal is predicted, by more than a few, to become a federal election issue.

Bands cross a great divide



Back row, from left, Ian Haug (Powderfinger), Matthew Johnson (ACPA), Alisa Walsh (ACPA), Jon Coghill (Powderfinger), Ike Fisher (4AAA). Middle row, from left, John Collins (Powderfinger), Darren Middleton (Powderfinger), Nicole Orr (ACPA), Marlon Knox (ACPA), Darren Mees (4AAA), Bernard Fanning (Powderfinger), Bernice Peeauakeau (ACPA). Front row, from left, Graham Akhurst (ACPA), Grace Balewai (ACPA), Ronald Coro (ACPA), Sarah Hafemeister (ACPA) and Royce Smith (ACPA).

The Koori Mail's SOLUA MIDDLETON reports on how two of Australia's top bands are rocking for reconciliation

I HAVE been a music lover since I was in the womb, so when I got to meet two of my long-time favourite Aussie rock acts – Silverchair and Powderfinger – for the first time I was excited.

I was even more excited that they had decided to lend their voices to reconciliation between black and white Australians.

The *Across the Great Divide* tour includes more than 30 gigs around Australia to encourage Australians to join the conversation about reconciliation.

The Koori Mail was invited with 4AAA and students from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA) for a special 'meet and greet' with the multiple ARIA Award-winning bands and to view their sound check at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on 31 August.

Actor Leah Purcell, one of the faces for the reconciliation.com website, is also the Resident Artistic Director of ACPA. She directed the ACPA student production of 'Reflections', about the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and dedicated it to reconcile.org.au, which the bands have also supported.

The students and I met first with Brisbane rockers Powderfinger – Bernard Fanning, John Collins, Ian Haug, Darren Middleton and Jon Coghill.

The students swapped performing notes with the band and the band shared what inspired them to play an active role in the reconciliation process.

"We had always been inspired to do something about it and now we have the chance with Silverchair to talk about it and do something about it," said lead singer Fanning.

"The website has made it possible, too,



Darren Mees and Ike Fisher from 4AAA with Silverchair's Daniel Johns (centre).



ACPA students watch the Powderfinger sound check.

because we don't pretend to know everything about the situation. It points people in the right direction to get more information.

"We want people to not feel intimidated by the idea that they have to know now what is going on ... there is a heap of information in the program and in the foyer.

"We are trying to encourage people to get on the web and look for themselves, and to think about it for themselves, because we think everyone needs to have their own idea of what reconciliation is.

"Otherwise if they are just told what it is it just goes back to the old way, of being very swept under the carpet."

Fanning said there were many ways that people could apply reconciliation to their lives.

"Even just things like travelling, and when on a holiday finding out about the traditional owners of where you are going," he said.

NEXT we met with Silverchair members – Daniel Johns, Ben Gillies and Chris Joannou – who were frank about how little they knew about Indigenous Australia and their yearning to learn more.

"Any person with a moral fibre will see it as a human rights issue," said Silverchair singer Daniel Johns.

"I hope more than just other bands get involved, I hope everyone gets involved."

I spoke to Silverchair drummer Ben Gillies, who said that the band's partnership with Reconciliation Australia had been a learning curve for them.

"It has been a big learning curve, even just learning how people pay their respects and the number of tribes within Australia," he said.

"We all wanted to get behind it and support it and we all really believed in it, but the amount of information has been a little bit overwhelming and we are taking in as much as we can.

"It feels like our generation is really unaware of the things that have happened to Indigenous Australians in the past.

"It is part of our heritage, it has to do with all of us. It is a good opportunity to get younger people and make them aware and get involved and get them to wanting to know stuff."

Reconciliation Australia's Claire Tedeschi encouraged everyone to visit www.reconcile.org.au and post any poems, stories, pictures, music, video about reconciliation on the website.

"I hope more than just other bands get involved (in reconciliation), I hope everyone gets involved." – Silverchair singer Daniel Johns

Keeping an eye on Indigenous health



WHILE the Deadly Awards will always be about Indigenous celebrities, glamour and style, this year the eyes of the country and its media will be focused more keenly than usual on the sometimes overlooked community award categories, particularly in the area of health.

And while health issues have caused a great deal of grief to many in our communities over recent months, the Deadlys offers a welcome opportunity to recognise some of the achievements that have been made at a grassroots and community levels through self-determination.

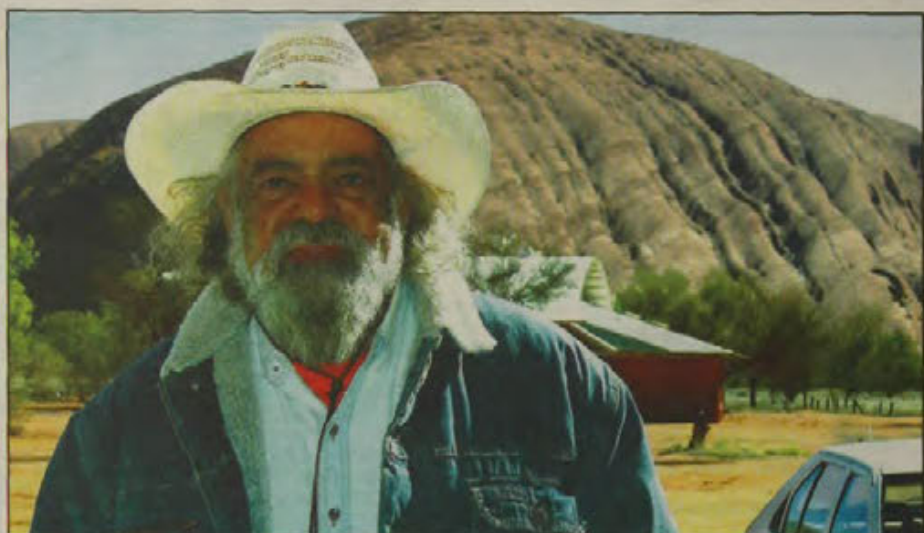
The nominees for this year's Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health are not only making a contribution to their own communities; they're also setting the standard of what is possible in remote area health care.

This year's health nominees all come from diverse backgrounds, and they share an undying commitment to the betterment of Indigenous health and are unapologetically outspoken.

Up for nomination this year is the well-known singer, songwriter, teacher and activist **Bob Randall**. A member of the Stolen Generations and one of the listed traditional owners of Uluru, Bob became famous for his song, *Brown Skin Baby*. This song led to the ground-breaking ABC documentary of the same name and was also later used in the award-winning 1986 Australian film *The Fringe Dwellers*.

Bob is currently the Director of the Mutitjulu Health Clinic and is an outspoken opponent to the Howard Government's controversial Northern Territory intervention into Aboriginal communities.

His work with Aboriginal communities in the areas of education and health has taken many forms. He has served as the Director of the Northern Australia Legal Aid Service and established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander centres at the Australian National University, University of Canberra and



● **LEFT:** Deadly Award nominee for Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - singer, songwriter, teacher and activist Bob Randall. A member of the Stolen Generations and one of the listed traditional owners of Uluru, Bob became famous for his song, *Brown Skin Baby*. Other nominees are Gracelyn Smallwood, Stephen Christian and Charles Gunabarra. Voting for the awards closes this Saturday, 15 September.

Picture: Vibe Australia

University of Wollongong.

But Bob is not the only health nominee this year to have made a difference not only in health but in the legal arena.

Gracelyn Smallwood, a Birrigubba-Kalkadoon woman, has also had a broad career spanning primary health care and Indigenous health and human rights advocacy. Apart from being instrumental in the establishment of the Townsville and Aboriginal Islander Health, she has worked tirelessly to call for the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Deaths in Custody.

In 2007, her efforts contributed to the achievement of a police officer facing trial for the first time in Australian history in relation to a death in custody.

Unlike Bob and Gracelyn, nominee **Stephen Christian** literally danced his way into the health arena.

A former student of NAISDA, when it was known as the Aboriginal and Islander Dance Theatre in the 1980s, he moved into health 20 years ago.

A proud Torres Strait Islander from Erub Island, he has fought for achieving the Award Career Structure for the Indigenous health work force in the Torres

Strait and the Northern Peninsula and has also fought for wage rises for Indigenous health workers across Queensland.

Stephen also lobbied for a full ear, nose and throat surgical team from Royal Brisbane Hospital to fly to Bamaga to operate on Indigenous children suffering from ear problems and this is now an on-going program.

Another nominee, **Charles Gunabarra**, has spent the past 28 years in health care in north central Arnhem Land.

His ability to speak Jinang, English and seven other languages is one of the reasons why his health care endeavours are seen as so culturally sensitive and why perhaps they have been so successful. He is highly regarded for his work with leprosy patients and petrol sniffers.

So perhaps more than that other big looming poll, the Federal election, there's no shortage of worthy candidates who are up for a Deadly this year.

● To vote in the Deadlys, pick up the latest issue of Deadly Vibe magazine or head to www.deadlys.vibe.com.au, where you

can submit your vote online or download a voting form and fax it to the number provided.

Voting closes this Saturday, 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 2007 Deadlys. 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 on Tuesday, 2 October, at 10pm.

Indigenous Corps get new registrar



A NEW Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations has been appointed. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough announced that Anthony Bevan

formerly of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), had been appointed to the role.

The Minister said Mr Bevan's experience would enable him make the most of the position during a turning point in the Registrar's role.

"With the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* commencing in July this year, it is a perfect opportunity for Mr Bevan to manage the mainstreaming of corporations law and practice across the 2500 Indigenous corporations affected," he said.

"Mr Bevan brings with him 16 years experience at ASIC and he will prove an asset in taking forward good governance for Indigenous corporations."

Mr Bevan will take over from outgoing Registrar Laura Beacroft, who, Mr Brough said, had played an important role in developing the new legislation, steering the Registrar's office through a critical transition phase and working closely to explain the new legislation to Indigenous communities.

"(Ms Beacroft's) devoted effort and commitment to this important role was recognised by the Productivity Commission in its recent *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage* report and she continuously demonstrated exceptional humanity and high regard for Indigenous people and their culture," Mr Brough said.

KBN Indigenous Regional Youth Forum

Following the very successful Indigenous Youth Forum that was held on Anzac Day April 2007, the Koori Business Network is delighted to announce the first Regional Indigenous Youth Forum.

The forum is sponsored by the Department of Justice - Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and is a partnership initiative between the Koori Business Network.

The forum will bring together 50 Indigenous young people from Mildura, Robinvale and the surrounding regions. It will be a unique opportunity for Indigenous youth aged 16-25 to meet with community leaders and role models to share their ambitions for the future.

Our aim is to showcase champions of Indigenous youth and encourage aspiring youth entrepreneurs by offering a diverse group of highly respected Indigenous speakers and highlight excellent networking prospects.

The forum will include lunch and we have also planned a relaxing two hour evening dinner cruise aboard the Avoca Paddle Steamer, along the grand old Murray River.

Event details as follows:

Date: Wednesday 3 October 2007
Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm
Dinner Cruise: 6.30pm
Venue: Grand Hotel, Mildura

Invitations for Indigenous youth to join the gathering will be sent out via KBN networks. Regional Indigenous youth interested in attending please email:

Gayle.henderson@iird.vic.gov.au or
Raylene.fennell/Person/DOJ@DOJ



Yumba and the Yung Womers will be performing at the Indigenous Regional Youth Forum

'Government theft'

Report chronicles extent of stolen wages 'fraud'

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY
in Melbourne



A REPORT that chronicles the extent of fraud, theft and misappropriation of wages of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers was launched late in August.

Melbourne-based academic Professor Marcia Langton told the Melbourne launch of the report, *Hard Labour, Stolen Wages*, that it was 'acts of government theft that have kept Aboriginal people impoverished'.

"I get very upset when I hear people say things like 'boongs' are lazy, because I know my grandfather's wages were stolen. People worked so hard, only to find their bank accounts were empty," said Professor Langton, who is originally from Queensland, where the stolen wages issue first gained momentum.

Govt control

The report, published by Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), exposes government control of Indigenous wages, savings and benefits that occurred for most of the 20th Century.

Much of the money held in trust was never paid to its owners. In Queensland alone, it has been estimated that as much as \$500 million in today's value was lost or stolen from Indigenous families.

Author Dr Rosalind Kidd came to learn of these injustices as 'a typically ignorant middle-class white woman'.

Wanting to understand what had created such destitution and despair, Dr Kidd embarked on a PhD on the management of Aboriginal Affairs in Queensland.

She sought the advice of then

senior public servant Marcia Langton, who had recently rescued piles of historical records from a department dumpster.

Professor Langton was apprehensive but her excitement won out - that this nice lady 'in a twinset and pearls' could sort through the mountains of records.

Dr Kidd became Langton's 'research assistant' and gained access to files that not a single scholar had seen.

"I spent 15 months in Aboriginal Affairs, researching, photocopying and studying the administration in Queensland," Dr Kidd said.

"I wanted to know how and why on earth they thought it was reasonable to remove people, why conditions on missions were so appalling, and if people knew about it.

"I thought if I stick to money, it is more black and white as there are requisites that a trustee must follow. I saw documents showing that governments knew they were breaking State and Commonwealth laws, but just keep going."

The files showed that most Indigenous workers were under 12 month contracts and it was a punishable offence to leave despite physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

Kept in chains

In most States, police hunted those who escaped, and returned them in chains. Children and elderly had to work for rations so scarce that malnutrition was rampant.

"It was claimed at the time that cash wages perverted the work ethic. There is a word for this - slavery," said Dr Kidd.

ANTaR National Director Gary Highland and others have noted that many workers whose wages were stolen suffered dual



From left, Professor Marcia Langton, Dr Rosalind Kidd, and Professor Richard Broome at the Melbourne launch of *Hard Labour, Stolen Wages*.

injustices, as they were also members of the Stolen Generations.

This cultural and economic exile denied them a place in Indigenous society while preventing them from gaining the economic stake so essential for survival in the mainstream.

"When I was in school, I was told that Australia developed on the sheep's back," said Dr Kidd. "I now know that it developed on the backs of thousands of Aboriginal men, women and children."

Stolen wages campaigner Marjorie Woodrow wrote the report's foreword.

"We could have had our own homes from the wages we are

owed, and the ability to set things up for our children. It breaks your heart to see them still struggling," the foreword reads.

The ANTaR report was also launched in Queensland last week, and was welcomed by Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett, who initiated a Senate inquiry into the stolen wages issue last year.

'Maladministration'

Senator Bartlett said governments could not credibly pressure Indigenous organisations to improve their levels of governance and management 'when they themselves refuse to properly

address such massive, pre-meditated and harmful maladministration on some of the poorest disadvantaged Australians'.

The Senate inquiry into stolen wages produced a unanimous, all-party report with six recommendations for action by Federal and State governments.

"Despite a clear acknowledgement by Senators from all parties about the need for urgent action to fix this blatant and severe injustice, nearly nine months later, there has not even been a formal response from the Federal Government or most State governments," said Senator Bartlett.

Unspent stolen wages funds: Feedback sought



INDIGENOUS Queenslanders are being encouraged to have a say on how unspent funds from the State Government's wages and savings

reparation offer will be used. State Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Warren Pitt said last Tuesday that almost \$36 million of a \$55.4 million fund set aside by the Beattie Government as reparation for wages and savings withheld from Indigenous employees remained unspent.

The fund was a 'without prejudice' offer made in 2002 to Indigenous Queensland workers who had been financially disadvantaged by previous State administrations' Protection Acts between 1897 and the 1970s.

Mr Pitt said while \$19.6 million had been directly paid in reparations, the Government needed to determine the best use for the remaining funds.

He said Indigenous Queenslanders

would be asked in the coming weeks to express their views on two possible options for the remaining \$35.87 million.

One option is the distribution of the full balance to previously successful claimants.

Another is the distribution of part of the balance to previously successful claimants with the rest used for the benefit of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the establishment of an Indigenous-controlled foundation.

In late July, Mr Pitt attended a Cairns workshop involving members of the Stolen Wages Working Group (SWWG) whose predominant view was that the unspent funds should be disbursed to previously successful claimants.

"The workshop was very productive and helped all involved focus on possible options and to get a clearer picture of what could be done to find the best use for the remaining funds," he said.

"I made a commitment to the working group that their views would be taken on

board, but I also assured them that I would seek the views of the wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Queensland."

Mr Pitt said it was also acknowledged that recognition was required for all those past and present impacted by the controls on wages and savings, and the continuing consequences of poverty and dysfunction.

The SWWG is made up of Elders, reparation claimants and other community members affected by past administrative controls over Indigenous wages and savings.

After a Brisbane follow-up to the Cairns workshop, SWWG member Auntie Ruth Hegarty said the group had been told by some departmental representatives that the Cabinet was unlikely to support the option that all of the leftover money be paid out, which would amount to an extra \$5000-\$7000 for individual claimants.

"After telling us that, one of the options put was that only some of the money be

paid out, amounting to not more than \$2000-\$3000 each, with the rest of it being used to set up some sort of legacy or foundation for the benefit of the whole community," she said early last month.

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

Speaking at the Queensland launch of ANTaR's national report *Hard Labour, Stolen Wages*, last week, Qld Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett welcomed Mr Pitt's efforts to consult with Indigenous Queenslanders.

"However, the stark fact remains that offering someone a maximum of \$4000 for decades of underpayment and theft of wages is a joke, particularly when it is only available to those who are still alive," Senator Bartlett said.

Indigenous Queenslanders who wish to have their say on the unspent funds can obtain further information from the Department of Communities on 1800 809 097. - AAP

Park boards meet

Future in hand for Gulaga, Biamanga

Story and photo by
LAURELLE PACEY



The journey continues for traditional owners of Gulaga and Biamanga national parks who now sit on the parks' newly formed boards of management.

The NSW Government handed Gulaga and Biamanga parks on the NSW far south coast back to Aboriginal owners in May last year after several years of negotiations, and then leased each park back to be managed as a national park.

The boards met recently for the first time.

It has taken more than a year for representatives of traditional owners to be nominated and then appointed by Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water Phil Koperberg. Only some Board members were involved in the negotiating process.

Gulaga Board of Management member Mary Duroux, a key person in the hand-back ceremony, sees this as the second stage of a long journey.

"Like the negotiations took over two years, I think this is going to take a bit longer because of all the



Elders Mary Duroux, Vivien Mason and John Mumbler continue their journey with the hand back of Gulaga and Biamanga National Parks.

protocols and all that sort of thing that's involved with it, and also learning the structure of National Parks and Wildlife and their direction," she said.

"It's a real learning curve but both ways, not just the Aboriginal people trying to work out the white way, if you like, but vice-versa."

Each park will be managed by its own Board with a majority of Aboriginal owners, as well as

representatives of the relevant lands councils, National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), park neighbours, conservation groups, as well as the relevant shire council.

The recent two-day meeting in Narooma outlined how the boards would work. Traditional owner representatives of the Grenfell and Mutawintji boards of management shared their

experiences with the new boards.

NPWS South Coast Manager Preston Cope described the meetings as 'very successful'.

"Basically we've brought together a group of people who have never worked together before, but there's good dynamics happening," he said.

Mr Cope said it would probably take a little time before it all worked well and the boards

established protocols about how things would happen, but he was impressed with the start.

Vivien Mason, of Narooma, feels a real sense of achievement, having been through the negotiating process and now being on the Gulaga Board of Management.

"It's good to see the mixture of Elders and young people on the Board as well as other people," she said. "I'm not overawed by it but it is a big responsibility."

"At last we've got a Koori say on the management of the parks, but I can't really fault the way they're managed at the moment."

"But it's also opening the gate for our young ones to become more involved with job opportunities and training."

Biamanga National Park Board member John Mumbler was excited about the Board's meeting for the first time.

"It's great. It gives us a good chance to work towards the future not for us but for our children's children," he said. "It's up to us to work together like we did for the negotiating panel, even though we're from different clans."

"Then we didn't all see eye to eye, we had our own vested interests, but we realised we all had to work for the benefit of everybody."

Mr Mumbler thinks having Aboriginal people on the boards of management will make a big difference to the way the parks are managed.

"Not being Aboriginal, they can't see the land and mountains like we can," he said.

"Not knocking non-Aboriginal people, but it is a fact of life because of our ceremonies and religious beliefs, all of which have been passed down. It's part of us."

Esperance groups unite to take care of reserve



THE Esperance Nyungar Aboriginal Corporation (ENAC) in Western

Australia has joined with the Shire of Esperance in a partnership to manage the Mount Ridley Reserve. The reserve is 60km north-east of Esperance and is of deep cultural significance to the Esperance Nyungar people, and of historical and environmental significance to both them and the wider community.

The Corporation and Shire have formed the Mount Ridley Association, and have signed off on a management plan, which will protect the many registered Aboriginal sites in the reserve.

The initiative started in 2002 when the Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) brought the Shire and Esperance Nyungar people together to begin planning for joint ownership and



At the signing of the management plan were ENAC member and Vice-Chairperson of the Mt Ridley Association Jenny Woods, Shire of Esperance CEO Mike Archer, ENAC member Henry Dabb and Esperance Shire President and Mt Ridley Association President Ian Mickel.

management of Mount Ridley.

Since then a number of site improvements were completed by the Bay of Isles Aboriginal Corporation and ENAC, including an eco-toilet and picnic facilities, and various measures for protecting cultural sites and environmental features (walk trails, signage and so on).

people back into contact with their traditional lands, with responsibilities for their care and maintenance, is an important step in our social and economic advancement. The Shire of Esperance is to be applauded for taking on an active role in this matter," Ms Woods said.

At the inaugural meeting of the Association, Shire President Ian Mickel was elected Chairperson and ENAC Member Jenny Woods Vice-Chairperson.

About 40 people attended the function, including representatives from ENAC, Shire of Esperance, GLSC, Bay of Isles Aboriginal Corporation, Department of Planning and Infrastructure and South Coast National Rangelands Management.

"Bringing our

Unspent Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparation Funds

The views of Indigenous Queenslanders are being sought to find the best use for unspent funds from the State Government's wages and savings reparations offer.

From the 1880s to the 1970s the wages and savings of some Indigenous Queenslanders were controlled under government "Protection Acts".

In 2002, the Queensland Government made available \$55.4 million for individual reparation payments to people whose wages or savings were controlled by the authorities.

Individual payments of \$4000 and \$2000 were paid to eligible applicants under the process. At the end of the reparations process, \$35.87 million remained unspent.

The government is working with the Stolen Wages Working Group of claimants, Elders and other community members affected by past government controls over wages and savings to find the best use for these funds.

The government is seeking the views of Indigenous Queenslanders especially those directly or indirectly affected by the controls over wages and savings.

Your opinions are important and you are urged to have your say.

To find out about how you can have your say phone the Department of Communities on 1800 809 097 or visit www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au.



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By MARGARET SMITH
in Sydney



WHEN GetUp and Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTAR) got

together to organise an on-line campaign about the Federal Government's Northern Territory intervention recently, they didn't expect the huge response they received. More than 15,000 individual emails were sent to all Senators, and a hefty print-out was tabled in the Senate as an Australia-wide petition.

To ensure Indigenous involvement, GetUp also travelled to Canberra and met with Central Australian Indigenous representatives who had gathered there to lobby all parties in an attempt to have their voices heard.

The two organisations also had a large number of supporters in the public gallery to ensure their physical presence as well to unite people 'both online and offline'.

Two years old

Non-profit GetUp was inspired by Move-On in the United States, which was begun by two Australians. Although just two years old, the Australian organisation has already been involved in the release of Guantanamo Bay detainee David Hicks; assisting the heritage listing of Aboriginal rock art on Western Australia's Burrup Peninsula; the 'Close the Gap' Aboriginal health initiative; and more recently the online campaigns for APEC protests and to prevent the building of a Tasmanian pulp mill.

The Federal Government's 'emergency intervention' Bill was passed by both houses of Parliament, although the Greens and Democrats voted against it. However, the efforts of the Indigenous Working Group and others are credited with ensuring it was at least debated.

The GetUp emails came from throughout Australia, including Aboriginal communities, and some of them can be accessed on the website at www.getup.org.au.

The team behind GetUp, which has its office above a Sydney hotel, describe

themselves as a 'not-for-profit community campaigning group'.

"We use new technology to empower Australians to have their say on important national issues. We receive no political party or government funding, and every campaign we run is entirely supported by voluntary donations," they say.

GetUp campaign co-ordinator Ed Coper said they were trying to give people a voice on national issues.

"For instance, there's two Federal elections this year - one in the Lower House and one in the Upper," he said.

"We're trying to get people to understand the role of the Senate as a house of review."

"The NT legislation shows what's happened since the last election when the Coalition gained a majority in the Upper House, and the Senate

(Upper House) lost its power of checks and balances.

"The lack of consultation after the release of the *Little Children are Sacred* report and

the dubious decision to intervene resonated with our members.

"There'd been evidence of child abuse in the NT for over

Indigenous issues to the fore with GetUp

ten years which the Federal Government had ignored."

GetUp's relationship with ANTAR started long before the NT campaign. They worked on the Close the Gap Indigenous health campaign which gained 40,000 email signatures for a petition to the Federal Parliament.

Mr Coper said the commitment of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and OXFAM to a mothers and babies program was an excellent outcome.

GetUp is funded by donations. They have a small staff but a committed band of volunteers. Mr Coper has a law degree and previously worked in a community legal centre on a case-by-case basis.

Political void

He was attracted to join the GetUp team because he saw a void in Australian politics for people who cared about issues. He said he believed that Australians weren't apathetic, but instead lacked a way to express themselves.

"With us, they can decide which issues they care enough about to send a personal email," he said.

GetUp says its membership is much larger than all Australian political parties combined. It currently stands at 190,000, although not all of these are active members.



Central Australian Aboriginal representatives gathered at Parliament House in Canberra to lobby against the NT emergency intervention legislation, which was eventually passed.

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Still suffering on Palm

Story and photo by
ALF WILSON in Townsville



DAVID Bulsey is a man carrying a heavy emotional load, and he looks like it.

The 55-year-old was amongst nearly 20 people charged after in relation to the 2004 Palm Island riot that followed the death in police custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

The charges against Mr Bulsey were eventually dropped but the episode is still taking its toll on him.

The Koori Mail encountered Mr Bulsey in Townsville last week as he prepared to travel to Brisbane for a spell, declaring a police union article penned by the brother of the police officer acquitted of 36-year-old Mulrunji's assault and manslaughter as just the latest 'kick in the guts' for Palm Islanders.

Senior-Sergeant Chris Hurley was acquitted of those charges by a jury in June, after an extraordinary public campaign to have him charged and brought before a jury.

His younger brother, Sunshine Coast police prosecutor Senior Sergeant Tony Hurley, has written in the latest Queensland Police Union Journal that another of their brothers suffered a heart attack allegedly brought on by the stress of the case.

The article said the Hurley family continued to suffer.

"My family's health has suffered and the emotional rollercoaster has left them drained," Snr Sgt Tony

Hurley wrote in the journal article.

"As late as this week, my younger brother (not Chris) underwent an angiogram due to a heart attack.

"My elderly parents have only kept their sanity through prayer and the constant support of family, friends and well-wishers."

Tony Hurley said the death of Mulrunji was not racially motivated.

"This was no race issue," he wrote. "This was no deliberate killing. This was no power-hungry sheriff intent on bringing order to his Alabama community at any cost.

"This was a Queensland copper doing his job. Lawfully. Honourably. With consideration."

Tony Hurley said his brother Chris, who has not yet spoken publicly about his case, would make a public statement in the future.

However, a distraught and emotional Mr Bulsey told the Koori Mail the journal article was 'total rubbish', and that it was the Palm Island people who had suffered.

"My family and the people of Palm Island will be traumatised by this for generations," he said.

"I just have to get away from it all and stay in Brisbane for a while."

Mr Bulsey's comments were echoed by the Island's Deputy Mayor Zac Sam who arrived at the Sunferries terminal.

"What about the Doomadgee family and the toll this has taken on the community?" said Cr Sam.

"Doors of houses here were knocked down by police and this will remain with them for life.

"None of the families have had any counselling and Palm Island has suffered and any talk of Hurley's family is not accepted here. My thoughts go out for everybody and David has suffered terribly."

After the Palm Island riot on 26 November 2004 which resulted in the police station and barracks being torched, Mr Bulsey's house was raided by special forces police while Mr Bulsey's partner Yvette Lenoy and some of their children looked on, terrified. Ms Lenoy said police with weapons smashed down the door of the home looking for Mr Bulsey who was asleep in a bedroom.

"I heard a big thump and they broke down the door. I was seven months pregnant at the time," she said.

Ms Lenoy said the couple's children were overcome with fear and after Mr Bulsey was arrested she went into shock, became ill and had to get help from a neighbour.

"It was the most traumatic experience of my life," she said. "I had to be rushed to hospital in Townsville and my baby was born a month premature and has a heart condition diagnosed by doctors."

Cameron Francis, named after Mulrunji and his partner Tracey Twaddle, was born on 12 December 2004.

Charges of rioting against Mr Bulsey were dropped on Wednesday 20 July, 2005 in a Townsville Court, when the Crown Prosecutor Bob English told the Court he would present no evidence against them.



A distressed David Bulsey, right, with Palm Island Deputy Mayor Zac Sam who say the residents of Palm Island have suffered worse than the officer acquitted of the manslaughter of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Aaron Ross

Communications and media worker Sydney

Favourite bush tucker?
Maggie geese

Favourite other food?
Breakfast fry ups

Favourite drink?
Any as long as its with friends

Favourite music?
R&B and the 80s (don't tell anyone)

Favourite sport/leisure?
Lying on warm aussie beach.

Favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere hot with a beach

What are you reading?
Haven't got a current book

What are you watching?
NITV

What is your greatest highlight in life?
Seeing our mobs stand up for what they believe in

What do you like in life?
Humour and open minds

What don't you like?
Infighting, deceit and 1980s fashion

Who would you most like to meet?
Too many... too hard

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My soul mate

Who inspires you?
My family and friends

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Help elect a black Prime Minister

If there was one thing you would like to see happen, what would it be?
Getting rid of all the 'isms' in people like racism, but also violence

Quote



All our old people have died and gone so it's the next generation taking over to look after the country

— Miriung Gajerrong Elder Marjorie Brown, after the handback of Yardungarl, north-east of Kununurra, to her people

Unquote

The sweet irony we're hoping for

It would be something of a sweet irony if the Federal Government's emergency steps to combat child sexual abuse in the Northern Territory turned out to be just what our exhausted and national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community needed.

Not in terms of the specific measures being taken, which bear little resemblance to the recommendations of the *Little children are sacred* report, but the impetus and inspiration they provide for our increased action and activism.

One of the major criticisms of the Government's approach has been of the limited or selective nature of consultation it undertook before unleashing its interventionary beast on a mostly unsuspecting Indigenous public, although of course the Government says it has been overwhelmed by people applauding its every step.

But it's undeniable that the sheer level of desperation in many communities and perhaps a perceived lack of publicly articulated community-driven solutions have helped to fuel that beast.

Today in Alice Springs sees the beginning of a possibly quite small meeting of Indigenous community reps from around the country who want to see what can be done to stoke once again the fire in our bellies, to take the first hopeful steps towards establishment of a new body or network to truly represent the interests of our people all over.

Hurrah! It has been a long time coming. Since the axe fell on ATSIC (and remember, the Government and the Australian Labor Party both jockeyed for that 'honour'), there's been something of a



pall akin to depression over much of our community. Not because everyone did or ever would agree that ATSIC served its purpose entirely. But because when it went, nothing took its place. We lost a focal or rallying point. We stopped communicating.

By the time these words are read, the date of the Federal election may have been announced. But, if not, we respectfully urge all and sundry to 'get off their black bums', to borrow a phrase from the late, great Charles Perkins, and enrol to vote — no matter who'll get your vote.

In recent years, we've seen a bit of an explosion of leadership initiatives in our communities. But all that training and capacity building, won't be worth diddly-squat unless it's underpinned by an renewed sense of urgency and purpose.

No doubt, there'll be some who question whether the Central Australian gathering can achieve any more than other false starts in recent times. There'll be some who declare it unrepresentative, elitist, or doomed to fail because of its limited resources. But, considered alongside the levels of cooperation that seem to be building and the increasing indignation of many in our communities, there does seem to be something in the wind. We can feel it. We hope.

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Gambler's challenge



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* ● www.stephenhagan.net and www.ngalgawarralu.com.au/

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home town of Toowoomba, that didn't particularly concern most Indigenous people I come in contact with and who rarely attend, let alone participate in, such an expensive hobby.

However, the following Saturday, alarm bells were certainly ringing when sober punters, including many of my friends, entered their favourite pub TAB only to be told that betting was suspended on horse racing indefinitely at various venues in Queensland and New South Wales.

Alarm soon turned to angst as it became apparent that an innocuous cough and raised body temperature of prized thoroughbreds would totally interrupt their Saturday outing at their favourite watering hole.

The quote that best summed up the general mood of dedicated punters to this extraordinary occurrence was captured on the evening television news recently from a disgruntled tipster who said he had been attending race meetings every Saturday for 40 years and stressed that going to the races was like 'waking up and having breakfast', such was his religious devotion to the sport of kings.

As a reformed gambler of many years who has gone cold turkey on all forms of gambling – TAB, poker machines, lottery, keno, scratchies etc, including abstinence in betting on the iconic Melbourne Cup – I was hoping this equine flu setback would convince some of my friends to give up gambling as well.

After talking to some of them, I learned of their initial thoughts of seeing the 'horse meeting cancelled' sign on the TV monitor on day one as being a fusion of dismay tinged with an unmistakable feeling of despondency.

But their shock was only momentary as the desire to win or part with their cash was evidently far greater than a need to reflect and contemplate giving the gambling game away.

Stories have it that my old punting pals gradually shook off disappointment of the news of the cancellation of horse racing on their favourite tracks, collected themselves, and proceeded into the poker machine area of their pub for the rest of day to try their luck, with minimal success to report.

To them, it was a typical day's outing with a predictable outcome and the loss of money they couldn't afford to lose in



the first place would not act as a deterrent because, without fail, they will return to their favourite gambling venue the following Saturday.

On occasions, some of my old pals will win on the horses or pokies and make good use of their windfall, but in the main, they will be as eager as ever to revisit the TAB or pokies the next day to try valiantly to double their winnings.

And we all know that their chances of a repeat run of luck are rare, due to odds being stacked firmly against punters. If you want to confirm this theory yourself, compare the vehicle driven and the house lived in of publicans of hotels they bet at, or of bookies they engage with at race tracks to that of the punter.

Say no more! The addicted ones within my old circle of friends will also frequent the same venue during the week and on Friday night to gamble, if money permits, and may even go to another venue to give the appearance to other mates that they haven't gambled that week.

Herein is the problem with people who like to gamble. And the dilemma for them is that they don't see their gambling habit as being a problem.

Gambling isn't an Indigenous-specific problem, but it is held in dangerously high regard by many as a favourite leisure pursuit.

The Productivity Commission (1999) identified Australia as one of the largest gambling countries in the world, with more than 80 per cent of the population participating in various forms of gambling. More than one-fifth (20 per cent) of the world's electronic gaming machines are in Australia.

It is not surprising that governments of all persuasions support gambling in this country as they derive over 12 per cent of their taxation revenue from gambling.

The Australian National University Centre for Gambling

Research identified that in 2003-04, total gambling expenditure within Australia was \$16.21 billion.

The latest Australian Council for Social Services (ACOSS) report – *A Fair Go For All Australians* – identified the number of people living below the poverty line at 935,000 or 9.9 per cent of all Australians in 2004.

The poverty line is a benchmark that the Government sets at 50 per cent of the median (middle) disposable income (money available after essential expenditure) for all Australian households for a single adult. In 2004 this poverty line was \$249 a week.

Groups identified as being below the poverty line include:

- 40.2 per cent of unemployed people
- 39.0 per cent of single adults over 65 years
- 31.5 per cent of all people whose main income is social security
- 22.6 per cent of single adults of workforce age
- 11.4 per cent of sole parent families.

From that snapshot of people who are represented in the 'below the poverty line' category, it is apparent that the majority of Indigenous people fall comfortably into this group, based on recent ABS statistics on household income.

It therefore points to the fact that this group with a disposable income of less than \$249 per week can ill afford to squander it when they have demands for competing payments on rent, food, clothing, school costs, sporting costs etc.

On most weeks, one or more of these urgent expenses is placed on the backburner as scarce resources summarily go to feeding selfish and addictive gambling, alcohol and smoking habits of stressed people.

Every Indigenous community has a growing band of lost souls who are now separated from their families and constantly moving between jobs because of their addiction to gambling or alcohol or drugs or a

combination of the three.

Sadly today, many of our Indigenous leaders who occupy responsible positions in taxpayer-funded organisations or the public service are compulsive gamblers, alcoholics or are identified as drug-dependent.

So why do I bother with stories of doom and gloom about gambling and other associated evils when so many of our mob simply love to chance their luck?

Since I've given up all forms of gambling four years ago after being passionate about the most Australian of all leisure pursuits for all of my adult life, I've achieved the following:

- Went from long-term renting to acquiring a mortgage on my first house;
- exclusively spend all my leisure time with my family;
- written three books and writing another and received a Deadly Award for Outstanding Achievement in Literature in the process;
- named NAIDOC Indigenous Person of the Year;
- became the national columnist for the Koori Mail;
- undertaken my PhD through Monash University;
- wrote and produced a documentary which my wife directed;
- delivered keynote addresses to national and international conferences and continue to receive numerous invitations to speak at major forums;
- and today carry a wallet with more folding money than coins and have a bank account that is no longer in the red.

If I was still gambling, I would have achieved none of the above and probably be arguing with my family over unpaid bills and spending less quality time with them as a unit.

I encourage people to shake their gambling habit and reward themselves with the immeasurable joys of spending quality time with their loved ones.

With sensible financial management practices, I can assure them that they will enjoy putting their feet up and watching their asset-base grow with every cent saved by not gambling.

And for those who don't want to give up gambling and insist that they don't have a problem, I guess the famous quote from Robert Anthony runs true: 'Most people would rather be certain they're miserable than risk being happy.'



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Making room in my Boyfriend Box

ON the weekend I had a bright idea to clear out my wardrobe. It was looking a bit neglected, poor thing. I cleared out all 27 boxes of shoes, assembled all my clothes in piles according to sizes (size 10 to 26), sorted out all my bows and arrows, and I found my Boyfriend Box.

It's a tiny little Nine West shoebox that I usually have tucked up under another pile of rubbish.

I'm sure you know what a Boyfriend Box is. No, it's not a box where my exes now live. It's a box

where I keep memorabilia like old photos, old concert tickets, show stubs, birthday cards and flyers for things I have been to with a boy. I bet you have some kinda box like this.

It's like a trip down memory lane when I look through the box.

So, I sat down and had a good dory looking through everything. The one thing that always tears me up, though, is the photos. Even though I kinda forget the day it was taken, and even the year it was taken, I never forget the feelings. And it's the gammin' photos I love – the ones where I

have taken a pic of me and him.

Once again I hope to be happy, just like in them pictures, holding the camera up to take a picture, hoping I got a picture with our heads in it.

Each year the Boyfriend Box gets smaller, though. I look through it and think 'now why am I keeping this?' and I throw it out. Usually it is the old concert tickets that have to go. Never have I thrown out a photo – I love them too much.

This year I threw out some more stuff. Old birthday cards, letters, brochures and even old

menus are now off getting recycled. I am afraid and scared to say that, slowly, the memories of why I kept is leaving me.

But that is the past. I can't keep looking to the past while moving into the future. Memories make up who I am, but they are not all that is me.

What about my future? If I am moving forward, why do I want to look back? The world is waiting for me! And anyways, gotta make room for new stuff now, hey?

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

Be in the know about payday lenders

An occasional column by
the Cairns-based
Indigenous Consumer
Assistance Network

Need cash fast? You may be tempted to borrow money from a payday lender.

That's okay, as long as you are aware of the hidden dangers.

The rule of thumb for using a payday lender (quick cash service) is to remember that they are for the short term only – a few weeks, not years.

The Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) recently had a client whose \$100 payday loan ended up costing him \$5325! The client had borrowed \$100 from a payday lender. He had two weeks to pay a total amount of \$122, \$100 for the original amount borrowed, and \$22 in interest.

Unfortunately, the person did not pay off the debt. Six months later, he received a summons to appear in the debtor's court.

When he did not appear, a 'judgment' was found in his absence for a total amount of \$5325. The original payday loan of \$100 had multiplied to \$5325 in a total period of only 15 months.

Payday lenders offer short-term loans. They offer quick, easy and convenient cash. Sometimes, you may even be able to get your money within the hour. However, be aware that you will always be charged for the convenience of this service, in high interest rates and fees.

The interest rates of payday lenders are usually much higher compared with other types of loans.

'Interest' is the amount of money you will have to pay back, on top of the amount of money you have borrowed. It is the cost of borrowing money. The annual interest rates for payday loans can start at 250 per cent per annum and can go even higher. The faster you pay back the loan, the less interest you will have to pay.

Then, there are the fees attached to getting the payday loan: Documentation fee, credit inquiry fee, stamp duty fee, administration fee, statement fee, direct debit payment fee, dishonour fee and bank transfer fees can all add up to a lot of

money, on top of the money you have originally borrowed.

Short-term credit provided for a total of no more than 62 days is subject to the Consumer Credit Code if one or both of the following conditions apply: The total fees and charges payable are more than 5 per cent of the amount of credit; and/or the interest rate charged is more than 24 per cent per annum. As many payday lenders charge more than 24 per cent in interest, they must comply with the code.

Before you sign a credit contract with a payday lender, be sure they have provided you with the following information: Amount of credit you are borrowing; all fees and rates including interest charged; how and when the interest will be calculated and charged; the total amount of interest you will owe; penalties for non-payments and how these will be charged. This information should be presented in a pre-contractual statement and an information statement which will outline your rights and obligations.

Many of us have felt the sting of not being able to make a payment on time. If you cannot make your payments because you are sick or lost your job, you must first talk to your creditor and let them know what is happening. You can make an alternative arrangement to repay your debt.

If you are unable to come to an agreeable payment arrangement, you can apply to the court to order the changes (you should seek legal advice first). If the debt is not reduced or cancelled, you are still legally bound to pay back any money you have borrowed.

● For further information on the Consumer Credit Code, visit the website at: <http://www.creditcode.gov.au>. If you need assistance with sorting out a payday loan problem or would like general consumer advice, contact ICAN at: 1300 369 878 (cost of a local call from anywhere in Australia) and check out the website at: <http://www.ican.org.au>



Bonnie Johnson, of Cairns, knows that payday lenders can offer quick loans, but such debts can get out of control unless they're repaid quickly.

YOUR SAY



Tributes to the late Monty Prior
and the late Aunty Mary Davis.
— See Pages 25, 26

Trevorrow could show the way

YOUR POETRY

Mother Earth

Sculptured hills of old men
dreaming
Creatures comfort birds singing
Native habitat coastal dunes
Jeranung, Currawong morning
tunes
River of fishes jumping
Let's all think before our dumping
Mother Earth can hardly see
Horizon on a crystal sea
Traditional ashes, saplings birth
Time for healing Mother Earth.

REUBEN SCOTT
Parklea Correctional Centre
Sydney, NSW

Murder*

The trucks roar in
All arrogant and mighty,
Chainsaws glisten with
death and despair.

Pleas from protesters
Evaporate in the mist;
Some weep, many shout.
Others are taken
by the wrist.

The ancient trees
stare down from above:
Majestic, mysterious,
impossible to not love.

"Safety first! safety first!"
the authorities cry,
Not a care in the world
if the trees must die.

So the workmen are ushered
through the wall of dissent
And without hesitation
they boldly commence.

Sorrow and anguish
descend upon the land,
My tears are like thunder,
my heart turns to sand.

The trees lie helpless
by the side of the road,
Whispering 'murder',
not wanting to go.

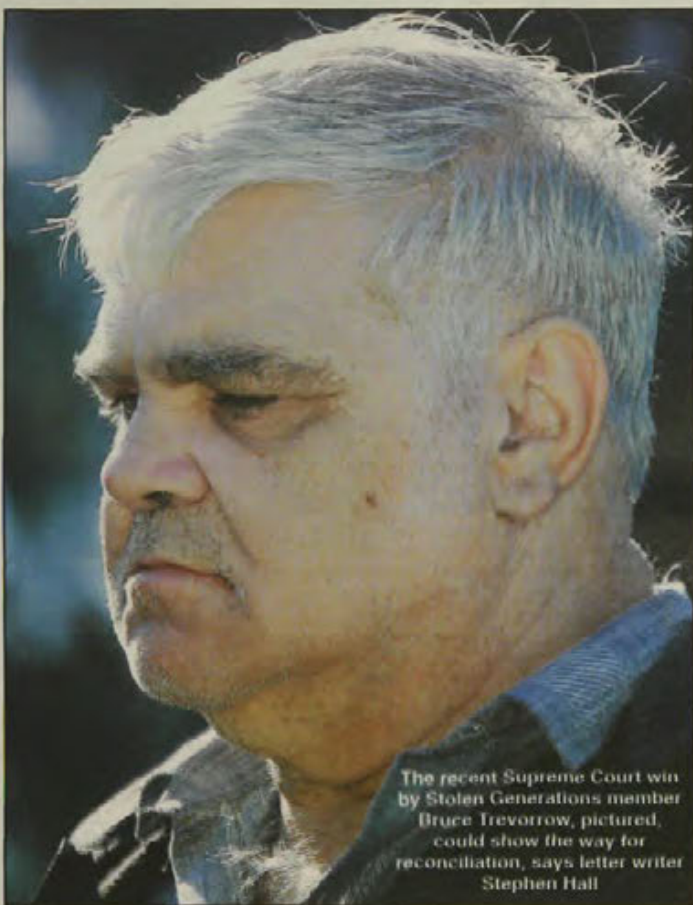
JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

* On 23 July 2007, in the face
of widespread community
opposition, the Roads and Traffic
Authority (RTA) ordered that 97
heritage-listed trees be cut down
on Mona Vale Road near
Kangaroo Valley, NSW.

They came from the sky

These beautiful people from on
high
They were sent down from the sky
They left their homes above
To fill this world with love
They were sent to be a guide
So their words you should abide
Open your ears to hear, your eyes
to see, your heart to receive
Only then will you believe
And know from whence these
people came
And put all your deeds to shame.

DEIDRE CURRIE
Tweed Heads, NSW



The recent Supreme Court win
by Stolen Generations member
Bruce Trevorrow, pictured,
could show the way for
reconciliation, says letter writer
Stephen Hall

institutions, the contact
with family and
community was
minimised to the level
that some children were
informed their parents
had died.

The issue of the
children's removal has
been raised in some
legal challenges and
most of these have
been unsuccessful, due
to statutes of limitation
and/or the fact that
states had laws that
enabled the removal of
children legally; in WA it
was under the now
notorious 1905 Act.

There has recently
been a breakthrough in
litigation in South
Australia, where a
Supreme Court judge
has found in favour of a
complainant (Bruce
Trevorrow) and
awarded him financial
compensation.

I am not a lawyer,
but having read the
decision, it appears that
the case revolved
around what happened
to him while he was in
the care of the State as
much as it did involve
how he got taken into
State 'care'. Under the
legislative scheme in
SA, it was an unlawful
removal.

It may be that this
opens the doors for litigation
by children in relation to what
happened to them when they
were in the care of the State who
was their legal guardian and
therefore had a duty of care —
although it is still early days.

Other than Tasmania, states
and the Commonwealth have not
initiated any serious discussions
about monetary compensation.
The numbers of children involved
are possibly a major stumbling
block.

However, we need some

leadership on this matter. It is
scandalous that governments
maintain 'institutional deafness'
and continue to hide behind the
idea that it was legal at the time.
There has been much

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Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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sending letters, poems and other
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25 medium-length lines. We'd prefer
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this will increase your chances of being
published.

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author's full name, home town/city and
State/Territory, and a contact number so
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No regard for our heritage



Lake Bonney, in Barmera, South Australia. Lecturer Nici Cumpston says the lake is under threat. She fears burial sites will be exposed as the ground surface dries out and erodes if plans go ahead to block off water to the lake.

I am writing to let you know of my concern with the proposed closure of Lake Bonney, in Barmera, South Australia.

I am a lecturer in Indigenous Arts Cultures and Design at the David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research at the University of SA and the SA School of Art. I am of Aboriginal descent from the Darling River and I am also a visual artist. I am currently documenting and researching around Lake Bonney for an exhibition to be held at the Heide Museum in Melbourne later this year.

My research has led me to discover that Aboriginal people have lived in the Lake Bonney basin for many thousands of years and that there are many significant burial grounds around the lake. This fact has been disregarded and gravesites have been desecrated as a result.

I have been liaising with Dr Peter Dowling PhD, Archaeologist and Biological Anthropologist, who is based in Canberra. He wrote his thesis on the Aboriginal occupation of Lake Bonney prior and

during colonisation. He has recorded the evidence of occupation in the form of camp sites, stone artefacts and burial sites. These records are lodged with the SA Heritage Department.

He also accessed records of other significant sites held with the SA Museum lodged by Barmera locals in the 1950-60s when writing his thesis.

Dr Dowling has also recorded a group of sites in the Loch Luna area and has nominated this site for the Commonwealth Register of the National Estate. He has recommended that the whole area of the Lake Bonney basin undergo a full archaeological survey and assessment.

With the announcement of the decision to dam and block off water to Lake Bonney, I cannot see that the SA Government has taken the effect of falling lake levels on these sites, into consideration. It is inevitable that the burial sites will be exposed as the ground surface dries out and erodes. The SA Government has not outlined a contingency and management plan in its

consultations to protect these sites.

I am asking that before any damming of the lake occurs that a full cultural heritage impact assessment be done by qualified experts. This is normal practice where any development may have a detrimental effect on Aboriginal cultural or European historic sites.

The *Environmental Protection and Diversity Conservation Act 1999* was put in place to protect our heritage. How can the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Water Resources give the SA Government permission to construct a dam without any impact assessment being undertaken? In any other part of Australia, this would be seen as vandalism.

I strongly urge the SA Government to reconsider the decision announced last week to dam Lake Bonney until further research is undertaken in the form of a full archaeological survey and assessment.

NICI CUMPSTON
Adelaide, SA

Gubba man in the form of a PM

In the Kamilaroi tribal areas in north-west New South Wales and south-west Queensland mid-last century, the most fearful cry Aboriginal people could hear was 'Gubbamen' or 'Gubba man'.

The term Gubba was later applied to any white person. It was an Aboriginal mispronunciation of 'government' and it meant officers were coming to take more children away or inflict other ills on their communities.

Now we have a new Gubba man: John Howard.

IAN MCDUGALL
Southport, Qld

Mid Winter Day's Dream: Act One

The election is nigh, and at Kirribilli House, a disconsolate John Howard, desperate to stay in power and bemoaning the continually adverse opinion polls, is bunkered down with his loyal cohorts, Philip Ruddock, Alexander Downer and Nick Minchin.

Minchin (almost in tears): I can't understand it, John. Your fear and greed formula has worked so well with the gullible voters in the past, and now Kevin Rudd is refusing to be wedged on security or anything else.

Downer: Even Kevin Andrews' attack on him for not opposing our politically motivated victimisation of Dr Hanef failed to raise a whimper.

Ruddock: Maybe we could get Wilson Tuckey to slap him in the face or push him over, to prove that he's not actually comatose?

Howard: No, it's no use. Complete disregard for common decency and acceptable moral standards, manipulative deceit and divisiveness,

which have always been reliable election winners, just aren't working this time. (Looking miserable) I'm beginning to doubt my own reliability.

Minchin (astounded): But your lie ability is legendary ... your ability to continue on lying for political survival is our party's greatest asset.

Ruddock (with a cruel smile): I agree. Take your military invasion of the Northern Territory and takeover of Aboriginal land - all under the smokescreen of a humanitarian national emergency to combat child abuse.

Downer (nodding and giggling): Pure genius. And you even conned the media into agreeing that removal of the permit system was a necessary part of the plan.

Howard: Yes, but where did it get us? It's as if the average punter doesn't give a damn about Indigenous issues. The polls haven't moved. (Looking at them with renewed interest) What we need to fabricate is an Indigenous threat to Australia's security ... an

Aboriginal terrorist plot.

Downer (interested now): Led by an Aboriginal terrorist doctor?

Ruddock (excited by the idea): Perhaps not a doctor, but how about an Aboriginal Muslim?

Minchin (wildly with enthusiasm): Anthony Mundine!

Howard: No. Nobody would believe that. Besides, I may need him for a photo opportunity if he wins another world title.

Downer (trying to be helpful): Aden Ridgeway has an association with left-wing ABC types.

Howard (a sly smile developing): Desperate times call for desperate measures. We may have to sacrifice one of our own.

Ruddock: You mean ... Noel Pearson?

Howard: No, I'm thinking Mal Brough. (They all look at him in disbelief and dismay.)

Howard (laughing): I read in The Bulletin, last month that Mal has Aboriginal heritage - his sister identifies as Indigenous, and is married to an Indigenous man.

Minchin: But I don't see ...

Howard (looking inspired): We could pull out the troops - saying it was all a mistake and an act of terrorism, devised by undercover Aboriginal activist Mal Brough, who is now under secret AFP interrogation.

Downer (grinning with delight): Brilliant. An act of terrorism - just like our invasion and destruction of Iraq - but now we will be applauded for having averted a national disaster by capturing our own Osama scapegoat, who will subsequently be found totally blameless after the election.

(They all dance around Howard, pronouncing him their saviour PM.)

Howard (his smile vanishes): But we never had this meeting, and I will as usual, deny any knowledge of the preceding events, if future repercussions should occur.

All: Oh we know! We know, oh Political Master!

KEITH MOBBS
Lane Cove NSW

Trevorrow could open the door

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consternation about the lack of a national apology. We have heard the shrieking of the revisionists and the attempt to dismiss this with the dismissive 'black armband' view of history; the response is these people have on their 'white blindfolds'.

The question is: Where will the leadership come from? A range of people and organisations have now been campaigning on this for ten years. We cannot wait for governments any longer.

This will gain momentum only when governments see it is in their own best interests to take the initiative. Like Howard (and Rudd) has taken with the Northern Territory intervention in the name of protecting children. It makes one wonder where that strategy will end up in a generation or two.

Howard's position on the Stolen Generations is clear and he remains intransigent - he has said a number of times it is a State issue.

Rudd has said he will make an apology, but that was only one of the recommendations from the 1997 *Bringing Them Home Report*. Compensation was another.

After the election, the new Prime Minister will need to grasp the nettle and make an apology and then instigate a working party involving all states that will commence negotiating a settlement with the Stolen Generations nationally. The Canadian agreement would be a useful place to start and the current booming Budget surplus provides the opportunity.

Maybe, the Trevorrow case will provide that catalyst.

STEPHEN HALL
Perth, WA

Monty Prior – a great leader

Monty Prior
Born 22 June 1922. Died in Townsville
13 August 2007

Monty Prior was a great Indigenous leader in North Queensland, and for the past 25 years was a Deacon in the Catholic Church.

He was referred to by many as the last of the 'Birrigubba warriors' and was a significant Elder of the North Queensland Indigenous community.

He will be missed greatly by his widow Doris, his children, and his extended family in Townsville, Palm Island and throughout Australia.

I had a long friendship with Monty over the last 30 years and he held a special position of respect in the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

Monty Prior gave inspirational leadership from the early days of struggle and survival of Aboriginal families in Townsville to his involvement with the Catholic Church, in sporting organisations, the Indigenous Elders Advisory Group, in the formation of 4K1G and his involvement in the Central Queensland Land Council.

Monty and Doris Prior were to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on 4 October this year, a milestone that very few Indigenous Australians achieve due to the very high mortality rates of Indigenous Australians.

It is sad that this has not been achieved, however the partnership of Monty and Doris Prior will stand out as a very significant one in the history of Indigenous people in north Queensland.

Monty Prior was born on 22 June 1922 and he passed away on 13 August 2007 soon after visiting his beloved birthplace of Palm Island.

MIKE REYNOLDS
Member for Townsville
Townsville, Qld

Monty Prior was born on Palm Island in 1922 to Tom and Emily Prior, both traditionally from Bowen.

Monty and Doris Prior married on 4 October 1947. Doris was born on Palm Island in 1924 to Eugene and Susanne Stell, her mother from Yarrabah and her father from the Bowen area.

Monty moved to Townsville in 1945 as a builders' labourer and a boxer. Doris had moved to Townsville from Ayr earlier and lived with her sister Gladys and brother-in-law Bill Thompson. They lived in a tent at Rowes Bay with a number of other Aboriginal families waiting for accommodation.

This was where Monty caught the eye of his wife-to-be Doris.

These were days of struggle, where Aboriginal families formed strong communal links and gave support and encouragement to each other in

order to survive on the fringe of Townsville. Temporary housing was forthcoming in Garbutt, in the form of housing left behind by the Americans after the war.

Monty and Doris lived in Garbutt all their married life. Their children were all raised in Garbutt and all attended primary school there. They later attended Townsville State and Pimlico high schools.

Monty and Doris helped form the Garbutt Magpies Aussie Rules club in the early 1950s, played in a local family and

community band, and along with others provided entertainment through concerts and dances in those early days.

Monty worked for the PMG (now Australia Post), as well as a builders' labourer, groundsman and on construction sites such as the Townsville Airport. He also worked for RC Schrock, a plastering contractor.

Monty worked very hard for his wife and children who had grown to 11.

Mrs Prior has said that Monty was only out of work for one day in his entire

working life and was a wonderful dad and a good provider.

Their family was a sporting family. The boys played Aussie rules and trained for boxing, the girls played vigoro, softball and basketball. There was never a dull moment. Monty and Doris always made room for extended family that moved to Townsville for work as well as their family circumstances.

Once their children had started to grow

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A powerful woman

"Our lives begin to end, the moment we become silent about things that matter"

— Martin Luther King Jr

Aunty Mary Davis

Born at Casino, 18 August 1939
Died 12 August 2007

Aunty Mary Davis' laugh varied between a cheeky giggle and an uproarious belly-shaker. Her presence filled a room; she didn't even have to say anything and people would turn to her and say: 'Well, Aunty Mary. What do you think?'

Knowing Aunty Mary, an esteemed Elder of the Illawarra, chair of the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Lands Council and chair of the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, was as close as you could get to knowing pure passion.

Working with her was working with a powerful fire, determined to rip through prejudice and create justice.

"Mum was a straight-shooter, straight from the hip," said Aunty Mary's son, Richard.

"She spoke from the heart and that's what she has left with me: Be truthful, honest and if you want something, just ask for it."

"She was always at the forefront of anything, with government and non-government agencies, organisations, the community. When something was needed for her people, she'd find the ways and means. She'd knock on doors and go to the government agencies and push for what was needed."

"She was never shy, never scared or intimidated. People knew that and I believe they respected my mum for it. That respect was therefore brought to the whole Aboriginal community."

"What she did best was insist on bringing it down to the level of all Aboriginal people. Bringing it away from the bureaucratic jargon and putting things in a way that blackfellas can understand. That's what she was so insistent upon."

"She's trod on toes, upset people — on both sides — but she's always done that to gain for the whole community. That was her focus, the community as a whole, her people."

"It was always for her people. Her people."

"I think now we have to take charge and lead from her example, learn from her experience and the things she's fought for or else we'll be letting



Aunty Mary Davis

her down. We just need to keep firing.

"I'd say to her, 'Mum, you need to rest' and she'd say, 'Mackie, I can't, I have to keep going'."

"Everyone always looked to Aunty Mary for guidance and she'd say, 'Keep striving for what you believe in and if you have something you feel strong enough about, you got to knock on doors'. But even if she said nothing, her presence was simply huge."

"All up, I'd say she was an honest person, she spoke from the heart and she put her people first. She was humble, but extraordinary."

"She makes me proud to be an Aboriginal man. I'm where I am because of Aunty Mary Davis. I think a lot of people are where they are because of her and I'm proud to say she's my mum."

Born Maryann Kathleen Drumbley, in Bundjalung country

(Casino), Aunty Mary grew up in Gumbayngirr country (Nambucca Heads).

She spent nearly 50 years in the Illawarra region of NSW, fighting for her people. There is no doubt in the minds of many that Aunty Mary was a driving force

and they brought her down here to work," he said.

"She met her husband and she's been down here ever since, probably over 40 years."

"Upright and upstanding, never jaded, Aunty Mary suffered a lot of broken promises. So she was very weary but at the same time very optimistic about better futures for Aboriginal people and the community. Whether it was health, housing, justice, she fought for all of them."

"Aunty Mary was one of the most active members in the community and a co-founder or director of most organisations around."

"This one here (the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation) is one of the best ones. It was a little blue hut and a shed out the back. I remember when I was much younger coming up here to meetings."

"She was among the powerful women. Once she spoke, you listened. Everyone listened. It didn't matter if they were senior public servants or happened to be the director of the public courts — she'd have them cringing."

"Aunty Mary commanded respect from Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and she spoke for her people."

"Aunty Mary hated red tape, things were always happening too slow for her. But it was always about what's best for the community."

"(She was) one of the last fighters of her generation whom we just said goodbye to."

"Very inspiring for a lot of young people who'll no doubt carry on the fight and I think that's her legacy. She'll always live on for the people with passion in their hearts."

The power of women is something Aunty Mary nurtured and strengthened constantly. She

things that make it feel like home."

"We started the craft group here together (in 2002) and it's still going on Wednesdays," said Elizabeth Hodgson, who would certainly call IAC home."

"We both agreed that our women needed to come and do something for themselves. I was like her private secretary and I followed her around like a puppy, 'now you come over here and we're going to go here, or there'."

"Aunty Mary had a power over people, but she was always open to suggestions. I could reason with her and then she'd say 'Well that's what I was saying!' You gave her the respect that she demanded and commanded."

"She'd always say, 'just learn, learn from me because I won't be here forever and you'll have to carry on'. And as daunting as it is, that's exactly what we'll have to do to honour her work and her memory."

"She may have been little, but she had a big voice and a big heart," said Elizabeth's sister, Colleen McClelland. "She was the biggest woman I knew."

On Monday 13 August — the day after Aunty Mary passed away — Agnes Donovan's son, Paul, stood up at his primary school assembly.

"A very important and treasured Aboriginal Elder passed away yesterday morning," he said. "I think we should all have a minute's silence in honour of Aunty Mary Davis. She was my aunty and I will miss her forever."

Aunty Mary didn't just touch people's lives. She changed them. Sincere condolences to the Aboriginal community of the Illawarra, the south coast and the north coast.

● Aunty Mary Davis was the daughter of James McGrath and Emily Drumbley. She had three brothers — Ted, Gillie and Billy. She and her husband Robert Davis had five children — Lesley, Richard, Robert, Walter Jo (dec) and Selena. Her grandchildren were Russell, Jason, Rebecca, Melissa, Carley, Tenaya, Tod and Emmally; and her great grandchildren were Teykoa, Tanayah, Calvin, Ty and Ayden. She was also a nan and mum to an extended families.

JAY FLETCHER
(with others from the
Illawarra Aboriginal
Corporation,
Wollongong, NSW)

'She may have been little, but she had a big voice and a big heart. She was the biggest woman I knew'

behind continuous positive change.

Stan Jarrett knew Aunty Mary's battles well:

"Aunty Mary was my aunty. She was a Bundjalung woman, a member of the Stolen Generations

wrote in 2002 that the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation (IAC) 'was started by a group of women who wanted to have somewhere to work and where we could help our people... I'm hoping it'll be there for another 100 years. Kooris like

North Queensland mourns death of Monty Prior

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up and began leaving home, they both found they had more time for themselves as a married couple. Monty was an altar boy in his younger life so it must have been this calling that nudged him back into the Catholic Church. In 1975 he joined a mission team established by Father Mick Peters, then Townsville's part-time chaplain to Aboriginal people. His workload included visiting inmates of Stuart Creek Jail and visits to hospitals

giving his assistance wherever possible. He is still remembered by people on the streets for his work in this area.

In 1982, Monty was ordained as Deacon into the Catholic Church by Bishop Faulkner and though he retired some time before, Monty still gave his full support to the Catholic Church, with dedication and commitment. Doris had always been a strong supporter of Monty's work as a Deacon and together they fought to establish the first Aboriginal parish in Garbutt through the Aboriginal

and Islander Catholic Council. It was named for Saint Teresa.

Both Monty and Doris served many years representing their Aboriginal community as directors on numerous boards. One of their biggest highlights was their involvement with TAIMA/4K1G, which they were involved with from the very beginning. Monty became a member of the Central Queensland Land Council and served as Chairman from 1991 to 2003.

He also visited Britain in 1990 with two other Aboriginal Elders to retrieve three

Aboriginal skeletal remains taken to the United Kingdom for medical research in 1893. These were returned to country and put to rest.

Other community initiatives they had been involved in were Indigenous juvenile justice in the Townsville area, the Indigenous Elders Advisory Group and community meetings to address social issues. There is much more to Monty Prior who spent his life, with his wife Doris, knowing the hardships of their people and striving for a better tomorrow.

Research may save Warlpiri songs from extinction



THE ancient songs of the Warlpiri people of Central Australia are being saved from extinction thanks to a research project led by anthropologists at The Australian National University that is recording, interpreting and transcribing the 'songlines'.

"Warlpiri songlines link ancestral power with the landscape, emotions and aesthetics and are central to the community's religious life," said project leader, anthropologist Professor Nicolas Peterson.

"But because the songs are known by fewer and fewer Warlpiri people and the ceremonies are being performed less and less often, this spiritual core of Warlpiri culture is disappearing."

Two Warlpiri elders, Thomas Rice Jangala and Jeannie Egan Nungarrayi, are working with ANU PhD student Georgia Curran to make recordings of the songlines that still exist, as well as interpreting the 'old' words of the songs, and translating meanings into English.

The researchers have already recorded 80 hours of predominately women's songs - related to health, attracting



Thomas Jangala and Jeannie Nungarrayi (right) show PhD student Georgia Curran a rock that is believed to be a transformation of an ancestral man.

Photo: Nic Peterson

husbands, or providing strength to boys before initiation, and other public songs from community-based ceremonies.

The project is funded by an Australian Research Council Linkage grant coordinated by the School of Anthropology

and Archaeology at ANU, with participation from the University of Queensland and partner funding from the Warlpiri Jangana Association and the Central Land Council.

The copyright in the recordings remains with the local Warlpiri community broadcaster, PAW Media, which will hold it on behalf of the traditional owners.

Professor Peterson said many of the young Yuendumu people know the tunes used in ceremonies, but because they don't have the authority to sing, they don't have the confidence to sing or they don't know the words, many just hum. Slowly, knowledge of the song cycles is fading.

"It's against this background that there's a convergence of interest between ethnographers of Warlpiri life and senior Warlpiri people, both groups of whom are concerned by the impending loss of many of the songlines," Professor Peterson said.

"For Warlpiri people the significance of the loss is deeply complex as it intensifies and reflects the transformations that are going on in their religion, in their society more generally, and in the conflict between generations with their threats to Warlpiri identity."

Prisoners voting win



A PRISONER action group has hailed the High Court's recent decision allowing prisoners to vote as an important victory.

The High Court on 30 August upheld a constitutional challenge mounted by a female Aboriginal prisoner to 2006 amendments to commonwealth electoral legislation barring anyone serving any jail sentence from voting.

But it ruled that pre-2006 laws, barring anyone serving a jail sentence of three years or longer from voting, should remain.

Brett Collins, spokesman for Justice Action, said this was a great decision, which clearly had implications for ensuring a basis for prisoner and citizens' rights.

Mr Collins said a key issue was the inalienable constitutional right of political expression which had been accepted abroad, but not in Australia.

"This is not an isolated stand. It is a stand really for people's entitlement to be involved in a democracy. That should not be alienated by governments acting through their own political interest and also sometimes in response to penal populism," he said.

Mr Collins said the decision upheld the right of prisoners to be involved in the political process.

Mr Collins said Aboriginal people were overly represented in jail and this measure would have imposed a disproportionate effect on the Indigenous population.

"It was another degree of alienation that the Aboriginal community itself has suffered," he said.

The woman who initiated the case, Victorian Aboriginal prisoner Vickie Roache, did not comment personally on her victory. She remains an inmate at the Dame Phyllis Frost Women's Prison.

Federal Attorney-General Philip Ruddock expressed disappointment at the court's decision.

With an election date announcement looming, it appears unlikely the Government has enough time to draft and pass legislation reversing this decision, even if it wanted to.

High Court Chief Justice Murray Gleeson said in a statement that until the Commonwealth Electoral Act was amended in 2006, prisoners serving three years or longer were not entitled to vote.

In 2006, the Act was amended to provide that prisoners serving any sentence of imprisonment were not entitled to vote.

The court, by majority, upholds the challenge to the 2006 amendment. It also holds that the pre-2006 legislation continues in force and is valid," Justice Gleeson said.

The court directed Ms Roache should pay half the court costs. -AAP

Correction

In our last edition (29 August 2007), we published a letter entitled 'Remove the abusers instead of children' from Valda Weldon. We stated that Valda was from Griffith when she is in fact, from Wagga Wagga. We apologise for the mix-up.

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COMPUTERISING traditional knowledge and learning other ways of putting new technology to cultural use was

the aim of the first TAFE program for heritage mapping students in far north Queensland.

A 12-week TAFE/Aboriginal Rainforest Council (ARC) cultural heritage mapping training course has been delivered on Kuku Nyungkul country, near Black Mountain, south of Cooktown, and in Mossman, and was celebrated in Cairns late last month.

The course has other groups in the Wet Tropics 'lining up' to sign on and has attracted national interest.

ARC Chairman Russell Butler said the course was born from a close working relationship between Rainforest Aboriginal Elders, the Aboriginal Rainforest Council, Tropical North Queensland TAFE and their teachers, as well as the students themselves, the Wet Tropics Management Authority and Department of Natural Resources and Water.

He said the course was about developing cultural heritage recording skills using latest technologies, such as digital video, camera, computer, GPS and digital mapping in remote locations, under the watchful eyes of Elders to ensure traditional cultural protocols were upheld in the recording and management of cultural information.

"The course provides an opportunity for young traditional owners to learn new technologies and work with their Elders in recording precious and rapidly disappearing knowledge," he said.

Graduate Adrian Tranby Green, who did the course as an 'extra' on top of his rangers course, said he had been able to add basic computer skills to his list of achievements.

"The rest of it has been about getting tickets, like chainsaws and stuff like that, and then learning how to look after the land," he said.

"I've just learned all the basics with the computer, GPS, how to map onto the computer and just mainly working out how to do boundaries and taking care of the country."

Fellow student and former

Mapping their heritage



Adrian Tranby Green, Peter Wallace and ARC project officer Cavel Cora.

landscaper Jennifer Burchill said it was good to learn things.

"When we were on country we were learning how to use the camera and then in the classroom it was about the mapping and putting everything on computer," she said.

"I reckon it will go a long way if they keep teaching other people how to do it so they can get all the information down and protect it."

Opportunity

Kuku Nyungkul 'young' Elder Peter Wallace said he had the opportunity to pass on knowledge his mother and grandfather had given him.

"It's good now that we've got this course because the younger ones haven't had the opportunity, they've been locked up in the community on the mission for about 20 years and never really had the opportunity to learn their language ... it was all English," he said.

"I was very interested in this course because I knew it would benefit a lot of young people because they can learn literacy and numeracy, things like measuring sites and writing up documents.

"There are so many questions there as you learn the ropes and start documenting more and more things it becomes very interesting and you can create a product.

"That's something that I'm learning now because you can own that, ownership comes back which can empower individuals."

Mr Wallace said any way of combining new technologies with traditional knowledge was of interest to young people. "I think the young people are good because they know how to handle a computer these days and the technology, they can pick up really quick, so I think with the Elders there and still passing down the knowledge, I think we're going to go a long way," he said.

Ms Burchill said she hoped her three children would be able to use the information documented as a result of the course.



Graduates and Elders from the cultural heritage mapping course. Standing, from left, Richard Burchill, Adrian Tranby, Michael Naden, Phyllis Cobb, Eugene Sexton. Seated, from left, Peter Wallace, Gary Clark, Marilyn Wallace, Jennifer Burchill, Bob Peever.

Life no hurdle for role model Kyle



Kyle Vander-Kuyp and some young Tasmanians. Kyle's qualities as a role model are evident around young people of all ages.

Story and photo by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



AUSTRALIA'S fastest hurdler, Kyle Vander-Kuyp has been keeping himself busy juggling and hurdling. In between training five days a week, in preparation for selection into the Beijing Olympics in 2008 the two time Indigenous Olympian has been juggling his commitments as an ambassador and role model.

"The legs want to go one more time," Kyle said on a recent visit to Hobart as Indigenous Ambassador for the Department of Human Services.

At 36, he admits it will be an effort getting to Beijing and that he will be happy to wrap it up after that.

"I've been enjoying the last five months of training though," Kyle said.

"The biggest thing is getting the body on the start line healthy. Then the rest is luck, good weather and you've got to use your talent."

Kyle added that his training on the track and in the gym has given him no reason to believe his body has 'packed it up'; he is still producing his best lifts and his best speeds.

Selections trials into the Beijing Olympics are March 2008 ready for the games in August.

Away from the track and gym, Kyle has also been busy as a role model with Red Dust Role Models, a non-profit organisation which uses the profile and influence of positive role models to deliver health messages and inspire healthy lifestyle decisions among remote, indigenous youth.

He is also an ambassador for BHP and the Department of Human Services and has been working with Athletics Australia's indigenous programs.

"I'm doing things in the area of my next passion, working with young people. I want to be a role model. It's not something I take lightly," Kyle said of his mentoring roles.

He said he has benefited from Aboriginal role models he looked up to when he was growing up.

"My adoptive Mum was determined I knew my culture, although it was hard in the seventies."

Kyle was adopted as a baby and only hooked up with his biological mother, three brothers and a sister a few years ago.

"I can now say I'm from the Worimi and Yuin tribes. It's important to say where you're from," he said proudly.

"My grandfather was an axeman, boxer and rugby player. I've got his blood through me, I've certainly used it when I've gone over hurdles!"

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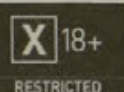
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Further details:

Mr Luke Murray
Indigenous Recruitment Officer
Office of the Director, Indigenous Education
La Trobe University
(03) 5444 7205 or
indigenous_enquiries@latrobe.edu.au

www.latrobe.edu.au/indigenous

La Trobe University has a wide range of scholarships available for undergraduate commencing and continuing students as well as postgraduate students. Below is a selection of University scholarships:

Scholarships based on demonstrated financial need and education disadvantage:

- (Commonwealth) Indigenous Access Scholarship (IAS) \$4,080 (once off payment) for commencing Indigenous Australian students relocating to undertake study.
- La Trobe Indigenous Students Scholarships (LISS) \$5,000 per year for commencing Indigenous Australian students only.

- Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS) \$4,324 per year (indexed) for commencing and continuing students.
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- La Trobe University Study Support Scholarships (LSSS) \$3,000 per year for commencing students only.
- La Trobe Vice-Chancellor's Regional Scholarships (LVCRS) \$3,000 for commencing students only.
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Important Dates:

Applications open: Monday 6 August 2007.

Applications close: Monday 15 October 2007.

Scholarship offers will be made in early December 2007.

How to Apply:

- You must apply for the above scholarships directly through La Trobe University.
- A La Trobe scholarship application is separate from a VTAC/SEAS application.
- Please contact Luke Murray on the details provided above or visit the following websites for information, including guidelines and application forms, on La Trobe University's scholarships:

La Trobe University Scholarships:

www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships

Office of the Director, Indigenous Education:

www.latrobe.edu.au/indigenous



La Trobe University/Invergowrie Foundation

Scholarship for Indigenous Women: Two scholarships of \$5,000 pa for 3 years are awarded to Indigenous women studying an undergraduate degree. This scholarship is administered through the Office of the Director, Indigenous Education and is awarded every three years.

www.latrobe.edu.au



Coralie Cassidy and her son Mark Clemments hold her latest poetry book.

Power in poetry

Story and photo by ALF WILSON
in Townsville



TOWNSVILLE Aboriginal poet Coralie Cassidy admits that her poetry is often controversial and her new book entitled *Proper Deadly Poetry* is no different.

The book was published by Logimedia at James Cook University recently and Ms Cassidy said she had used it to confront issues that are important to her people.

The book has a visually striking cover and forewords written by respected community leaders Gracelyn Smallwood, a Townsville human rights activist, and Sam Watson, a Brisbane community leader, poet and Deputy Director of ATSI Studies Unit at the University of Queensland.

The paintings of artists Karen Doolan and James Doyle illustrate the book along with photos from Ms Cassidy's personal collection.

Ms Cassidy said the book, which was funded by Thuringowa RADF, was dedicated to her recently deceased eldest sister Theresa Ruth Braikenridge/Bligh who passed away on Good Friday this year.

"If my sister was still alive today she would say, 'good on you - you bloody bold bitch, I am proud of you and the book'," said Ms Cassidy.

Innisfail-born Ms Cassidy is one of north Queensland's most prominent poets. She has had many works published in the Koori Mail. One highly emotive poem, *Deaths in Custody*, was published in mainstream newspaper, the Townsville Bulletin, after the 2004 Palm Island riot.

"It is confrontational and controversial with no holds barred," Ms Cassidy said of her work. "My message is for the mob and certain organisations to stand up and have a good look at their mode of operation."

Ms Cassidy said it took about five months to completely 'poeticise' all the issues in her book.

Some of the poetry titles include *Not Gammon but Truly Jamming* (inspired by Murri entertainer/comedian Sean Choolburra), *Slow Change*, *Survival*, *Injustice*, *I'm Not An Import*, *The Written Word*, *Are You an Aborigine?*, *Mixing of Black and White*, *Stolen Wages*, *Lousy Little Offer*, *Solidarity*, *Guilt*, *Deaths in Custody*, *Historical People of Palm Island*, *Apathetic Aborigines*, and many others.

Ms Cassidy had her first book *Poetic Perspective* published in 2001 and often recites her work at community events and meetings around North Queensland and sometimes interstate.

"Although my poetry challenges many other issues, mental health issues remain my focus, my passion," she told the Koori Mail.

The public book launch of *Proper Deadly Poetry* will be held at the Thuringowa Library morning tea on Thursday 27 September at 10 am.

The book is on sale at the Townsville Cultural Centre or from Coomalie Cultural Arts Centre at Batchelor, which is 120kms south of Darwin in the Northern Territory. Alternatively, it can be obtained by phoning 07 4773 4707.

Ms Cassidy graduated in May 2006 with a Diploma in Radio Broadcasting from the Batchelor Institute of Tertiary Education (BIITE) and is currently enrolled as a second-year student in the Bachelor of Primary Health Care-Mental Health.

Reconciliation rocks

CONGRATULATIONS to all those lucky readers of the Koori Mail who won double passes in our recent *Reconciliation Across the Great Divide* concert promotion.

The winners are listed below. The promotion was based upon a partnership between Reconciliation Australia and two of Australia's biggest bands – Powderfinger and Silverchair – to promote a new community conversation about reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The *Across the Great Divide* concert tour is aimed encourage young Australians to educate themselves about Indigenous Australia and have their say through a new interactive website.

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Winners

- Joni-Lee Cowan of Coffs Harbour, NSW (Coffs Harbour concert, 6 Sept)
- Nathan Fraser of Sutherland, NSW (Sydney concert, 8 Sept)
- Blake Jones and Shantelle McFarlane of Wodonga, Vic (Wodonga concert, 12 Sept)
- Shane Rez and Karra Rez of Albury, NSW (Wodonga concert, 12 Sept)
- Marilyn Emmett of Mildura, Vic (Mildura concert, 14 Sept)
- Katina Parsons and Jade Griffiths of Dareton, NSW (Mildura concert, 14 Sept)
- Narlinga Fitzpatrick of Kangaroo Flat, Vic (Bendigo concert, 15 Sept)
- Aunty Pam Pedersen of Eltham, Vic (Ballarat concert, 16 Sept)
- Rebecca Calhoun of Glenroy, Vic (Melbourne concert, 18 Sept)
- Mary Ford of Hamilton Hill, WA (Perth concert, 22 Sept)



- Fritz Dummermuth of Spencer Park, WA (Perth concert, 22 Sept)
- Andry Sculthorpe of Hobart, Tas (Hobart concert, 29 Sept)
- Alisha Mines of Stuart Park, NT (Darwin concert, 5 Oct)
- Tracy Pryor or Cairns, Qld (Cairns concert, 7 Oct)
- Kim Palmer of Palm Island, Qld (Townsville concert, 8 Oct)
- Raya Litwak of Runaway Bay, Qld (Mackay concert, 11 Oct)
- Ryley Edgar of Grafton, NSW (Toowoomba concert, 14 Oct)
- Dianne Hall of Bribie Island, Qld (Toowoomba concert, 14 Oct)
- Deldre Sampson of Blacktown, NSW (Wollongong concert, 23 Oct)
- Mark Rose of Oak Flats, NSW (Wollongong concert, 23 Oct)

The Koori Mail thanks the team from Reconciliation Australia for their assistance with this promotion, especially Brooke Pettit, Karen Mundine, and Claire Tedeschi.

● See page 3 to read about the personal reconciliation journeys embarked upon by the fellas from Powderfinger and Silverchair.

Casino bids for its own Croc Fest

NSW THE Richmond Valley Council is bidding to host Croc Festival, a major touring Indigenous schools event.

The festival is a celebration of youth culture and is held annually at eight rural and remote regions around Australia.

Should the Casino-based Richmond Valley Council be successful in their bid, the festival would run for three days in September for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Visiting Casino in late August were John Slattery, AOM, QC, Chairman of the Indigenous Festivals Limited, and Croc Festival producers Peter and Helen Sjoquist. The Richmond Valley Council met the delegates to discuss possible sites for the festival.

The event is aimed at involving young Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in a festival

atmosphere which embraces health, education, employment and performing arts in the spirit of reconciliation. The festival strongly promotes an anti-drug, alcohol and tobacco message and aids students in gaining self-confidence, self-esteem and teamwork skills.

Throughout the three days, students take part in a number of activities, including health expos, careers markets, goal-setting workshops, future skills workshop, storytelling workshops, didgeridoo lessons and more.

Richmond Valley Council events and cultural liaison officer Peter Byrne said: "A festival of this size and scope has benefits for the whole region and support for our bid to secure the festival from Northern Rivers schools and organisations have been very strong."

The council expects to get a decision in October.



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Workplace Relations

Structured Training and Employment Projects Employment and Related Services (STEP ERS) Request for Tender (RFT)

Tender Number – DEWR RFT 2007/27

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) released a Request for Tender (RFT) on AusTender on 7 September 2007 for organisations interested in being engaged on an existing STEP ERS panel expanded to deliver services in the Northern Territory. The panel delivers Structured Training and Employment Projects Employment and Related Services (STEP ERS) to assist employers and Indigenous job seekers. DEWR will not be seeking tenders for the provision of services outside the Northern Territory.

The RFT is being undertaken to assist the effective and efficient implementation of the Australian Government's Emergency Response in the Northern Territory.

The current panel consists of about 170 organisations around Australia. More details are available from www.workplace.gov.au/stepender. Current panel members wishing to extend their panel membership into additional service streams or locations within the Northern Territory will need to re-tender.

The aim of STEP ERS is to provide sustainable employment for Indigenous Australians, particularly in the private sector. Organisations will be able to tender to provide one or more of the following 'service streams' to employers:

- pre-employment support services;
- employment placement services; and
- mentoring services.

The panel will comprise organisations able to demonstrate value for money in the provision of one or more service streams, effectively and efficiently meet DEWR's requirements and comply with DEWR's required terms and conditions.

Organisations wishing to submit a tender will need to register on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au) and refer to the website for the RFT documents.

Tenders must be received by DEWR at the location specified in the RFT no later than 4.00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday 10 October 2007.

Late tenders will not be accepted. It is the onus of the tenderer to ensure the tender arrives before the tender closing time.

Information sessions on the RFT will be held from 12-14 September 2007. Further details on information sessions are available at www.workplace.gov.au/stepender.

For more information:

- Visit the Employment Services Purchasing website: www.workplace.gov.au/stepender
- Email espurchasing@dewr.gov.au or
- Call Employment Services Purchasing Hotline: 1300 733 514 Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm Australian Eastern Standard time.

Promoting disability action and awareness

Disability Services Queensland has funding available to support initiatives that promote the development of more inclusive communities through the Building Supportive Communities Grants Program.

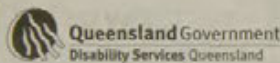
Grants of up to \$5 000 are available for regional activities, while grants of up to \$15 000 are available for initiatives that have a statewide impact.

For grant guidelines and application forms:

- contact your nearest Disability Services Queensland regional office
- visit our website www.disability.qld.gov.au or
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Grant applications close Friday 12 October 2007.



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Notice to compulsorily acquire Easements within Wollondilly Shire Local Government Area (LGA)

Sydney Water Corporation hereby gives notice that approval has been sought for the compulsory acquisition of easements within Wollondilly Shire LGA.

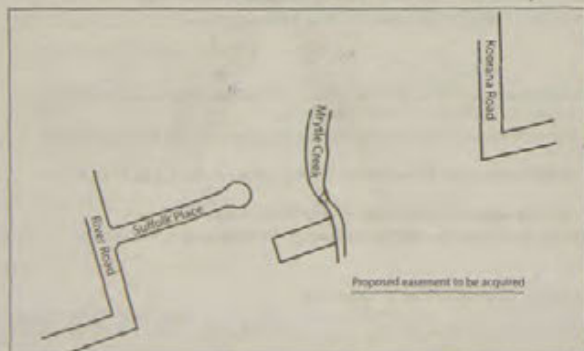
Notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth).

The easements to be acquired are approximately 1032 square metres of Crown Land located at Tahmoor (as detailed below) being part of Crown Land being Crown Reserve No. 56146 from sale or lease vide government gazette 11 May 1923, which is shown as Lot 214 DP 263315 & Lot 75 DP 26282 and Myrtle Creek on DP 1000554.

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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Black writers at Brisbane festival



SOME of Australia's best Indigenous writers, including Kev Carmody, Gayle Kennedy,

Samuel Wagan Watson and Sam Watson, will feature in the line-up in the 11th Brisbane Writer's Festival, which starts today.

The theme for this year's festival, which will feature around 300 writers from Mongolia to Mt Isa, is *Reach Beyond the Page*.

Until and including Sunday, 16 September, literature buffs will be able to soak up the festival atmosphere at the State Library of Queensland.

An Indigenous singer/songwriter, Stolen Generations members, and former itinerant agricultural worker, Kev Carmody started university at 33 years and completed a masters in history and philosophy.

Award winner

Sydney-based Gayle Kennedy has had stories published in newspapers and magazines and broadcast on radio, and was the Indigenous issues writer and researcher for *Streetwise Comics* from 1995-1998. She wrote *Me, Ant and Fleabag*, which won last year's David Unaipon Award.

Samuel Wagan Watson's book of poetry, *Smoke Encrypted Whispers*, won the 2005 NSW Premier's Book of the Year and Kenneth Slessor Prize.

Sam Watson is a novelist, filmmaker, playwright and political activist. He teaches at the University of Qld.

Other writers at the festival will include a Palestinian al-Qa'ida expert, a British 'food-freedom fighter', a Canadian Chaucerian rapper, a Mongolian Shaman, a French graphic novelist creating non-fiction comics about life under communism, and a Swedish magician turned vampire-chaser.

Focus shifted

"The driving theme this year is how the globe directly impacts the written word. The focus in literature has shifted away from the clash of civilisations, to examining the relationship between society and the individual - everything from the religious and spiritual dimension through to the physical world around us," said Festival Director Michael Campbell.

Today's BWF opening address will be given by Man Booker shortlistee South African Damon Galgut whose book, *The Good Doctor*, is described as a parable on South African life from a post-apartheid rural hospital.

• Kev Carmody events:



• From top to bottom: singer/songwriter Kev Carmody, poet Samuel Wagan Watson and writer Sam Watson are making appearances at the Brisbane Writers' Festival this week.



Friday 14 September - Rocking the Vote, Maiwar Amphitheatre, State Library from 9.15-10am; Friday 14 September - The Music: The Words, Powerhouse Theatre from 9.30-10.30pm.

• Gayle Kennedy events: Saturday 15 September - David Unaipon Award, Maiwar Amphitheatre, State Library from 2-3pm.

• Samuel Wagan Watson events: Thursday 13 September - Poetry on the Platform, Turbine Platform,

Powerhouse from 7-8pm; Friday 14 September - In Black and White, Blue Marquee, State Library from 10.20-11.05am.

• Sam Watson events: Saturday 15 September - The Panel: Indigenous Theatre - The Shed from 3.20-5.40pm; Sunday 16 September - Captain James Cook was the best thing to ever happen to Black Australia!! SLQ Auditorium 2, State Library from 4.40-5.40pm.

Book tells of wars of blood

By REKO RENNIE-GWAYBILLA in Melbourne



A BUNURONG man from Victoria has challenged the history of the land and talked about the bloody wars between white settlers and Aboriginal people of Gunditjmarra and Wathaurong lands in a new book. *Convincing Ground: Learning to Fall in Love With Your Country*, written by Bruce Pascoe, was launched recently at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

Pascoe invites readers to take a personal journey through his lands and find out about the true history of war and resistance.

He told the Koori Mail the idea of the book came to him while he was working on the Wathaurong Aboriginal language.

"It is my family's language and I was only doing it for myself and my family to find out about our separation and about our heritage," he said.

"It was my way of getting back some of what was lost and, the more I worked on the language, I kept turning up stuff which was teaching me a history that I had never been taught.

"I got more and more surprised that no-one else seemed to know about it either and there was a history of contest for the land and that no-one seemed to believe.

"And I found it really hard to alert people to the fact there had been a war on the soil and so I thought 'gee, I'll have to write the book' because people just weren't taking it seriously.

Schoolteachers and politicians ... they just weren't taking it seriously.

"I thought 'well, the only way, if I've got to convince them, is I have to do it their way', which is to have all the footnotes and that sort of stuff in there as well and that's how I started on it."

Convincing Ground, published Aboriginal Studies Press, is a history that virtually every Australian State or Territory has, but one that is constantly denied.

According to Pascoe, war is nothing new in

Australia, but the problem is getting others to acknowledge the bloody history.

"People in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, all the governments were using the word 'war' because the fighting was so fierce and they were calling for more and more troops and they sent more and more soldiers to fight this war and eventually defeated Aboriginal people throughout the country," he said.

"But today, it's like it didn't happen."

"You'll hear people say all the time, there's never been a war fought on this soil and what absolute bull.... that is.

"It's an insult to all our families that the rest of the community just cannot bring themselves to believe the truth, it's (the history) there. Any person who wants to go back and open up the bloody books and have a look for themselves and it's there.

The author of more than ten books, Pascoe also hopes that Australians will start to 'wake up to the fact that we as Aboriginal people were here a lot longer than a token 40,000-year time-frame'.

"A lot of people believe we came from Indonesia 40,000 years ago on the bloody land bridge and that's how pervasive that education thing has been," he said.

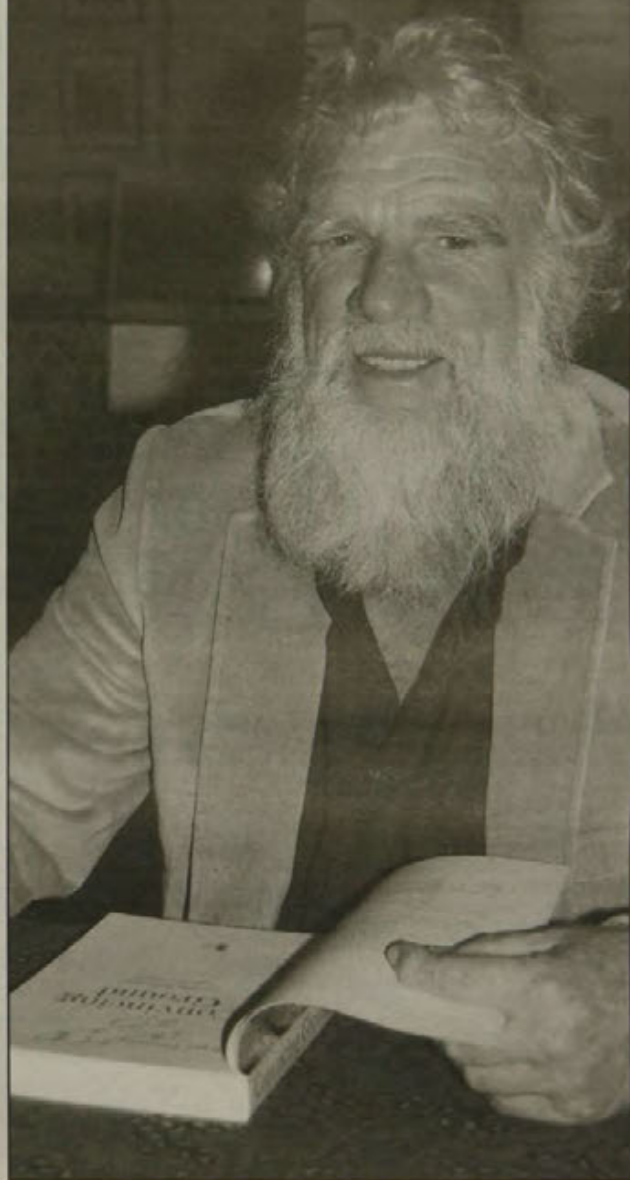
"So if my book could just make people stop doing that, if our kids can say to their teachers that we never came across on a land bridge, because my great-grandmother - when she was asked - said we were here all the time, we were always here and it's a simple little thing, but archaeology is proving to be more right every bloody day," he said.

"And if people don't want to believe me, all they have to do is go to Google and find out, it's all there."

● To buy a copy of *Convincing Ground* or to find out more information about the book, contact Aboriginal Studies Press in Canberra on 02 6246 1200.

Bunurong man Bruce Pascoe. The failure of schoolteachers, politicians and others to take the history of Aboriginal resistance seriously moved him to write his book, *Convincing Ground*.

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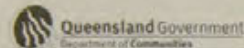
The Department of Communities has funds available for rural and remote communities to build and strengthen their capacity to shape their community's future. This includes enhancing community strengths such as leadership, networks, infrastructure and relationships within communities and with other areas.

This funding is also available to assist communities to identify local cultural development opportunities that will revitalise the community socially and economically.

For further information, please contact your local Department of Communities office and ask to speak to a Rural and Regional Communities Officer. Information packages including the contact details of regional offices are available from the Department of Communities website at www.communities.qld.gov.au

Funding submissions must be lodged with the regional offices of the Department of Communities by 4 pm on 22 October 2007.

Further funding rounds will be offered in 2008 closing on 3 March, 2 June and 1 September.



Building a sustainable, liveable and prosperous rural Queensland



These 3kg crayfish caught by Puchiwi Fishing Limited could fetch as much as \$55 a kilogram at Christmas time. Admiring the catch were Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Queensland Director-General Jim Varghese, DPI&F project officer Wayne Butcher and Qld Primary Industries and Fisheries Minister Tim Mulherin.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Jaara Jaara Loddon Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 22 August 2007
Public comments due: 19 September 2007
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Jaara Jaara Loddon Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat

GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001
Email: vahe@dvc.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9208 3243
Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

Fishing for the future



THE Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Queensland is working closely with a Cape York Indigenous fishing project which has already made early inroads into domestic and Asian markets.

The Lockhart River-based Puchiwi Fishing Limited aims to be a viable enterprise within two years.

"The Puchiwi company has the entrepreneurial spirit, which has inspired the community," said Qld Primary Industries and Fisheries Minister Tim Mulherin when he and his department's Director-General and Government Champion for Cape York Jim Varghese visited Lockhart River in August.

"We want Puchiwi to be presented as a best-practice model that will add economic value to the local community and the Cape," he said.

He said the DPI&F had a unique relationship with Lockhart River that could be a model for future community-government arrangements to advance economic development opportunities.

"In two years, Puchiwi has become part of Lockhart River's social infrastructure with the whole community concerned about its ultimate success."

Puchiwi wild-harvests crayfish and mud crab in the sea and rivers around the Lockhart River community.

Divers pluck crayfish off the ocean floor and bring in a haul of mud crabs from strategically placed crab pots along the crocodile-infested Claude River.

Mr Mulherin said the 2007 year started well for Puchiwi with \$5000 worth of live crayfish sent to the Asian market and \$2000 worth of mud crabs sold to domestic markets.

Mr Varghese said DPI&F had helped the Puchiwi company to 'build the platform' for future success.

"The company understands the concept of trial and error and that they need to crawl before they can walk," he said.

"This means they will become good business people."

Mr Mulherin and Mr Varghese have undertaken to fund the project for another 12 months and to assist them in obtaining more boats, equipment and training.

"It needs to stack up economically for State Government support to continue and Puchiwi is certainly on track to achieving this in two years," Mr Mulherin said.

It was at a Learning Circle held at Chilli Beach north of Lockhart River that the community identified the sea as having the greatest economic potential for the community.

The Puchiwi Fishing Company was formed in November 2004 and incorporated and registered the following year. Since then the company obtained training and the necessary fishing permits, sought funding and started exporting.

The first 17 community members to earn commercial diving qualifications were the first people in Qld to be accredited under the stringent new commercial open water diving code.

"This training has been a major investment in workforce skills development and has increased employment opportunities for community members," Mr Varghese said.

Lockhart River's community plan, developed in partnership with DPI&F and the Department of Communities, has won a Premier's Excellence Award in the Partnership and Reconciliation category, and the Puchiwi Fishing company won highly commended in the same category.



● LEFT: Qld Primary Industries and Fisheries Minister Tim Mulherin discusses Puchiwi Fishing Limited's progress with the project leader Wayne Butcher, as the [air inspect the company's boats at Lockhart River. Mr Butcher, who is based in Cairns as a Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries project officer, is a Lockhart River local.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Wurundjeri Tribe Land & Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Inc.
Date received: 24 August 2007
Public comments due: 21 September 2007
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Wurundjeri Tribe Land & Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Inc. for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

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- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
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Valda oversees the weighing of the pigs

Story and photo by ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL septuagenarian Valda Crapp may be considered the 'workhorse' of the hog n dog event at outback Richmond in

Queenland but she sure knows her pigs.

The 72-year-old supervised the weighing in of an incredible 559 feral pigs at the 6th hog n dog event in Richmond in late August.

Richmond is 500kms from Townsville and 400kms from Mount Isa. The town and surrounds has a population of about 1500 and is known as the 'Grunter Capital of the

Wild West'.

Despite being the chief organiser and tower of strength behind the success of the event since it started, the 2007 hog n dog was Valda's greatest challenge.

Not only was she confronted with a record number of pigs, but Valda was mourning the death in April from cancer of her long-time husband Frank Crapp. Frank was also a legend in the community.

Valda runs the Richmond Wild Game Chiller where the feral pigs are brought in to be weighed in by accredited hunters.

A total of 14 accredited hunters from Richmond, Hughenden, Weipa, Townsville, Cloncurry, Homestead,

Charters Towers, Nebo, Winton, Rockhampton and nearby regions weighed their catches in here at the Richmond Wild Game Chiller," Valda said as she sat near recording the weight of each animal.

The heaviest boar was 119kg.

Last year just 78 feral pigs were weighed with the heaviest boar being 76kg. By comparison in 2005, a then record 252 wild pigs were brought in which was a massive amount. The heaviest was 99kg.

Valda is also heavily involved in the Wanamara Resource and Cultural Centre where local Aborigines display their excellent craft. She has also been an integral part of the CDEP in Richmond.



Valda Crapp, left, and assistant Megan Hussey at the chiller.

Oombulgurri rebuts news riot report



A SMALL Aboriginal community in the eastern Kimberley region of Western Australia has hit back at what it says was misleading and damaging reporting of a recent incident in the town.

The Oombulgurri Council last week issued a statement to rebut a news.com.au report on 31 August which described 'two days of rioting' in the 300-strong community, about 120 kilometres north-west of Kununurra.

It said that in reality the 'incident' forming the basis of the article was mainly confined to a gathering of people, over a period of an hour or so, on one night.

The Council confirmed that police intervened in a domestic violence incident which resulted in the arrest of a female who was transported to the temporary police post for processing.

It also confirmed that one member of the community, the de-facto of the arrested woman, did attempt to force his way into the police post, and other three other members of the family were attempting to obtain information in relation to the arrest, from police.

"However, the majority of the crowd was simply a gathering of community members who were onlookers, a result of normal curiosity, as experienced in any other small town," the statement said.

"To suggest that the actions of a few were the actions of the community as a whole is misleading and incorrect."

The Council said that at a time when the majority of Australians were focussed on working together to develop solutions to address the social issues within Indigenous communities, 'inaccurate reporting of these matters only worsens the feeling of isolation felt by many remote communities, further damaging efforts to achieve positive outcomes'.

The Council also said the original media report said 'a police car's windows were smashed with rocks' but that this was misleading and suggested that more damage occurred than is actually the case.

"The Council of Oombulgurri Association Inc do not accept the actions of the de-facto, or the spouse, in the domestic argument or in the disturbance of police interviewing," the statement said. "Nor do we condone the vandalism of police property."

"The Council simply asks that journalists and media outlets research their stories from both sides, where possible, to avoid misrepresentation of facts, or exaggeration of any particular bias."

"The Council would like to work with police to develop respect on both sides, and to work together to stop similar incidents like this happening in the future."

Six people from the community will face court on charges of unlawful wounding, aggravated assault, obstructing police, disorderly conduct and assault occasioning bodily harm.

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Waiting for

The story of one family's love in the face of a true tragedy

Some readers may be distressed by this story. However, the Koori Mail and the Tamaka / McGregor / Broderick family hope that it will help other families to recognise worrying behaviour, especially in young people, and take steps to ensure that their loved ones receive support in difficult times.

By Koori Mail Editor KIRSTIE PARKER

SITTING out the back of Lena and John Tamaka's Housing Commission home in southern Queensland on a cool afternoon is both an ordinary and extraordinary experience.

In some ways, this Aboriginal and Maori family from Burpengary, north of Brisbane, presents as average, or 'every day'.

Around the plastic outdoor table sipping on water and eating orange slices are Lena and John, Lena's grown-up sons Tim and Kenneth, and her teenage grandson Chris and niece Shantelle. Later in the day, Lena's daughter Tracy arrives, as does Lena's toddler grandson Isaiah with his mum Rachel. Together, they reminisce about earlier days. They rib each other in the cheeky but good-natured way that close families do.

But this is an extraordinary family too, anchored by their love and other equally powerful and complicated emotions for Lena's youngest son Michael whom anyone visiting the family home is almost certain to meet.

The 23-year-old is tall and handsome with a striking face and a good head of thick black hair. He is also confined to a hospital bed and unable to speak. With atrophied, palsied hands and a tracheal tube inserted in his throat to help him breathe, he communicates using a personal language of blinks, swallows, smiles, coughs and flinches.

An armory of medical supplies and paraphernalia surrounds his bed, which dominates the family lounge room: Plastic tubs, boxes of liquid food that Michael is fed intravenously, towels, sterilising equipment and more.

And on the wall above Michael's bed is a cut-out of an Aboriginal flag, dried flowers and photos of happier times.

On the night of 8 January 2005, Michael Duddy (he has his birth dad's surname) was at the home he shared with his then-girlfriend. His mum Lena was there too, along with his sister Tracy and a couple of mates. Oldest brother Gerald was planning to stop by later.

The young funeral parlour worker had not long returned to the house after an afternoon out and was in high spirits. He and his mates had been doing 'screechies', or burnouts, in their cars and he'd been drinking.

Lena was less than impressed and told Michael so, but in the interests of harmony, put her disapproval aside because she was conscious the family didn't get together as often as they once did.

Neither Lena nor the rest of Michael's family were to know that, by the end of the



United in their concern for Michael's future are, from left, his brother Tim McGregor, his cousin Shantelle Williams, his nephew Christopher McGregor, Shantelle's mum Susan Williams, Michael's sister Tracy, and his brother Kenneth McGregor.

night, they would be pacing a hospital emergency ward after Michael had made an attempt on his own life.

Michael survived but his actions were to have a catastrophic impact on him and his family.

'No chance at all'

From the very beginning, Michael's prognosis was about as bad as it could be. On the first night, doctors declared him 'brain dead' and told his family there was 'no chance at all' that he would survive.

"By the time we got there, all they had was negative stuff. They said 'you are going to have to start thinking about some decisions'," said Shantelle.

"They pulled me aside and said 'this is it. Do you understand what we are talking about?'" said Tim.

In the end, with 30 or 40 family members 'camped' in the hospital waiting room, Michael made it through the night.

However, said John, "On the third day, the doctor came in and said 'there's nothing we can do now. Pull the plug on him'. We said 'no, there must be something else you can do. I asked him 'if it was your son, what would you do?'"

From there, Michael continued to improve. Also on the third day, he was given a tracheostomy to help him breathe. Then he came off life support. On the fourth day, doctors said they had a little bit of a natural heartbeat. By day nine, they had him into the wards with other patients and he was breathing on his own.

"At that stage, the only thing we could do for Michael was talk to him," said John. "We thought hopefully he could hear us and maybe open his eyes and wiggle his toes."

On 22 January, after a temporary deterioration in his condition, Michael opened his eyes – a sign that he might just pull through.

"By then, they sort of knew we weren't going to give up on him," said Lena of the

doctors. "But they were very negative; I guess they have to do that or they might build up your hopes."

From there, the family settled in for an agonising wait as medical experts tried to gauge what Michael's longer-term prospects might be.

This gradually turned into frustration with what the family perceived as the hospital's lack of attention to Michael's needs – amongst other things, less physiotherapy than they would have liked, 'drugging him up' on tablets that stopped him from having seizures but left him even less responsive.

In the end, Lena told the hospital she was taking her son home.

"I said 'I want to move my son home'," she said. "At first they just looked at me and then they said no. I said 'yes I can, you just watch me'."

Eventually, the hospital said that for anyone to care for Michael at home, they would need to undertake up to four months' training in how to look after him. Shantelle and John were the first to sign up.

"We did it because we thought it might help Michael to be around people who he loves and who love him instead of being surrounded by doctors and no-one talking to him," said Shantelle.

"The training involved everything from washing him, doing his hair, drying him and giving him his medication. And they had to check out the house to see if we were going to be able to look after him there."

Ultimatum

Yet more weeks passed, until Lena declared to the doctors "if my son is not home on the 9th of May, I'm bringing (current affairs journalist) Ray Martin to this hospital".

The ultimatum appears to have worked because on 19 May – four months after his 'accident', as his mum calls it – Michael's family took him home.

Michael's family were told that his care would involve start-up costs of around

\$20,000. For example, a suction unit to keep Michael's airways clear cost \$1700 alone. Then there was his bed, including a special air mattress to help prevent bedsores and the like, although the hospital didn't reveal that most of those initial costs would be subsidised.

"I think they were trying to put us off taking Michael home, but we didn't bat an eyelid," said Lena. "When you need to find money for something important like that, you just do it."

Although Lena insists she was unfazed by the hospital's protestations that taking Michael home would prove too much for her family, there's no denying that their resources are stretched by the demands of Michael's home care.

John gave up work for an industrial company to help Lena and they now both receive carer's pensions. Kenneth, too, gave up work for about three months to pitch in.

"I tried to work but it was impossible with the night shift," said John. When he left work, John was able to access his superannuation early because he was helping to care for Michael, but that's now been eaten up.

Michael receives a disability pension too, but, all in all, things are tight, even with assistance from sources like Blue Care, and Disability Service Queensland which provides an annual grant of \$20,000 for basic support.

Last year's grant enabled the family to buy Michael's food formula, medical and continence supplies in bulk, an air-conditioner for the lounge room where he sleeps and a washing machine, and to pay a big overdue electricity bill.

"That was a big help, but things are still tight," said Lena.

Lena and John's heating bill is \$800-1000 a quarter and they can't afford to have the phone on. Early this year, they fell behind in their rent and were threatened with eviction.

For the past two years, they've been

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forced to use Michael's old Holden Commodore to transport him for non-hospital journeys. The car has no air-conditioning. The household dryer has been packed up and the family is spending money it can't really spare by taking Michael's bedding and towels and washers to the local laundromat.

"Some of these things might sound little," said Lena. "But, when you are dealing with someone with Michael's injuries, the little things can easily become big things."

And there are Michael's various medications, which cost at least \$60 a fortnight. The family now has a submission in for a \$35,000 pump, which would automatically release medication for his spasms rather than Michael having to be administered tablets manually.

However, they have been advised they could be waiting for months, well into next year.

Now at home, Michael and his family have fallen into a routine. John sleeps in a camp bed alongside Michael's bed in the lounge room.

"I'm with Michael 24 hours a day," he said.

Every day, Michael has physiotherapy for one to two hours and there's an endless regime of general care.

"We need to guard against infections, bed sores, opening of the skin, losing weight and muscle wastage," said Lena.

"But, to me, Michael is just Michael. He gets a better life at home. He is not on all of the drugs, the sleeping tablets that they would give him in hospital.

"If he needs something, he gets immediate responsive care. I just thank God that I have got him here. You can still tell him you love him, you can touch him and squeeze him.

"And I know that Michael can hear every word we say."

Soul-searching

It is inevitable, in the wake of such an event, that a family's faith and confidence would be tested. There is soul-searching and questions: Were there signs that we missed. Could we have done more? Should we have known?

"No," says Lena, "but if we had, we could have gotten him help."

By all accounts, Michael was happy-go-lucky child. "He always had a smile on his face," his mum recalled.

Michael was good at sport and a fast runner until the age of 14 when he was hit by a car and left for dead. He recovered but at the age of 19 was involved in a second very serious accident when the car he was a passenger in hit a telegraph pole. Again, he was lucky to survive.

"I saw some changes like mood swings in him then but we didn't know much about the brain then," said Lena.

And Kenneth said that soon after his first accident, then-teenager Michael began to keep ropes under the house.

"It got so Mum could not go out because she was worried (about what he might do)," he said. "I guess no-one really asked him either, why he was doing stuff like that."

Nevertheless, as a young man Michael appeared to have a lot going for him. He had a close-knit family. He was in his second serious relationship



ABOVE: Michael Duddy at home with his son, Isaiah.



Michael (right) and his big brother Kenneth were, and are, very close.



Full of life: Michael Duddy, then aged 20, before his 'accident'.

and was a devoted father to his son Isaiah from a previous relationship. He had a job with prospects for promotion, a car and plans to buy his own home.

But dig beneath the surface and some signs were undeniably there. Viewed in hindsight and collectively, they amount to a laundry list of worrying behaviours and factors: The fact that Michael had become somewhat isolated from his family in the weeks and months before his suicide bid; his exposure to death through his job; rocky times in his relationship; and his intoxication and his mum's disapproval on the night of his attempt on his life.

Coupled with the possibility that Michael may have suffered depression brought on by his two accidents and even some earlier acquired brain injury (ABI), it seems a fairly volatile cocktail.

Lena says that moments before Michael's attempt on his life, his girlfriend told her that she thought Michael could be depressed.

"I just said 'Why didn't you tell me before?'" said Lena.

The warning came too late, however, and the rest is history.

It is difficult to determine whether Michael's Aboriginality or his particular

life experiences as a young Aboriginal man contributed in any significant way to his decision to attempt suicide.

Lena does feel that Michael's exposure to death, through his job, may have heightened any depression he suffered or perhaps de-sensitised him against death.

She said she believed Michael's girlfriend may have discouraged his relationship with his family and his ties to young Isaiah, effectively tearing Michael in two directions.

Despite this, for a time Kenneth would still see Michael about once a week.

"Michael would invite me over for roast chicken. I'd go over and we'd knock back a carton," he said. "He'd get up the next day and go to work. It wasn't like you could pick from a mile away what he was going to do."

"But even I stopped going around and having drinks in the end because, every time I did, there'd be an argument between Michael and his girlfriend."

Of course, the only people who can know the true nature of a relationship are those people in it.

However, Tracy believes Michael wasn't ready for another relationship so soon after breaking up with his son's mum.

"I know this happens with all kids but maybe young men need to know more about relationships before they have them," she said.

Lena is adamant that Michael was not into drugs, but concedes he liked a drink or a few. Indeed, returning to the office with a handful of family photos to scan, it strikes the writer of this story that many of the photos of Michael do feature alcohol in some way.

In one, he and Kenneth hold aloft bottles of pre-mixed spirits. Then there's Michael hugging John while clapping a glass. In another, Michael skols from a yard glass. In yet another, Michael, Kenneth and some friends sit around a cooler, presumably stocked with beers, at the beach.

But it must be said that Michael was no different to many young Australian men who've grown up in a country with something of a national drinking culture.

Lena thinks so, although she revealed the family were also later told that Michael had skooled a can of high-alcohol rum just before the barbecue.

For her part, Tracy believes alcohol probably played a part in Michael's decision on that fateful night.

"Drinking too much alcohol when you are young makes you do stupid things," she said. "And alcohol and depression just don't mix."

Lives changed

Whatever the reasons for his actions, Michael's 'accident' has changed forever his and his family's lives. But, startlingly, despite initial counselling, none of them currently receive it on an ongoing basis.

"We have had counselling but found that it's hard to find someone who truly understands what we've gone through, what we're still going through," said Lena. "How could they?"

Brother Kenneth, a father-of-three whom Tracy says probably took Michael's accident the hardest, says he finds it hard to enjoy some

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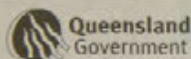
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Lena Tamaka at home with husband John. "To me, Michael is just Michael ... You can still tell him you love him, you can touch him and squeeze him. And I know that Michael can hear every word we say."

Qld family waits for a miracle

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celebratory occasions. "I was finding it hard to work because of what happened," Kenneth said. "I tried to go back to other jobs but it took ages. I was angry because of what has happened. I felt anger towards Michael."

"The message I'd like to put out there to young people is the pain it puts your mother and family through," he said. "My birthday, Mother's Day and Father's Day, New Year's Day and Christmas Day, they're bad days for me now."

"You don't try to think about it but you do, you just feel it all day. You can feel the pain. It's something that will never go away. It has changed my life, my personality. I am a lot quieter now."

"Michael loved his nieces and nephews. He was a good uncle and that kills me; none of my kids get that full-on uncle stuff that he used to do for them."

Tracy's reluctance to talk about the subject at first is palpable, but she eventually admits to having had a difficult time coming to terms with her youngest brother's actions.

"I have distanced myself from my family since it happened," she said. "I'm still doing it because I can't handle the grief, it's just painful to be around."

"I feel guilty that I don't help with anything, but at the same time I am angry because I should be having a life of my own. Does that make me selfish?"

"It's been like an emotional roller-coaster. I punish myself but you have to get on with it. I feel that we all choose our own life. I'm still angry about what Michael has done."

"Mum talks about it all the time and Kenneth gets it off his chest, but I can't. I feel guilty because I don't show any emotion at all. I try to keep it all to myself, which I know isn't good."

Tim said the effect of Michael's accident had been like 'losing my left arm'.

"He was the youngest out of all of us and he did not get a chance to be a man," he said.

"We were all too tied up with girlfriends at the time and he wanted to be happy and engaged with us."

"There needs to be more men's

services. I asked for help with some counselling support once and all I could find was Kids Helpline."

Lena admits she talks constantly about Michael to her other children.

"I talk about it because I want them to see what I can see. If Michael is looking good, and his skin is looking better, I want them to say they see it," she said.

"It was like a whole year before anyone came near Michael. They would come in but walk straight past with blinkers. Or they would just pull up in the driveway and beep the horn."

"People just felt too sad or uncomfortable being around him. None of his mates come around. None of them, not one, has ever come around. I can't understand why. They don't even ring to ask how he's going."

"I guess I know what it is like because I really did a lot of crying when I came home with Michael."

"I just lost myself in a sense," she said tearfully. "I just couldn't put a song on without it. I think I cried so much, I ran out of tears. When I see his little son, when I see that boy, I'm looking at Michael."

"But if you hold it in, it's not good and you'll never get over it. I would say to anyone 'if you come and see Michael, it would help you'."

"It's like a healing process. If you only come by once a month, it'll always feel like the accident happened just yesterday. But I've noticed that the people who come all the time seem to have arrived at a better place."

Hopeful

As for the future, Michael's family is both pragmatic and almost heartbreakingly optimistic.

"I believe Michael will come out of it. I've always said we'll get him back 100 per cent but we would get him back some ways," said Lena. "He's a fighter."

"The doctors are still trying to work out how people open their eyes and shut their eyes. They can't tell us any more about Michael. I read a lot of brain books now."

"When they said he was deteriorating, his skin was like chalk. I remember I walked into the hospital and I looked at Michael and I saw his future. But that feeling only lasted 24

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'We're all in it for the long haul'

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hours. Now he is going well, all things considered.

"At the time of his accident, Michael was very thin. He lost 20 kilos in hospital and got down to 45 kilos. When they released him to us in May 2005, he was 47 kilos. Two weeks in and he had put on two kilos. He is 53.9 kilos now."

Chris adds that some research shows that the human brain grows 'until you are 25'. When Michael was in hospital, his family arranged for a spiritual Aboriginal healer to pray over Michael.

"The healer said 'my brother said to tell you that the brain is like a tree. The neck is the trunk, your head is the tree, and all it takes is for one branch to grow'," said Tim.

Nowadays, the family takes hope from wherever they can find it.

In 2003 in America, a man called Terry Wallis reportedly awoke from a coma 19 years after a serious car crash and said 'Mom' before asking for a drink of milk and then soft drink. While he remains a quadriplegic, Wallis is said to be determined to walk for his 19-year-old daughter who was born shortly before his accident.

Wallis' doctor is reported to have said at the time, 'the big lesson we can all learn from this is to never give up on life. We never know what is in store'.

At Gulkula, near Nhulunbuy, in the Northern Territory, a groundbreaking trial community respite and rehabilitation centre called *Dilhan Yolngu* (The Healing Place) has been set up to treat people using traditional healing practices.

In June, 32-year-old Yolngu woman Lois Mununggurr reportedly awoke after three months in a coma with severe brain injuries.

The mother-of-two had been hit by a truck and doctors held out little hope for her recovery. There were plans to switch off her life-support machine but her mother Gulumbu Yunupingu was determined to first try traditional healing methods to awaken her daughter.

Gulumbu wrapped her daughter's body in paperbark, laid it in a shallow pit filled with hot pandanus coals and damp swamp reeds, and then massaged her using traditional techniques. After the first session, Lois' hand twitched and after another four sessions, her body came to life again and she opened her eyes. Today, she is said to have 80 per cent movement in her body. And Gulumbu Yunupingu is now the senior healer at *Dilhan Yolngu*.

Family says thanks

The Tamaka / McGregor / Broderick family would like to thank numerous people for their care and support:

● Shelley Thorpe who persuaded them to tell theirs and Michael's stories in the *Koori Mail*.

● The staff of the Intensive Care Unit, and ambulance staff, from Royal Brisbane Hospital

● The Spinal Unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane

● Michael's GP, Louis

● Disability Services Queensland (DSQ)

● The community-based rehabilitation service, Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Service (ABIOS)

● Susan, Heather, Linda, Tony, Shantelle and Christopher, for their additional care for Michael.

Although Qantas has told Lena Tamaka that it would be unable to transport Michael, given his high-level medical needs, she is hopeful that she will be able to get Michael to Gulkula for possible traditional treatment.

Despite these promising cases, Sydney neurologist Dr Armin Mohamed told the *Sydney Morning Herald* at the time of Wallis' awakening that such recoveries were rare.

"Usually a patient in a coma would not regain function after three to six months, especially if they had suffered severe head injuries," said Dr Mohamed, of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital's neurology department.

"The brain is such that if there is any chance of recovery then you should see it within the first six months."

Dr Mohamed said that most coma patients would probably never recover if there was no positive progress within the initial six-month period.

"You're born with the brain cells you're going to die with," he said. "If the coma is caused by liver or kidney problems then there is a possibility that it can be reversed, but if the patient has suffered head injuries then recovery becomes unlikely."

More comfortable

Lena says the family is starting to feel more comfortable being around Michael.

"They're starting to be around him now, which is really good," she said.

And she said she keeps a closer eye on the rest of her brood now.

"I am worried about every one of them because of Michael and what I have seen through understanding now what depression is and what relationships do," she said.

"I can see it now whereas I didn't see it before. It doesn't matter how old they are, you are still their mother."

"It's all about having people around you all the time. Family's important. If I need to see them, I just go and pester them. If they are not around me, I go hunting them down."

"I would say to every other parent out there, if you know your children, you'll see the signs. I knew my son but I did not see Michael for a long time."

Chris agrees that Michael's accident has brought the family closer together.

"It has opened my eyes up to a lot of things too," he said. "It makes you appreciate people a lot more and enjoy the time while you've got it."

"On those days when we come together, it doesn't matter where we are going - to a barbecue, fishing or the beach - we take Michael with us."

Indeed, just after Michael first came out of hospital, the family took him on a 10-day holiday on a houseboat.

"We just take the trailer and take his needs, the whole lot. We take the kitchen sink," said John. "That's coming up again in the summer again for Michael. He'll never be on his own while he is with us."

In the meantime, John says, 'every day, Michael does something for us'.

And there's a list of such things. His family says he'll jump or flinch if someone nearby claps their hands. That, if asked, he'll open his mouth and poke out his tongue so his teeth can be brushed. That he pulls faces when he goes to the toilet. And that he has developed a good sleeping pattern. He cries. He sneezes. He smiles.

"I say to Michael 'You are my mate, I've known you since you were in nappies and I'll be here with you til I drop'," said John.

"We're all in it for the long haul."

Michael Duddy is a survivor and a very important member of his family. His family are survivors too.

How you can give assistance

THE Koori Mail would like to encourage our readers to do what they can to help the Tamaka / McGregor / Broderick family in their care of their son, brother, dad and uncle Michael. In particular, the family have a need for:

- A specially-modified vehicle that would allow them to transport Michael more often, comfortably and safely.
- A concrete slab for a shed to be built to store Michael's supplies and medical equipment.
- A mechanised bed.
- Foam mattresses and bedding including 'triangle' pillows and sheets.
- A computer, furniture and internet

connection for a home office which the family could use to communicate with doctors and medical advisors.

● A clothes dryer.

If any readers would like to make a cash donation to Michael's Trust Account with Suncorp Metway, they can make a deposit at any Suncorp Metway branch. The account details are:

LKL Tamaka (Trustee for Michael Duddy)

Passbook account: 484-799

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Lena and John can be contacted on telephone (07) 3888 1486 or mobile 0432 247 546.



Applications for appointment to the NSW Youth Advisory Council

Applications are being sought from people interested in being appointed to the NSW Youth Advisory Council.

Applications are particularly being sought from young people with experience and a keen interest in youth affairs.

The NSW Youth Advisory Council provides a direct avenue of communication between the young people of NSW and the NSW Government.

The Council was established under the Youth Advisory Council Act (1988) and reports to the Minister for Youth, The Hon. Linda Burney, MP.

The Council's functions include:

- providing advice on the planning, development, integration and implementation of Government policies and programs concerning young people
- consulting and conducting forums with young people, community groups and government authorities on issues and policies concerning young people
- monitoring and evaluate legislation and Government policies and programs concerning young people and recommend changes if required

Appointments to the Youth Advisory Council will be for a period of 12 months. It is anticipated appointments will be announced in December 2007.

Application forms for membership of the Youth Advisory Council and an information sheet on the Council are available on the NSW Government Youth website www.youth.nsw.gov.au or from the Executive Officer, Youth Advisory Council, Communities Division, Department of Communities, Locked Bag 4028, ASHFIELD NSW 2131, or by phoning (02) 9716 2833.

Closing Date: 5.00pm, Friday 28 September 2007.

Applications can be

• faxed to: (02) 9716 2870

• e-mailed to: yac@community.nsw.gov.au or

• mailed to: Executive Officer
Youth Advisory Council
Communities Division
Department of Communities
Locked Bag 4028
ASHFIELD NSW 2131.

National Youth Week 2008 grants



National Youth Week will be held from 5 to 13 April 2008.

The week provides an opportunity for young people and the broader community to celebrate the achievements and contributions of young Queenslanders.

Grants are available from the Department of Communities to assist young Queenslanders and community organisations host National Youth Week events across the state.

To obtain an information package visit www.generate.qld.gov.au or telephone 1300 55 59 54.

Funding submissions must be lodged by 5 pm on Monday 15 October 2007.



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Interested in improving court procedures for
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find out more.

The NSW Attorney-Generals Department and the NSW Department of Community
Services (DoCS) are piloting a Care Circle project as a possible alternative to
current Children's Court procedures for Aboriginal children and young people.

The new 'Care Circle' model will allow representatives of the Aboriginal community
to actively participate in recommendations about the future of Aboriginal children
and young people.

We invite Aboriginal community members to an information/consultation meeting
to discuss ways of improving service delivery to Aboriginal children and young
people, families and communities who come before the Children's Court.

When: 10.00am to 4.00pm, 26 September 2007

Where: Nowra Showground Pavilion Room
Junction Street
Nowra

A light lunch will also be provided on the day.

If you have any questions about the meeting or would like a fact sheet about
the benefits of the Care Circle, please contact Gail Wallace, Nowra Court
on 4421 2277.



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

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.

City people have a say



SEVEN
Indigenous
Sydneyiders
are helping the
City of Sydney

undertake one of the most
comprehensive consultation
projects yet attempted with
Sydney's Indigenous
community as part of
Sustainable Sydney 2030.

"Sustainable Sydney 2030 is
a collaborative project, which
requires input from
Sydneyiders," said Lord Mayor
Clover Moore.

"We need to hear Indigenous
voices and ideas to help us
shape a Sydney we can all be
proud of in 2030."

Robbie Ryan, a 25-year-old
local footballer, Rhubee Neale,
a 35-year-old musician, and
Leon Winters, a 48-year-old
male nurse who has lived
around Redfern for almost 20
years, are engaging with the
wider Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander community for
the project.

The Sydney locals, chosen
through Aboriginal training
schemes, are heading into
cafes, TAFES, universities,
parks and events over the

next four weeks to interview at
least 500 Indigenous people
either individually or in small
groups.

"When a visitor arrives in
Sydney, how will they know the
Aboriginal people are the
traditional owners?" Ms Moore
said.

"What signs and points of
cultural identification can we
develop that will proudly
celebrate this community?"

"These are questions we
need to be asking when we
develop our future vision for
Sydney."

Crucial input

"The Indigenous community
will help us answer these
questions and this is why their
input is crucial to the success of
this project."

Over the course of the
project, the consultants will
receive training to develop their
skills as interviewers. Talking to
locals from Glebe, Redfern,
Alexandria, Woolloomooloo,
Millers Point, Surry Hills,
Darlington, Chippendale,
Waterloo, Erskineville and The
Block, the consultants will be
asking questions such as 'How

can the city be more Aboriginal
friendly?"

The seven Indigenous locals
will be employed for a further
six weeks from November to
provide feedback to the
community about the progress
of the *Sustainable Sydney 2030*
project.

Sustainable Sydney 2030 is
a strategic planning project that
will create a plan to guide the
development of the City of
Sydney for the next 20 years
and beyond. To date, the City of
Sydney Council has directly
consulted with more than 3000
Sydneyiders from all walks of
life through forums, workshops,
talks, roundtable lunches and a
schools poetry project.

In addition to individual
interviews, the council is
running three Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
community forums in
September. The first of these
was held yesterday at
Woolloomooloo.

Another will be held today,
11am-1pm at Benledi House,
Glebe, and the third forum will
be on Wednesday 26
September, 11am-1pm, in the
Redfern Community Centre.



Drivers know they are in Cameraygal Country



MOTORISTS
entering the
Lane Cove
Council area
from the city

of Sydney are left in no
doubt as to who the
traditional owners of the
area are. This pedestrian
overbridge across Epping
Road, Lane Cove, provides
access to and from the bus
interchange built as part of
the \$1.5 billion Lane Cove
tunnel project.

In an acknowledgement
to the Cameraygal people,
the Lane Cove Council has
included the words
'Cameraygal Country' on the

overbridge. The idea of
acknowledging the
Cameraygal people came
from the council's Director
of Major Projects, John Lee,
who, at the time in July
2005, was the council's Lane
Cove Tunnel co-ordinator.

The entry sign provides a
welcome message to
travellers entering Lane
Cove from the eastern side
of the overbridge.

The bridge was designed
by architects Jackson Teece
for the Lane Cove Tunnel
Company. It is about 35m
long.

The commissioning of
the overbridge coincides

with Lane Cove's 15th
annual Cameraygal Festival,
which continues until 14
October. For more
information on the festival,
visit www.lanecove.nsw.gov

● MEANWHILE, a forum
organised by Lane Cove
Residents for Reconciliation
was held on 4 September
in Sydney. It looked at
water management from
Indigenous and non-
Indigenous perspectives.

Speakers were Yulin Elder
Uncle Max Harrison,
Dharawal man John Lennis,
UTS Professor Tally Palmer
and UTS Senior Lecturer
Jaqueline Gothe.



Davina Beeron from Tully High School works on the mural.

A picture of the Cardwell culture



AS part of the preparations for 'the biggest event Cardwell has ever seen', traditional artists from the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation have enlisted the help of some members of the younger set to help prepare one of the event venues.

The Second National Caring for Country National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference will be convened by Girringun at Cardwell in north Queensland from 9-12 October, followed by a two-day festival.

The conference program features panel discussions, case studies and group expeditions to the Great Barrier Reef and World Heritage rainforests, featuring many of Australia's pre-eminent Indigenous and non-Indigenous speakers, scientists, anthropologists, land managers and traditional owners.

Through Girringun, the artists have enlisted 20 Indigenous Tully State High School students to transform one side of the Cardwell Community Hall into a display of colour and traditional art.

The project, facilitated by local artists Dena Leo and Ludi Geesu, is part of the Wishbone project, an initiative of the Department of Child Services that has been created to re-connect Indigenous youth with their cultural heritage.

"The true beauty of the Wishbone project is that it enables students to learn about their culture while utilising necessary educational skills, such as literacy and numeracy, at the same time," said Wishbone Facilitator Sonya Grant.

Students involved in the Wishbone project participate in a variety of projects that integrate contemporary educational requirements with traditional Indigenous cultural skills. In addition to the mural painting venture, participants have

employed mathematical knowledge and procedures into traditional practices such as shield making.

"We've found that kids who embrace their heritage are able to develop more confidence and self-esteem than those who haven't been fortunate to understand their history," said Ms Grant.

"Kids are losing their cultural identity because as the Elders die, we are losing this vital traditional knowledge, it doesn't get passed on," said Girringun Project Supervisor Dena Leo.

"Art is an important part of our culture, so we thought the mural painting would be a great opportunity for us to teach the next generation.

"It's been a fantastic achievement because the kids are not only learning, but the mural is something that will benefit the Cardwell community and, more importantly, will act as an inspiration for them to keep their culture alive."

The community hall will be the venue for an Australian Indigenous film program, as part of the Caring for Country Cultural Festival on 13-14 October.

Curious festival goers and ardent film lovers alike will be able to enjoy the 17 hours of content Black Screen (an initiative of the Australian Film Commission) have curated for the festival.

The star feature will be the internationally renowned film *Ten Canoes*, directed by Rolf de Heer. However, most films to be screened would be shorter, around 20 minutes in length.

The seven hours programmed so far indicate the high quality of film attendees can expect, with some of the works having already featured in the Brisbane Film Festival, the Message Sticks Film Festival, (Sydney Opera House) Kinderfest and the International Film Festival (Berlin).



Cardwell artist Ludi Geesu, who helped to facilitate the Wishbone mural project at Cardwell Community Hall, which will serve as a temporary movie theatre for the Second National Caring for Country National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference next month.



An Australian Government Youth Initiative Applications for the National Youth Roundtable 2008 are now open

The Australian Government is calling for applications for the National Youth Roundtable (Roundtable) 2008.

The Roundtable provides young Australians with the opportunity to meet with the Australian Government to discuss and explore issues that impact on young people.

As a member of the Roundtable you will:

- Meet and work with other motivated young people who are passionate about youth issues;
- Learn about how government works;
- Develop skills in team work, problem solving, research, negotiation, interviewing, project management and leadership;
- Meet with politicians, heads of government departments and other people with national influence;
- Make new friends and develop useful networks; and
- Advocate for young people at a national level.

The Australian Government will meet all travel and accommodation costs.

Young people aged between 15 and 24 years with a range of experiences and from diverse backgrounds, including Indigenous young people, are encouraged to apply.

To find out more and to download an application form:

- Visit: www.thesource.gov.au/involve/NYR
- Phone (free call): 1800 624 309
- Email: roundtable@thesource.gov.au

Applications for Roundtable 2008 close Thursday 18 October 2007

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Having a ball in the

By JIRRA LULLA HARVEY
in Melbourne

Photos by
ALLISON McCOLL-BULLOCK
of ICatching Photography



THE Koori Mail has followed the activities of Victoria's Unity Foundation throughout its first two years of operation, but the boys are hard to keep up with!

There is a continuous stream of events and launches — and they are getting glitzy.

The first Unity gala ball recently saw community members, Unity Foundation supporters and top Indigenous athletes 'frock up' to the Sofitel Hotel in Melbourne.

There were performances by Kutcha Edwards, Russell Smith, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors.

"It was a real success considering it was our first gala ball, but we will be aiming for more numbers and more support next year," said St Kilda footballer Allan Murray, who co-founded the not-for-profit organisation with team-mate Xavier Clarke.

Unity aims to inspire at-risk youth to reach their full potential and develop a hunger to achieve life goals through leadership, support and education.

"We have projects ready to go, athletes trained and ready to deliver them — it's just a matter of having the funding to get out there and do it," said Mr Murray.

So what's next on the boys' agenda? Pampering the ladies, of course.

The woman's golf day takes place at Brighton golf course on Monday, 8 October.

But it's a November launch that many women will be looking forward to. Indigenous photographer Bindi Cole had the hard job of photographing elite Indigenous male athletes for a 2008 calendar, with all proceeds going to the foundation.

● For more information on the calendar launch, keep an eye on www.unityfoundation.org.au

Russell Smith
on the didj.



Aunty Carolyn
Briggs gave the
Welcome to
Country.



Kutcha Edwards
performed.



Tjimba and the Yung
Warriors belt out a song.



name of unity



Rear, from left, Brian Phelan and Will Chambers; front, Peter Robertson, Cooper Cronk and Brett White.



Allan Murray with an auction piece.



Xavier Clarke, Unity Foundation CEO Peter King and Allan Murray.



Calendar models Candace Williams and Sasha Greenoff with Tjimba and the Yung Warriors.



The discussion panel which debated Which is the best code: AFL, NRL or A-League soccer?

INVITATION TO TENDER

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM companies interested in entering into a joint venture with a Local Aboriginal Land Council for the rezoning and development including design and construction of infrastructure and subdivision of a parcel of freehold land located in central New South Wales. The project will include an Aboriginal cultural centre, affordable Aboriginal housing and low-density residential building blocks. The land is currently vacant and zoned for rural use.

The identity of applicants and their associates in terms of the Corporations Act 2001 must be disclosed.

Tender documents can be obtained by request to The Project Director AKN and Associates, PO Box 526 Kogarah NSW 1485. Applications must be received at this address by close of business on Friday, October 5 2007. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

The Local Aboriginal Land Council will not necessarily respond to all applications and reserves the right to exclude any applicant from the tender process without recourse.

Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

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

Bondi Beach Cultural Landscape, Bondi Beach on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 9 October, 2007.

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

If you have any questions please phone Rick Shapter, Aboriginal Heritage Officer on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8567, or Anthony Mitchell, Heritage Officer on (02) 9873 8552.

Heritage Council of New South Wales
Locked Bag 5020
Parramatta NSW 2124

PUBLIC NOTICE

CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Queensland)

Aboriginal Party

Vital Metals Ltd. intends to develop a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Project pursuant to Part 7 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003.

Project: Watershed Project Tungsten Mine. The project will include open cut and underground mining, mineral stockpiling and processing, operations infrastructure and staff accommodation. Proposed commencement date is late November 2008.

Sponsor's Name: Vital Metals Ltd.

Contact Details: Martin Rowney Ph: 0400 912 491

Address for Service: c/- Gordon Grimwade and Associates
PO Box 9
Yungaburra QLD 4884

For the purpose of this Notice the Notice Day is Wednesday 12th September, 2007.

The Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be conducted over the following areas:

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Watershed D bounded by the following coordinates:
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272390mE 8195779mN, 273045mE 8195821mN, 273226mE 8193899mN.

Located within Cook Shire Council, covering part of Maitland Downs Station, on the boundary with Curraghmore Station. Nearest town is Mount Carbine 35km to the south-east. Landmarks include Desailly Creek.

If you are or have been nominated as an Aboriginal Party (as defined by Part 4 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003) to act on their behalf and you wish to take part in the Cultural Heritage Management Plan, you must give a written notice to Vital Metals Ltd. advising that you wish to take part, by Friday, 12th October 2007.

Vital Metals Ltd. may elect not to endorse any Aboriginal party if Vital Metals Ltd. is not advised in writing within the required time.

Training help for Tasmanian women



INDIGENOUS women in Tasmania will receive new training and skills to help prepare them to enter the workforce.

Federal Community Services Minister Nigel Scullion and Employment and Workplace Relations Minister Joe Hockey have welcomed the Shared Responsibility Agreement signed

recently between the Australian Government and the Goodwood-based Women's Karadi Aboriginal Corporation.

"The Return to Work program will ensure that Indigenous women who have never been employed or are re-entering the workforce will gain the required skills and confidence to undertake paid employment," Senator Scullion said.

"The Australian Government

has invested \$64,000 to purchase ten laptop computers and provide pre-employment training for the women.

"Karadi is a long-established women's organisation with strong links to the broader Tasmanian community. It will nominate women to attend the course, provide a venue for the training and provide ongoing support for the women in their transition to the workforce.

"The women will commit to attend weekly sessions that will focus on building their confidence. The women will then need to make a commitment to attend training and work experience to help improve their job-readiness."

Mr Hockey said: "As Minister for jobs, my job is all about getting more Australians into work and keeping them in work.

"Australia's unemployment

rate is at a 33-year low, but at the same time too many Indigenous Australians are missing out on this prosperity.

"Indigenous unemployment is still too high.

"Having a job is one of the most important ways for people to participate in our society.

"My hope for all Indigenous Australians is economic independence, for themselves and for their families."



amnesty international

The Right Honourable
John Howard
Prime Minister of Australia

The Right Honourable
Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister Howard and Prime Minister Harper,

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: It is time for Canada and Australia to end the opposition

This week the United Nations is set to take a long overdue step when it votes on the adoption of a new Declaration recognising the fundamental rights of Indigenous peoples. Amnesty International members throughout Australia and Canada call on you to make it clear that your governments are prepared to join the world in supporting its adoption.

In Australia, in Canada and around the world, Indigenous peoples are universally among the most marginalised and persecuted people on the planet. There is no question that concerted international attention is needed if these grave abuses are to be addressed. The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will be central to these efforts.

It has taken more than two decades to get this far. In June 2006, the first major hurdle was cleared when the new UN Human Rights Council adopted the Declaration. However, Australia and Canada joined forces with other governments and were instrumental in blocking its adoption at the UN General Assembly earlier this year.

Today an overwhelming majority of the world's nations have indicated they support the Declaration and are prepared to vote for its adoption. At long last there may be an international human rights instrument which delivers minimum human rights standards for Indigenous peoples. Canada and Australia should be among the global champions of this Declaration.

At this significant point in history, it is our hope and expectation that your governments will no longer stand in opposition to the Declaration. Indigenous peoples need your support, and certainly deserve no less.

Peter Thomas
Interim National Director
Amnesty International Australia

Alex Neve
Beatrice Vaugrante
Amnesty International Canada



The Maza Sisters

Music feast is in store for Darebin



INDIGENOUS musicians are again expected to serve up some 'tasty performances' at the 2007 Darebin Music Feast

over coming 10 days. The festival started last Saturday and continues until 23 September, featuring hundreds of musicians performing at more than 100 events in more than 25 venues in the northern Melbourne suburb.

One of this year's featured performers is young Indigenous singer-songwriter James Henry. The 28-year-old grandson of performer Jimmy Little last year released his third independent album, 'Falling over myself today'. He was nominated for the most promising new talent at the Aboriginal music awards in 2003.

The festival's Indigenous program includes two shows with free entry:

● Blak Cab featuring the 'smooth and sultry voices' of three of the best Indigenous talents in Australia: Lyricist Peter Rotumah, festival favourite Kutcha Edwards and James Henry. Centred around their identity as Aboriginal men from south-eastern Australia, Blak Cab offers a night of story-telling about culture, community and Aboriginal survival. Saturday 15 September at Bender Bar, 635 High Street, Thornbury.

● Blak Nite Out will feature some of Australia's finest Indigenous songwriters who will come together in an evening of musical entertainment featuring influential songwriter Joe Geia, rockin' country, folk and reggae tunes with Lou Bennett and the Sweet Cheeks, and sounds from The Maza Sisters. Friday 21 September at Carni, 60 High Street, Preston.

For more information on the 2007 Darebin Music Feast, visit the event website at www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=878&h=1

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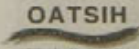
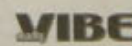
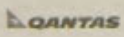
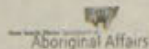
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GUMURRI graduates look towards a bright future

This year's GUMURRI Centre mid-year graduates at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus were all smiles after their graduation ceremony. The four students each graduated in a different academic area, but all were looking forward to using their new skills to work with Indigenous people.

From left is Zaynam Middleton who graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing, Corina Marino who graduated with a Bachelor of

Education, Roweena Backler who received a Bachelor of Arts, and Glenn Barry who graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Mr Barry said: "I felt on top of the world and ready to go on to the next phase." That next phase for Mr Barry is to do a Diploma of Teaching.

● Mr Middleton was also feeling good after the graduation. Read more about his journey on Page 59.

AEU playing an important role

Submitted by the Australian Education Union

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander teachers and education workers make an invaluable contribution to the education of Australia's children, and the Australian Education Union (AEU) can provide important advice and assistance. AEU membership includes Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander teachers and allied educational staff, principals and administrators in government early childhood education centres, schools and TAFE systems.

The AEU actively seeks the input of Indigenous members in the development of education policy, campaigns and other relevant issues. This input is provided through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Committees, designated positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members on the union's decision-making bodies and through work with other AEU committees. In 2007, the AEU celebrates the fact that we have more than 1000 Indigenous members working in public education systems across Australia.

The AEU's Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Seminar is an opportunity for the broader community to provide input into the

development of AEU policy. The seminar forms an integral part of the Annual Federal Conference program and focuses on issues that are relevant to Indigenous education. It attracts educators with an interest in Indigenous Education from across Australia and the world. The seminar to be held in Sydney on 14 January 2008 will pursue the theme 'Our Voices, Our Vision'.

The AEU also strongly supports the provision of quality public education for all Australian students, particularly for Indigenous peoples, and has established the annual Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education for AEU members.

Applications

Members are now being invited to submit applications, with nominations closing on 30 November. Details may be obtained from the AEU Federal Office on (03) 9693 1800 or email aeu@aeufederal.org.au. The award will be announced at the 2008 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Seminar and the winner will be flown to Sydney to collect the \$500 award on behalf of their ECE centre, school or TAFE Institute.

The AEU lobbies governments on several fronts, including changes to Commonwealth Indigenous education

funding which AEU research has shown to have had a negative impact on parent and community participation in schools.

The AEU also campaigns for the introduction of mandatory Indigenous studies as a minimum requirement for teacher employment in Australian States and Territories.

The AEU believes that to be a teacher in contemporary Australia, one must know about Indigenous students, their communities, needs, heritage and appropriate pedagogical approaches to meet these needs.

The AEU represents its members industrially and professionally in diverse forums. This includes the maintenance of comprehensive industrial protection and representation through industrial awards and agreements in all industrial tribunals in Australia. This involves industrial research, negotiation and advocacy over a wide range of matters including salaries and teaching and learning conditions.

The introduction of the Federal Government's 'Work Choices' legislation, which impacts hardest on the pay and working conditions of the vulnerable and low-paid and on their families, means that the AEU, like all unions, has a vital role to play. Membership information may be obtained from the AEU in any State or Territory.

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Nomination forms can be obtained from the AEU by phoning (03) 9693 1800, faxing (03) 9693 1805, or emailing samg@aeufederal.org.au or can be downloaded from www.aeufederal.org.au/Atsi/2007AHnomform.pdf

The closing date for nominations is Friday, 30 November 2007.

The award will be announced at the AEU's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education seminar in January 2008. The winner will receive a \$500 prize and will be flown to Sydney to accept the award at the seminar. All nominees will receive a certificate from the AEU.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sam Graziano, Administrative Officer, or Wayne Costelloe, Federal Aboriginal Education Officer, or visit www.aeufederal.org.au

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Recent data reveal that improvement in outcomes is occurring. Aggregated data for the 1500 schools that joined Dare to Lead in 2003 and the 1000 that joined in 2004 shows that in 2005-2006 there was an average improvement of 4.77 per cent across all schools in Indigenous student Year 5 literacy (reading); an average improvement of 8.76 per cent across all schools in Indigenous student Year 5 literacy (writing); and an average improvement of 8.59 per cent across all schools in Indigenous student Year 12 completion.



Joining in the Dare to Lead celebrations ... Josie Agius and dancer Karl Telfer.

SOME of the leading lights in Indigenous education were honoured at a recent event in Adelaide. Four Indigenous and two non-Indigenous recipients were presented with awards to mark their vision and passion.

All six have shared in making the national education project Dare to Lead a success, having supported the program from its inception.

Having come from across Australia for the event, they were welcomed to Kaurna land by Elder Josie Agius.

The first person announced to receive an award, Aunty Mae Robinson, is a long-term supporter of Dare to Lead in the Sydney South-West region. She attended the first national and state Dare to Lead events a number of years ago, and continues to provide strong support and advice.

Another Sydneysider, Frank Pearce, has advocated for Dare to Lead through the Catholic

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Award winners and VIPs, from left, Dare to Lead Manager Susan Boucher, Josie Agius, David McRae, Robert Somerville, Professor Ken Wyatt, Mae Robinson, Stephen Franz Ford, Dare to Lead Patron May O'Brien, Neville Lyngcoln and Dr Alice Rigney.



Dr Mark Rose with Janet Thompson and James Atkinson.

They've been a part of it from the start

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sector in New South Wales. He has worked closely with project staff to improve outcomes for Aboriginal students and to develop practical professional development for principals, Aboriginal staff and teachers.

On the opposite side of the country, Robert Somerville has been influential in making Dare to Lead a fixture in West Australian schools.

As Director of Aboriginal Education, Training and Services in WA, immediate past chair of the Senior Officers National Network of Indigenous Education and a

member of the Dare to Lead steering committee, Mr Somerville's impact has been enormous.

Another West Australian member of the Dare to Lead Steering Committee, Professor Ken Wyatt, received an award for his contribution from the earliest days of the project in 2000.

The two non-Indigenous recipients were Stephen Franz Ford, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of School Councils in Victoria; and David McRae, and educational thinker and a driving force behind the development and establishment of the Dare to Lead program.

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Four honoured at graduation

Four Indigenous students graduated at The University of Adelaide mid-year graduation ceremony held recently.

Joel Bayliss graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, and had the honour of being the mace bearer for the ceremony. Three CASM students also graduated. Shea Butler and Ares Kaddy received their Advanced Certificate in Aboriginal Studies in Music, while Eddie Letchford received his Associate Diploma in Aboriginal Studies in Music. The Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) awards were

presented by Professor Roger Thomas. Matthew Johnson, a former CASM graduate, played the didgeridoo as the students were presented with their parchments by the university Chancellor.

Joel, Shea and Eddie have all moved on to full-time employment, while Ares is currently undertaking the Associate Diploma in Aboriginal Studies in Music.

Joel is hoping to return to undertake honours. Eddie is going to pursue studies at James Cook University, where former CASM graduate Andrew Stennett is studying music composition.

A small commemoration function for graduates, their families and staff was held at Wilto Yerlo after the ceremony. The graduates were presented with a gift of either a pen or a certificate by the Director, Professor Roger Thomas.

Wilto Yerlo congratulates all four on their achievements, and wishes them well with their continued studies and future careers.

● Pictured at the graduation ceremony are, from left, Shea Butler, Professor Roger Thomas, Joel Bayliss, University of Adelaide Chancellor John von Doussa QC and Eddie Letchford.



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Health focus for Qld centre

THE new Centre for Indigenous Health at The University of Queensland is uniquely placed to attract Indigenous students to health professions and generate real health benefits for communities, according to Centre Director Professor Cindy Shannon.

Professor Shannon, who is also Chair of the National Indigenous Sexual Health Committee, said the new Centre would facilitate cross-disciplinary awareness of Indigenous health issues and enable students from a range of disciplines to gain first-hand experience of health in Indigenous communities.

"This will be achieved through curriculum review, marketing and

recruitment initiatives and student placements in Indigenous health settings," she said. "Partnerships with Queensland Health and the peak body for Aboriginal community controlled health services in Queensland (QAIHC) also will be vital to the success of these initiatives."

Placements

"Students will undertake supervised placements in Aboriginal health settings."

"As a result of this unique partnership, students in the Faculty of Health Sciences will graduate with exposure to, and experience of, Indigenous health issues. This includes students in all the major health disciplines."

Professor Shannon said the Centre would facilitate the integration of Indigenous health in curriculums across the Faculty, which offers programs in dentistry, health and rehabilitation sciences, human movement studies, pharmacy, medicine, nursing and midwifery, and population health.

She said the Centre aimed to generate interest and demand in Indigenous health careers, and boost numbers of Indigenous health graduates.

The 2008 intake will be the first cohort of students to benefit from the new initiatives. Scholarships and health cadetships were being considered to attract Indigenous students.

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How can I become a NAISDA student?

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What will I have to do in the auditions?

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Prospective Indigenous students thinking about studying at the University of Western Sydney may be eligible for a number of scholarships on offer in 2008.

The University of Western Sydney has launched its 'Making the Difference' scholarship program - a \$45 million five year investment in the educational future of Greater Western Sydney.

UWS will offer over 400 different undergraduate scholarships annually, including 10 new Indigenous equity based scholarships. Further support has been given with a one-off 'Indigenous start-up' grant for all Indigenous students commencing in an undergraduate program in 2008.

Indigenous students who are currently enrolled or commencing at UWS for the very first time are encouraged to apply for this scholarship regardless of their academic record.

The UWS Indigenous Academic Excellence Scholarship was founded to recognise, reward and harness the academic abilities of the University's most talented Indigenous students, while at the same time supporting the educational development activities and student involvement in Indigenous communities.

UWS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Janice Reid said the \$45 million program reflected the University's desire to make a real difference to the lives of its students and communities.

"UWS is a place that inspires and brings positive change to the future prospects of our students," said Professor Reid.

"A significant proportion of our students are the first in their families to participate in higher education, and we are immensely proud of the significant, real-world contributions that all our graduates make at local, national and international level."

A range of the undergraduate scholarships, are worth up to \$30,000 each. By being awarded a scholarship students can pay some of or all of the costs of their course, easing the financial burden of study and allowing students to concentrate on their long-term goals.

Professor Reid said that the five-year scholarship commitment was about recognising talented and dedicated students from the Greater Western Sydney region and helping them on the path to realising their future career goals and lifelong ambitions.

"Education opens doors to life's opportunities," Professor Reid said.

For more information about scholarships available at UWS, visit www.uws.edu.au/scholarships



Sometimes, a man needs a shed...

The Shed - a drop-in and referral service supported by UWS - has helped hundreds of troubled men

A unique project supported by the UWS Men's Health Information and Resource Centre (MHIRC) is saving lives and helping marginalised men participate in society.

The drop-in and referral service called The Shed has been operating in the Emerton/Mount Drutt area since 2004, assisting around 500 men per year.

The Shed has a strong Indigenous focus, with the area having one of Australia's largest suburban Aboriginal populations.

The project, funded under the Commonwealth Government's National Suicide Prevention Strategy, is a collaboration between MHIRC and the local Holy Family Centre.

According to John Macdonald, Professor of Primary Health Care at UWS, and Michael Woods, co-director of MHIRC, The Shed provides a model for suicide prevention and service provision for men at risk.

"Five men a day are killing themselves in Australia, yet there is surprisingly little public concern," said Professor Macdonald.

Australian men are four times more likely than women to kill themselves, with lower-income males aged 25-44, or over 75, the age groups most at risk.

When The Shed opened its doors in mid-2004, staff offered support and advice, along with referral to appropriate counselling programs, legal aid, housing, welfare and health services.

But staff at The Shed also asked men about what support and services they most needed.

"A lot of the blokes needed assistance to fill out job application forms. We try to respect whatever the blokes are asking for," said Professor Macdonald.

The Shed creates a comfortable male environment; a refuge for local men struggling with immediate or longer-term problems.

Many are suffering grief after separation from children and wives. Others have served jail time or have ongoing legal problems. Debt, stress and unemployment are also prevalent.

"We're not counsellors. The ideology is that men are on a pathway, sometimes heading downwards, and we walk with them a little way," said Professor Macdonald.

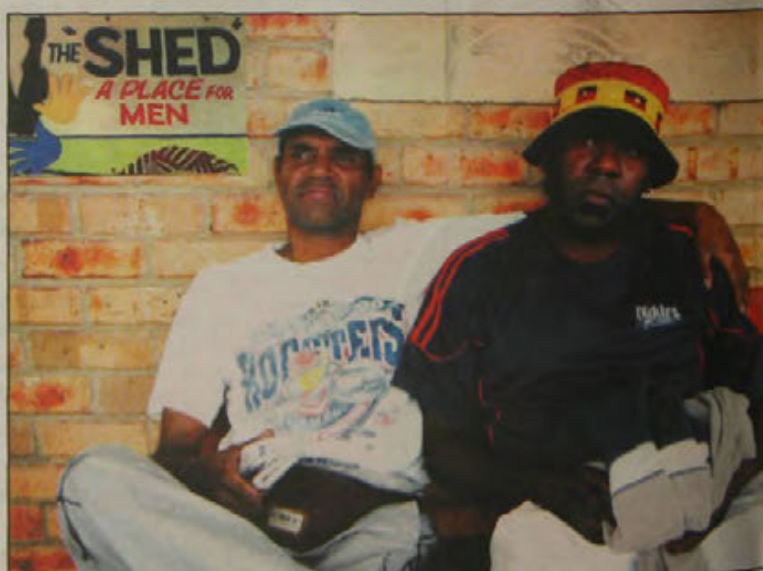
"Perhaps we try to direct them towards another path."

Professor Macdonald said some men 'come and go', while others choose to have more prolonged contact with The Shed.

He hopes The Shed will be seen as a model that can spread nationally. The team at MHIRC believe in applied research and are involved in research that looks at the social determinants of suicide.

In May this year, Professor Macdonald played a major role in organising a national conference in Sydney on male suicide prevention, bringing together the key experts and service providers in the field.

For more information go to: <http://menshealth.uws.edu.au>



Anthony Coleman (above) lives in the area, and rides his bike to the Wednesday morning sessions at The Shed. He says he likes to come along because it's a good chance for all the brothers to come together. He is pictured here with cousin Dean "Chicko" Wright.

UWS researcher wins top literary prize

Indigenous University of Western Sydney (UWS) researcher Alexis Wright has won the 2007 Miles Franklin Award for *Carpentaria* - an Indigenous novel about native title rights told through a colloquial and extraordinary Aboriginal voice.

Carpentaria was also awarded the Australian Literature Society Gold Medal - the oldest award in Australia.

The well-known Indigenous author describes her novel as a 'multi-stranded helix of stories, spinning and interweaving all the time'.

Inspired by the real-life complex negotiations over native title rights for the Century Mine in north-west Queensland in the late 1990s, the novel centres on the lives of the Picklebush people, residents on the outskirts of the fictional coastal town of Desperance.

The novel comes alive through the voices of its extraordinary characters, such as the religious zealot Mozzie Fishman, the murderous mayor Stan Bruiser and the rulers of the Phantom family, Angel Day and Normal Phantom - the queen of the rubbish dump and the fish-embalming king of time, respectively.

Ms Wright admits that she became especially attached to the characters of *Carpentaria*.

"All of the characters became very special friends to me," she said.

"Their world was part of my whole being for so long; I lived and breathed their stories and dreamt about them in my sleep."

'The world she created in Carpentaria is so far removed from the realm of experience of non-Indigenous Australians that it can seem strange and almost unbelievable.'

"The day I hit the print button and sent the manuscript to my agent, I thought I'd be happy, but I cried all day. They were my friends and suddenly they were gone."

Ms Wright said the world she created in *Carpentaria* was so far removed from the realm of experience of non-Indigenous Australians that it can seem strange and almost unbelievable.

"The story is imagined, but it comes from knowing what actually happens within Aboriginal communities," she said.

"The response to this novel has made me realise how disconnected people are with Indigenous culture."

The way the Aboriginal community was represented in the story was of particular interest to Wright, who is descended from the local Waanyi nation and whose mother and grandmother grew up in the Gulf country.

The Indigenous novel is written in a colloquial Aboriginal voice and ignores the traditional linear structure of Australian literary fiction in order to present an authentic interpretation of Aboriginal spirituality and Dreaming.

According to the Miles Franklin judges, Ms Wright took many risks with the way she chose to write *Carpentaria*. Over the course of five years, entire drafts were thrown away as Ms Wright battled with the narrative structure and tone of the novel.

"I was constantly arguing with myself about how it should be written and I was concerned with how it would be received by the general reading public," she said.

"I tried to write in the conventional form of Australian fiction, but it did not suit the story."

For inspiration, Ms Wright looked toward Indigenous writers working in other countries such as India, South America and the Caribbean because she found there to be no foundation of novels written in native dialect in Australia.

Professor Ivor Indyk, the Whitlam Chair in the Writing and Society Research Group at UWS, said that the popular and now critical success of *Carpentaria* marked a turning point in Australian literature.

"The success of *Carpentaria* shows that there is room in Australia for Indigenous literature. Readers are ready to embrace books from other cultures and the literary community is finally valuing its unique qualities," said Professor Indyk.

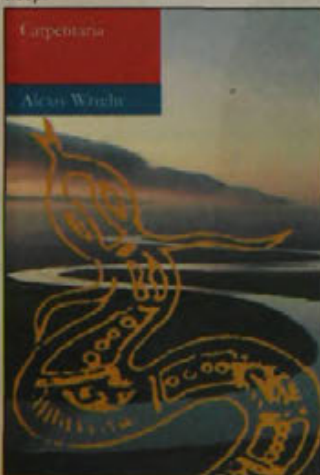
Somewhat relieved, Alexis Wright concedes she will never write another book with the same energy as *Carpentaria*.

"A lot of thought went into the writing. Every element of *Carpentaria* was thoroughly considered and I was forced to ask myself some serious questions about who I am," she said.

In winning the Miles Franklin award, Alexis Wright follows in the footsteps of Australian literary greats such as Thea Astley, Peter Carey, Thomas Keneally, Elizabeth Jolley, Tim Winton and Shirley Hazzard.

Carpentaria is published by the Giramondo Book Imprint, the publishing arm of the UWS Writing and Society Research Group.

- LEFT: 2007 Miles Franklin Award winner, Alexis Wright.
- ABOVE LEFT: The cover of *Carpentaria*.



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Medical School produces 'home-grown' doctors

Several Indigenous students are on the path to becoming tomorrow's doctors thanks to the University of Western Sydney's new medicine program.

It's a significant achievement for a new medical school located in the heart of one of the largest urban Aboriginal populations in Australia, and it's sure to be a boost to the numbers of Indigenous doctors working in the local area and the nations hospitals and health care services.

The accepted Indigenous students are a group of 103 high-achievers who will break in the medical courses as they set off to complete the five-year Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery degree.

Kristy Morgan is one of the Indigenous students and has commenced the new medical degree at UWS.

"It's a chance for me to help address the health problems in my family and

community," she said.

"I want to work as a GP in the South West."

Foundation Dean of the School of Medicine, Professor Neville Yeomans, told UniLife that UWS trainee doctors bring an understanding and empathy for the particular health challenges facing people living in a culturally-diverse and fast-growing population like Greater Western Sydney.

"It's important our School of Medicine provide opportunities for local students to become 'home-grown' doctors who can help strengthen our health system - students who can stay, train, and work alongside their teachers and mentors in western Sydney's hospitals, health services and general practices," said Professor Yeomans.

"We were inundated with over 2300 applications from around Australia. As a new medical school we are very pleased to have achieved our goal of having local and

Indigenous students in our first intake."

Students will undertake their teaching and learning in health and community settings across Greater Western Sydney, including the new Macarthur Clinical School at Campbelltown Hospital, which was officially opened recently with the support of the NSW State Government and Sydney South West Area Health Service.

In the first year, students will attend the Clinical School at least once a week for tutorials and hands-on teaching to help them develop and practise their clinical skills.

Students will also have the opportunity to interact with patients in ward situations across both Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals, as well as community health settings within the Macarthur region.

• **RIGHT: Kristy Morgan is one of the Indigenous students about to commence the new medical degree at UWS.**



Do a uni degree that comes with a built-in job

DO A UNI DEGREE THAT COMES WITH A BUILT-IN JOB

A lot of bright, talented Indigenous people who would do well at university, don't even think about going to one. As a result, they're not realising their full potential and missing out on a really big opportunity to create successful working lives for themselves. And it's all because of some very common doubts and big misconceptions about university education.

Many young Indigenous people come from families where the parents never had a university education, so the subject isn't discussed and they don't see it as a normal, achievable part of their lives. Others believe that a university education is all just academic and theoretical and too intellectual for them. Many also think that it's too expensive and their families couldn't afford to send them, or it would cause severe financial and social hardship for them.

If you have these doubts yourself, then you should do yourself a big favour and check out what the University of Western Sydney has to offer you. They make the move from school or community life to the professional work place, via a degree, a whole lot easier and smoother than you think. UWS provides you with courses that lead directly to jobs, and financial support while you're learning.

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Many of the degree courses at UWS have close working relationships with industry and have been designed with the help of experts in the professions they're teaching. This makes the education and training you get at UWS far more relevant to the needs of your future employers, so that when you graduate you'll be ready to work for them from day one.

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UWS provides a wide range of opportunities for students to get extensive, hands-on practical work experience in their field of interest. And get paid for it.

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Once you've completed at least two years of your course, you get the option of defer your studies for one semester and take up a 24 week industry internship in a field related to your course, and you'll earn \$13,200 while doing it.

The UWS work experience program has been specifically designed to give you real-life experience and insight into the needs and requirements of the profession or industry you're training to join, and lead you into permanent employment. In fact, our evidence shows that more than 60% of participating students obtain ongoing work as a result of their placement.

This program also provides you with networking opportunities, to create industry contacts at all levels, that also help you introduce and establish yourself in your chosen field.

PAID VACATION PROGRAMS

If you want more hands-on experience or need more money, UWS will help you get both during your vacation. Students from all areas, and at any stage of their course can apply for 5 week Summer Vacation Projects, or 4 week Winter Vacation Projects where they can earn up to \$2,000.

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and fourth year engineering students with the opportunity to complete 12 week work experience requirements and gain accreditation while earning \$4,800

GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS

UWS has over \$45 million in scholarships on offer, across all their degree courses, some of which are worth over \$30,000. These scholarships are there to help you pay for a lot of your day to day university costs like books and travel, so that you don't have to work as much out of university hours to support yourself, and spend more time on your studies. It also takes a lot of the pressure off your family.

A JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE

As well as providing you with lots of hands-on practical work experience and industry networking opportunities, UWS also has a Careers and Cooperative Education Unit that offers over 200 placements to students across a wide range of industries every year. This invaluable service has given graduates their first jobs in professions ranging from website design, marketing, chemical testing and stormwater management to database development and social research.

APPLY FOR A DEGREE WITH THE WORKS

UWS wants as many bright and talented Indigenous people as possible to get a university education and go on to have successful working lives. So they've designed their courses, work experience and placement programs and scholarship schemes to give you the best possible chance of doing both. Check out the website www.uws.edu.au to find out how you can apply for a degree course at UWS.



UWS hosts NEON Aboriginal Careers and Tertiary Education Expo

The New Employment Opportunity Network (NEON) of Sydney together with the University of Western Sydney will host the UWS NEON Aboriginal Careers and Tertiary Education Expo on 26 September at the University of Western Sydney, Penrith Campus, attracting around 700 Indigenous students from across Greater Western Sydney.

The aim of the expo is to familiarise, engage and connect Indigenous students to an array of employment, educational and vocational training opportunities.

The expo will include Indigenous high school students between Years 7 to 12 from South Western, Western and

Sydney regions. Free transportation for students located in GWS will be provided to and from each of these areas.

Indigenous Outreach Manager of UWS Maree Graham said: "The day presents an excellent opportunity for Employers, Businesses, Job Network Members and Community Service Providers alike to proactively showcase, promote and yarn-up their services and opportunities to the broader Sydney community."

Among the registered participants will be local Greater Western Sydney (GWS) employers, businesses, Job Network members and community service providers.



Improving the educational standard for Greater Western Sydney

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An Indigenous woman will bring a wealth of experience in Indigenous education to the University of Western Sydney's (UWS) Badanami, Centre for Indigenous Education.

Berice Anning holds degrees in Bachelor Education (Primary) (Hon) and Master of Education Degree (Cultural and Policy Studies) from James Cook University, and is currently completing a Doctor of Philosophy that involves research on Indigenous higher education.

Ms Anning has been professionally involved in Indigenous education and community affairs for over 20 years. She has been an educator and manager at early childhood, primary and tertiary levels.

Ms Anning has worked as a classroom teacher in North Queensland, an early childhood Director in Queensland and Western New South Wales, as well as managing and coordinating community education and social programs in Far North Queensland.

She was the Director of Indigenous Education at Charles Sturt University and the University of Southern Queensland. She also held a senior executive position as the Assistant Director (Academic) at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

"My involvement in Indigenous higher education and education, more generally, has always involved the repairing and re/building of Indigenous education for improved outcomes for Indigenous people and communities as well as benefiting the institutions I have worked in," she said.

"I look forward to working with Professor Michael McDaniel, the Dean, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education as well as Indigenous and non-Indigenous colleagues at UWS and across the tertiary sector to develop exemplary programs of learning and

teaching; Indigenous student support; community partnerships; and research.

"This will include developing a specific Indigenous graduate attribute/s; and courses in Indigenous knowledge/s; and Indigenous studies."

Among the many senior roles, one of her most prominent appointments included the Chair of the National Indigenous Higher Education Network (NIHEN). She was also a member of the inaugural Ministerial Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council (IHEAC), where she was instrumental in improving the quality of Indigenous peoples' participation at universities.

Ms Anning's life-long commitment in developing pathways to university for young people is highlighted through the national IHEAC Pathway Program. This program is designed to make more young Indigenous people 'university-ready' and to encourage more Indigenous people to 'take the plunge' into higher education.

UWS's commitment to improving Indigenous education was one of the main reasons Ms Anning accepted the position.

• **PICTURE:** Berice Anning holds degrees in Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Hon) and Master of Education Degree (Cultural and Policy Studies) from James Cook University.



Stargazing at UWS - Indigenous students explore the universe

Only 29 per cent of Indigenous students complete Year 12 compared to 65 per cent for the broader Australian community, according to 2005 ABS figures.

Even more disconcerting, of the over 9000 university science graduates in 2005, only 25 were Indigenous.

The figures are worse in the case of science and engineering according to Dr Ragbir Bhathal from the School of Engineering at the University of Western Sydney.

In order to address this problem Dr Bhathal and his colleagues will be running a special astronomy project for Indigenous students at UWS.

"The aim of the project is to improve the scientific literacy of Indigenous students through out-of-school astronomy activities," Dr Bhathal says.

"Scientific literacy does not just imply scientific knowledge but also attitudes and procedures of multidisciplinary thinking.

"It also implies the ability of using the scientific way of thinking in daily life thus adding both social and scientific cultural capital to one's life and the community."

A group of Indigenous students from Windsor High School will be attending hands-on astronomy classes at the University's Observatory at the Penrith Campus and will be viewing the night sky through the Observatory's computerised telescopes.

"The students will not only be learning about the latest advances in astronomy but will also be learning about 40,000 years of Aboriginal astronomy - an astronomical tradition they can be proud of," Dr Bhathal says.

Some of the activities will involve making a simple telescope of the type that the great physicist and astronomer Galileo used to usher in the scientific revolution in the 16th century and, experimenting with impact craters and seeing how galaxies are rushing away from us in an expanding universe.

Dr Bhathal says by participating in this program it is hoped that the students will be encouraged to consider careers in science and engineering and blaze the trail for other Indigenous students to follow their example.

The program will run until December 2007 and include four sessions, one with parent involvement.

The program will be extended to other Indigenous students over the next few years.

The project is sponsored by the University of Western Sydney, under its University Engagement Program with the community it serves. It also has the support of the NSW Department of Education (Western Sydney region).



• **ABOVE:** Students are encouraged and supported throughout the workshops.
• **BELOW:** UWS Observatory, Penrith Campus.



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The power of one!



ECU Vice-Chancellor Prof Kerry Cox (right) and Kurongkurl Katitjin Head of School Graeme Gower presenting the Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Scholarship Award to Angela Rule.

How knowledge helped these strong women

A FAMOUS saying states 'knowledge is power'. If the way to gain that knowledge is through learning, then these women have it worked out!

This is the story of how the power of learning, and Edith Cowan University, has affected three generations of strong Indigenous women.

Doreen Creed, the subject of an earlier story in the Koori Mail, is a living example of the effects a positive role model can have on those around them.

Doreen is a respected WA South West Nyoongar woman, and an Edith Cowan University student in Perth.

She has studied at ECU since 1999 and her strong determination and will have driven her to complete all but one of her university units. She hopes to graduate at the end of this year.

Her study has seen her overcome social, economic and racial obstacles and now her great strength of character provides a strong role model for future generations of her immediate and extended families.

Like their mother, Doreen's two daughters also studied at ECU, completing courses at Kurongkurl Katitjin, the university's School of Indigenous Australian Studies.

Now, Doreen's grand-daughters are taking up the family's passion for education. Angela is in her

final year of a Bachelor of Communications course at ECU, while Shenika this year started ECU's Indigenous University Orientation Course (IUOC).

The winner of the ECU Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Scholarship Award in 2006, Angela plans when she graduates to open her own business assisting Indigenous organisations to promote their services. She also hopes to use her degree to promote health and education issues in Indigenous communities.

Intake Test

Shenika is planning on moving into the field of sports science and teaching when she has finished her bridging course. She entered the university via the Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT) – an alternative university entry point for school leavers, non-school leavers and mature-aged people.

The ISIT is available for all Indigenous people who will be 18 or older in their first year of study. It is used to support the testing and assessment of potential university entrants accessing the bridging program or for direct entry to Kurongkurl Katitjin's courses and mainstream degree courses.

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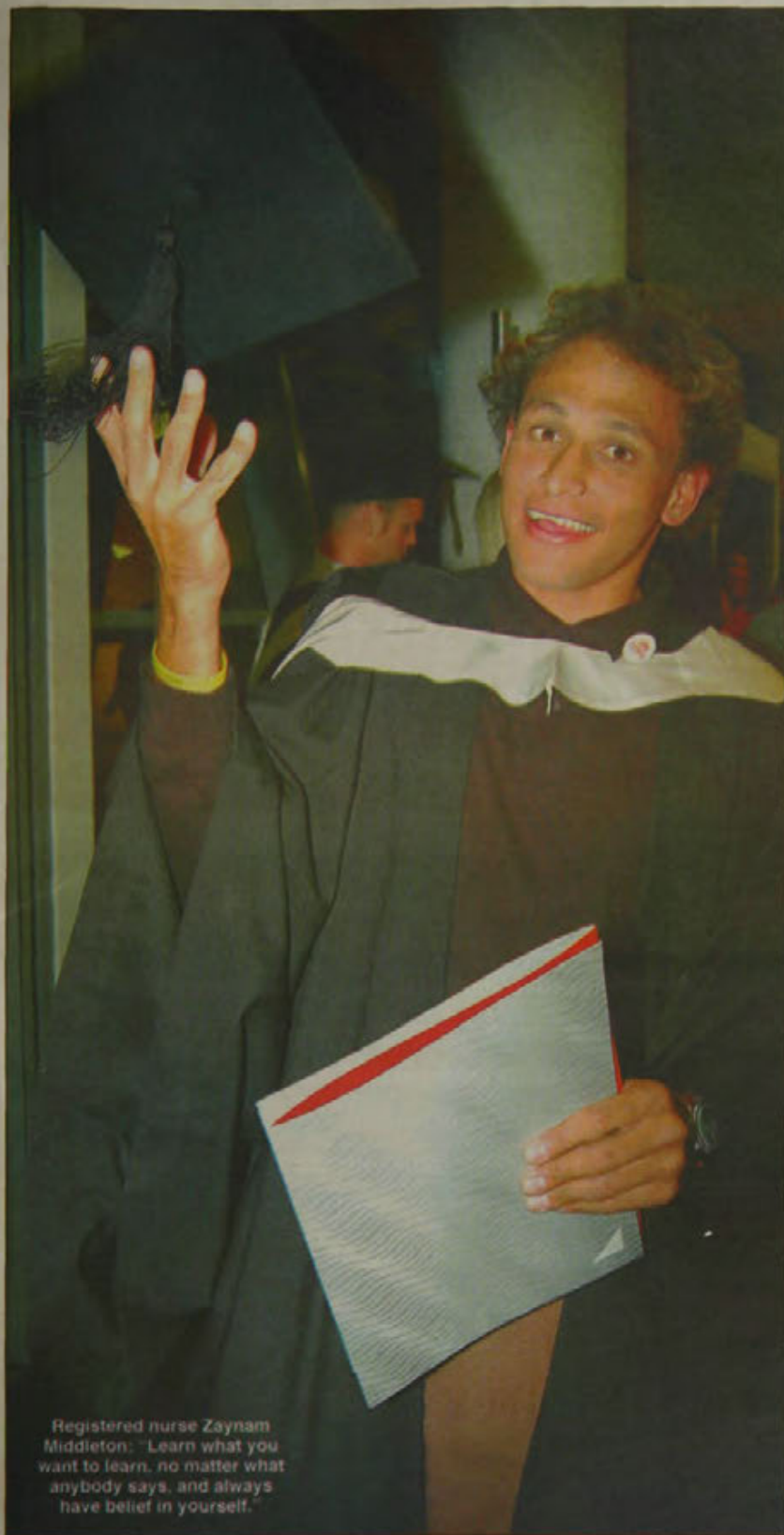
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Angela Rule with her grandmother Doreen Creed at the scholarship presentation.

Helping people his goal



Registered nurse Zaynam Middleton: "Learn what you want to learn, no matter what anybody says, and always have belief in yourself."

WHEN Zaynam Middleton left school in Year 11, he never thought he would get to university, let alone become a registered nurse. But now the 24-year-old Torres Strait Islander cannot wait to get into the field after graduating with his Bachelor of Nursing Degree with Griffith University on the Gold Coast.

After leaving high school in Year 11, Zaynam completed his senior schooling through TAFE.

"For me at school, I was learning but I wasn't learning about what I wanted to learn," he said.

"I now say, don't ever stop learning, keep learning and keep reading."

After completing TAFE, Zaynam had a string of jobs including dish washer, cook and a trades assistant on feature films on the Gold Coast, but it was when he landed a traineeship with Surf Life Saving Australia that he discovered his love of health and caring for people.

"As a lifeguard it was good being able to assist people with physical injuries, but the fact was that I wanted to do more," he said.

"So I thought if I want to do more, I have to go on to a different career path."

"I thought I could join the Queensland Ambulance Service, and become a paramedic, but I still wanted to do more, and that's when I thought about becoming a nurse. I knew it would give me enough knowledge to help people on a bigger scale and to help more people."

Not long after, Zaynam was accepted into the Bachelor of Nursing through Griffith University's Gold Coast campus

and was also awarded a Puggy Hunter Scholarship from the Royal College of Nursing. He said the scholarship was a huge help and meant he could focus on his studies.

Zaynam places a big importance on being an Indigenous nurse.

"Being an Indigenous nurse is good because you can help everyone in the community," he said.

"There are those people who are less likely to seek medical help or see a specialist. Even though they need care, they just won't go."

"In some cases they can get worse and even potentially die."

'Being an Indigenous nurse is good because you can help everyone in the community'

"Because I am Indigenous and my family has strong Indigenous links in the community, I can give advice to those people through being social to seek help or support."

"But as well as that, Indigenous people are more relaxed being treated by an Indigenous nurse."

Zaynam has just applied for a graduate program where he hopes to work in

a hospital and eventually move into work with his people.

He has had a journey through education, and his advice to those who may have similar circumstances to him is to not cut yourself short.

"Don't block yourself and you are not going to get anywhere if you are a crab in a bucket," he said.

"I never thought I would be here, but through family support, hard work and dedication I got here."

"Learn what you want to learn, no matter what anybody says, and always have belief in yourself."

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- Bachelor of Music

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The University has set aside many scholarship for the new Undergraduate and Graduate Programs. The main scholarship in this area is the Access Melbourne Scholarship Scheme which is open to all Indigenous applicants. Access Melbourne will cover tuition fees, including some financial assistance.

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Yoshinori Hunter

Access Melbourne Scholar,
1st Year Bachelor of Creative Arts,
The University of Melbourne.

"I never would have thought I'd be studying here at the University of Melbourne after my first application for the 2006 academic year was declined."

YOSHINORI RECIEVES ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP

Yoshinori Hunter originates from Broome, Western Australia and comes from the Bardi and Jawuru peoples of the Kimberley. Yoshi is currently studying at the University of Melbourne completing a Bachelor of Creative Arts over the next three years. Having completed his VCE studies down in Melbourne at Northcote High School, Yoshi underestimated his success in gaining a place within his chosen course.

"I never would have thought I'd be studying here at the University of Melbourne after my first application for the 2006 academic year was declined."

However, in 2007 the Arts Faculty recognised Yoshi's dedication and determination to study here by rewarding him a place with his chosen course and awarded Yoshi with an Access Melbourne Scholarship. His Scholarship covers his fees for the duration of the course and also provides him with financial support to cover the costs of books and a new laptop.

By the time Yoshi finishes his degree, he will have gained enough skills and knowledge to enter the film and entertainment industry as a script writer. But aside from all the academic work at the University, Yoshi also will be representing the Melbourne University Rugby Colts team. The Colts are now preparing to play in the Grand Final, and with Yoshi also being a member of the University Rugby Sevens team, he will be competing at the Gold Coast in the Australian University Games for 2007.

If you are interested in applying to the University of Melbourne and would also like more information on the Access Melbourne Scholarships Scheme for Indigenous students please call the Centre on 03 8344 7722 and ask to speak to one of our recruitment officers. Further information on application procedures and Access Melbourne can be found on our website:

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Scholarship a big help for single mother

By SOLUA MIDDLETON

ANGELINA Tabuteau-Moore surprised herself when she was accepted by Deakin University in Victoria to undertake a Masters of Public Health degree. But the 35-year-old single mum of two children was over the moon when she also was awarded a scholarship from the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH).

"I made a bet with two other blackfellas, Kylie Kinsela and (the late) Ian Barry, that I wouldn't be successful getting into the course and that scholarships like at the CRAH are for other blackfellas, not necessarily community ones," Ms Tabuteau-Moore said.

"I lost in so many ways. I got accepted into the course at the Institute of Koori Education at Deakin University. And I got the scholarship with the CRAH.

"I found lots of blackfellas just like me out there doing it, and a world of employment opportunities opened up."

Ms Tabuteau-Moore said the scholarship dollars had helped her complete her degree. "It's the professional development as well - like the CRAH have paid for me to attend conferences that I would never have had the opportunity to attend or been able to afford to attend," she said.



ANGELINA
TABUTEAU-MOORE

"I have met many people since joining the CRAH including other Aboriginal people who are making the most amazing contributions to their communities or to the broader Aboriginal health agenda. That in itself has helped me to pursue my studies, to believe that I have a right to participate in education and to know that I am not alone out there.

"Apart from putting food on the table, I also saw the scholarship as a reward for the enormous amount of hard work

that is expected of you when you undertake studies."

Originally from Swan Hill, Victoria, Ms Tabuteau-Moore is a project officer with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Families in Parkville, Victoria. She says Indigenous health faces many problems.

"(Prime Minister) John Howard and his whole agenda about mainstreaming is a major problem. But politics aside, I would say child protection is the major issue," she said.

"Child abuse, violence and all of the things that are faced by many kids on a daily basis are happening outside of the NT as well. In Victoria, there has been a recent change to the legislation that means that there can be unborn notifications made. I am very concerned about the impact that these legislative changes will have on families and believe that there may be an increase in notifications and potentially subsequent removals as a result of the changes in legislation."

Ms Tabuteau-Moore also raises the question of whether there are enough of "our" community organisations and child protection services equipped to respond to this potential increase of child notifications across Victoria, and their accessibility and availability.

"Another issue that I can see in the far future is that

whitefellas' life expectancy will reduce and that will have negative consequences for Aboriginal health," she said.

"For example, there have been continual mainstream increases noted in alcohol and cigarette consumption and so basically, the whitefellas are gradually getting sicker so as the life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples reduces, funding in Aboriginal health will further reduce."

Ms Tabuteau-Moore has now enrolled to do a PhD at the University of Melbourne through the Centre for Molecular, Environmental, Genetic and Analytic Epidemiology.

"My research interest is in Aboriginal illicit drug use during pregnancy, which grew from my experiences as Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer at the Mercy Hospital for Women," she said.



INDIGENOUS YOUTH
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Tertiary Scholarships Available for Young Indigenous Australians

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme

Students entering or already placed in tertiary education are invited to apply to The Foundation for Young Australians for an IYLP tertiary scholarship for 2008.

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Universities and communities are encouraged to identify and assist eligible students to apply.

Applications open 3 September 2007, and close 3 December 2007.

Further information and application forms available on
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The Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training in partnership with The Foundation for Young Australians.

Centre for learning

THE western Arnhem Land community of Gunbalanya (Oenpelli) welcomed a host of dignitaries and special guests last month during celebrations to mark the opening of its new study centre. The Gunbalanya Study Centre, named Merregend Ingang Ingum (a place to gain knowledge), was built as a joint initiative between Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and the Federal Government, in consultation with the traditional owners of the Gunbalanya community.

Batchelor Institute Director Jeannie Herbert says the new centre will enable the community to access mainstream education that equips them with knowledge and skills for employment in the community or anywhere in Australia.

"This is the seventh and final purpose-built study centre that Batchelor Institute has opened in the NT as part of a special \$2.5 million project funded by the Federal Government," Dr Herbert said.

"The project is part of the Institute's ongoing commitment to remote communities to provide essential facilities so people can get the training and education they need to build strong and healthy communities."

The centre was officially opened by Federal Minister for Community Services, NT Senator Nigel Scullion, on behalf of Federal Education Minister Julie Bishop. Also present were Member for Lingjari Warren Snowdon and Major-General Dave Chalmers, Head of the



At the centre opening were, from left, Batchelor Institute resident manager of Gunbalanya Study Centre John Barber, Head of Finance and Infrastructure at Batchelor Institute Martin Heskins, Head of the School of Health Business and Science at Batchelor Institute Dr Jan Schmitzer, Lingjari MP Warren Snowdon, Batchelor Director Dr Jeannie Herbert, Acting NT DEST Manager Sue MacPherson, Batchelor Head of the School of Education Arts and Social Sciences at Batchelor Institute Joe Fraser, Senior Elder Jacob Nayinggul and Federal Minister Senator Nigel Scullion.

Commonwealth NT Task Force. Gunbalanya, with about 1000 residents, is an Aboriginal township close to the East Alligator River in Arnhem Land, about 300km east of Darwin.

The Gunbalanya Study Centre and the six other study centres

already completed at Maningrida, Minjilang, Ngukurr, Arriparr, Nyirripi and Borroloola provide essential facilities for delivering VET and higher education courses. They enable remote community residents to complete nationally recognised training and

education programs. These qualifications assist people to take up jobs in their communities in areas including health, education, administration, child care, construction, building maintenance, environmental management as well as improving

literacy and numeracy skills. Gunbalanya is one of more than 70 communities identified as part of the Australian Government's emergency response to improve safety for children in remote NT communities.



Major-General Dave Chalmers speaking with Batchelor Institute Head of School of Education, Arts and Social Sciences Joe Fraser at the opening of the Gunbalanya Study Centre. The general was invited to attend to get a better understanding of the education and training being offered by Batchelor in remote NT communities and the practical challenges faced by remote people in pursuing education and training.



The Karabarrda Traditional Dancers perform at the opening of the study centre.

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Social worker on the right course to develop skills

SUSAN PEISTO, a Master of Indigenous Studies student at Southern Cross University in northern NSW, is passionate about improving Aboriginal health.

A social worker with the Royal Far West Outreach Team at the Casino Community Health Centre in northern NSW, Susan's job is to outreach to Aboriginal communities.

"And that is one of the reasons I chose to study this course, because it could further my skills working with Indigenous people," she said.

"The course is helping me to develop my awareness in dealing with Aboriginal people and trans-generational trauma.

"I've found in my job, as a

non-Aboriginal worker, that Aboriginal people actually have more respect for me for having a go at doing this course.

"The hands-on experience is one of the most important

'The hands-on experience is one of the most important parts of the degree...'

parts of the degree, and I have spent eight weeks developing relationships with peers from different Aboriginal communities.

"The course has helped me

develop a deep listening (Dadirri) about Aboriginal spirituality."

Northern Rivers man Trevor Knox is another student in Southern Cross University's Masters program.

"As students, we feel that we are graduating with the real-life skills and knowledge needed to bring real, workable solutions and strategies to respond to issues facing Aboriginal people today," he said.

"I already have offers to work with Aboriginal communities in many regions across Australia.

"I came into the program with limited formal education but with a wealth of real life knowledge and experience. If I can do it, anyone can."



Southern Cross University Master of Indigenous Studies student Susan Peisto.

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The program helps further Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination and extend knowledge required to bring about effective, culturally appropriate social change in Indigenous service organisations and communities.

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'Once you make up your mind that you want something, nothing can hold you back'

Big business is beckoning

A 23-year-old Nyoongar woman has opened up the world of high corporate finance to her family and the Indigenous community in general, taking the message to as many students as possible that there are countless opportunities and careers waiting for them around the globe. Zoe Yates thought she wanted to be a teacher when she was at primary school, but the world of finance opened up to her when she attended TAFE to follow her high school dream of getting into the hospitality industry.

After gaining an understanding of business administration, she decided to attend Curtin University and do a bridging course through the Centre for Indigenous Studies as a pathway to attending the Curtin Business School (CBS).

Ms Yates is now employed by energy giant Woodside as an accountant. She has a

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scholarship to complete her business studies, and she is well on the way to being a steward of major global corporations.

CBS Student Development Manager Eileen Dallas said Ms Yates' story was an exciting pathway for other Indigenous students to follow.

"We have functions for the students from different colleges and schools, for example we had an education session with Year 12 students from Saint Mary's College in Broome and a couple of our scholarship students talked about what they were doing in business," Ms Dallas said.

"We bring them to the Business School and highlight the job opportunities in business, and once they're interested we inform them of what they need to achieve."

CBS Indigenous Liaison Officer Karen Hayward said that she acted as a conduit into the Indigenous community for the school, and she was keen to get the message across that business was a good way to connect with the world.

"We are part of something new and exciting and we need to embrace that because it's almost like we're time travelling through different lifestyles and different economies and the Indigenous community need to be a part of that and that's what I'm here for," she said.

"I've been invited to attend schools and one of the messages that I'm going to be giving to the school children is that this is their world and the future is theirs and that they need to make that future for themselves."

Ms Yates said that studying for her Bachelor of Commerce degree opened her eyes to all

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Nyoongar woman Zoe Yates has launched what promises to be a big business career after successfully studying at the Curtin Business School in Perth.

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ORIGINALLY from Sydney and born in Balmain, actor, award-winning theatre-maker and director Liza-Mare Syron is a descendant of the Biripi people of Foster, NSW. A graduate of the VCA's Diploma in Dramatic Arts (Acting) in 1990 and with a Masters in Creative Arts (Research) through Wollongong University and in Adult Education, University of Technology, Sydney, Liza-Mare is currently the Theatre Co-ordinator at the Eora College of Aboriginal Studies, Centre for Visual Arts and Performing Arts in Redfern, Sydney.

Liza-Mare was attracted to applying to the VCA as she saw it as an 'arts college that offered a variety of methodologies in acting and performing'. But, despite the fact that the VCA offers a vast range of challenging methodologies to work with, Liza-Mare feels that Australia generally 'valorises European and American processes and techniques to rehearsal and performance'.

"I await the day that a variety of Indigenous methodologies in rehearsal and performance are explored," she says.

Honing her acting skills through the Dramatic Arts course at the VCA was a challenge that Liza-Mare says she loved.

"We had excellent teachers such as John Bolton and Rinski Ginsberg who led me to places in myself I never knew existed," she says. "I played many roles -



LIZA-MARE SYRON

from Chinese revolutionaries to Shakespearean murderers, including the role of a young Aboriginal girl who was buried alive during the Japanese bombing of Darwin in 1942."

Moving from Sydney to Melbourne to study at the VCA, at a time when there was no Indigenous student support or culture on campus, was difficult and isolating for Liza-Mare. "The saddest moments for me whilst at VCA was firstly not having my family there to support me during some very emotional times and secondly having to let go of the safety of knowing who you thought you were," she says.

Her journey through the VCA Dramatic Arts course was at times equally as challenging, with issues of identity and 'rawness' in performance delivery consistently on the agenda.

"One of the most important lessons I learnt at VCA was to have the courage to let go of everything you thought you knew and discover something new," she says. "Having previously experienced a cultural historical journey of searching for identity and belonging, it became problematic when I had to let go of all that to discover other aspects to bring to the work. I found that element of the journey difficult."

Since graduating from the VCA, Liza-Mare now boasts an impressive list of credits, with works as an actor in theatre productions and outfits including Griffin Theatre Company, Sydney Festival, *Shark Island Stories* (New England Theatre Company), *Radiance* (Theatre South Wollongong), *Ginger Meggs and Missing Link* (Victorian Arts Centre), *Ask for the Captain* (Handspan Theatre Company), *The Duchess of Malfi* and *Macbeth* (Victorian Arts Centre), *Batchelor Rock* (Carlton Courthouse), *Interludes of Love* (Melbourne International Arts Festival), and *Romeo and Juliet*, *Festive Wrights* and *Oh My God the Chips* (Halcyon Day productions).

Additionally, Liza-Mare has worked for The Australia Television Children's Foundation and the ABC with the children's series *Lift Off*. Yet it's teaching at Eora as Theatre Co-ordinator, that Liza-Mare says is her most rewarding experience relating to her art practice to date.

"(It's exciting) watching a

whole new generation of Indigenous actors discover their path to contemporary performance practice - I derive my inspiration and passion from my Indigenous theatre students whom I learn more and more from. My theatrical heritage keeps me connected ..."

In 2005 Liza-Mare received the Phillip Parsons Award for Performance as Research for her self-devised show with Eora theatre students, *Ephemera, The Reconciliation Monologues*. This play was invited to the Australian Aboriginal Theatre Initiative in New York as part of the Indigenous Voices Festival in May 2007.

Some years back, Liza-Mare also received an Australia Day Award for Community Event of the Year.

Liza-Mare's diverse and varied career has also led her to direct Eora-produced shows including *Capricornia*, *Funerals and Circuses*, *Seven Stages of Grieving* and *Black Beth*.

"I would love to keep directing, but most of all I would love to work in an industry that has a strong sense of its Indigenous performance heritage and an acknowledgement of this influence on Australian contemporary performance," she says.

- Kate Munro

• This profile from the Wilin Centre's Alumni Publication *Illuminate* - shining the light on the VCA's Indigenous Alumni.



More than an Education!

Visits - Alice Springs/Central Australia to Melbourne

Recently, staff from La Trobe University's Bundoora campus played host to a group of Indigenous students visiting Melbourne from Alice Springs and Central Australia. The focus of the trip was to offer an experience of pathways and a vision of the wider community. The day's program included activities within the areas of health, media and communication, student services, Indigenous employment and even a visit to the University's wildlife sanctuary. Ms Colleen Hayes, participant of the National Indigenous Women's Leadership program, organised the trip as part of this program.



ABOVE: Alice Springs/Central Australian students with University staff and students.

Croc Festivals from Swan Hill to the Torres Strait

La Trobe University has continued to support the Croc Festivals. Last year at Swan Hill, La Trobe undertook to take education outside of the classroom and into the kitchen... traditional food was prepared and served to participants at the festival. Other activities included the La Trobe Dreaming studio, where students were interviewed about the aspirations for their futures. Participants created banner with artwork with traditional designs.

This year, Luke Murray, Indigenous Student Recruitment Officer has supported the Croc Festival production crew as a role model and inspirational motivation speaker. Luke's main role is to co-ordinate the 'I want to be' activities for preps to Year 7 age groups.

BELOW AND TOP RIGHT: Torres Strait 2007 Croc Festival participants and Swan Hill Croc Festival staff and students.



Victorian College of Koorie Education

In July, over 50 secondary school Indigenous students from the Morwell, Mildura and Glenroy campuses of the Victorian College of Koorie Education visited La Trobe University to participate in a day of science-based learning/activities.

BELOW: Victorian College of Koorie Education participants.



Brother and Sister Act

Daniel and Jessica Edwards are brother and sister studying at La Trobe University's Bundoora Campus. Daniel and Jess's family originally come from Swan Hill, but they have lived in Melbourne for most of their lives.

Both Daniel and Jess are currently undertaking a Bachelor of Social Work & Human Services, with Daniel in 2nd/3rd year, and Jess in 1st year.

Daniel gained entry into La Trobe after completing his Certificate IV in Indigenous Welfare Services at NMIT (TAFE) in Preston. Jessica originally started in 2006 in Behavioural Science straight from completing Year 12, but transferred to the Social Work this year as a 1st year with some credit for her previous studies.

Daniel and Jessica have both been successful in receiving a cadetship with Centrelink. This cadetship provides financial assistance for the duration of their degree which allows them to study as normal during semester, but then also gives them work experience in the university breaks. Jess travels to Perth twice a year for her placement and Daniel's placement takes him to Woolongong twice a year.

Jess and Daniel are great ambassadors for Indigenous students everywhere - they are both dedicated to their studies and have made excellent achievements so far. Both are always in at Ngarn-gi offering support and encouragement to other Indigenous students as well as volunteering their time at the many cultural activities that Ngarn-gi put on throughout the year. They are a pleasure to have around and are strong role-models for the many young Indigenous people at high school who may be contemplating university studies.

BELOW: Daniel and Jessica Edwards.



Bendigo Aboriginal Tertiary Support Unit Renamed

The Aboriginal Tertiary Support Unit (ATSU) was believed to be established in the early eighties from all historical accounts, to provide academic and personal support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled on La Trobe University Bendigo Campus. In July 2007 as part of the Community Celebrations during 50 Years of NAIDOC Celebrations, Jaara Traditional Owners living on country renamed the ATSU with a traditional Dja Dja Wurrung language name.

The name Jimbeyer Boondjil translates to mean Teaching Knowledge was given to ATSU in a community ceremony by Elder Uncle Brien Nelson and Family. Many joined in the celebrations along with other Jarra Traditional owner families such as the Kerr Family and many other local Bendigo Indigenous Community members. Uncle Brien gave a moving ceremony in which he presented a painting of MIMI painted by his son Kane Nelson to be used as part of the art work for Jimbeyer Boondjil. In addition to the new name Jimbeyer Boondjil Indigenous Unit has had a make over with a complete refurbishment.

The annual softball challenge between the university and local community was held in the afternoon followed by a concert was on the campus oval. Visitors sat around a bon fire and listened to the unique Indigenous Voices and Sounds including Peter Rotumah, Liz Cavanagh, The Grenadines, Jarrah and Propaganda.

Jimbeyer Boondjil Indigenous Unit provides services for Indigenous Australian Students in areas of career counselling, financial advice, tutorial and tutor assistance under ITAS. The Unit also provides a link to the broader Bendigo Indigenous community.

BELOW: University staff accepting the artwork from traditional owners.



Jimbeyer Boondjil Indigenous Unit Holds a Referendum on Campus for the 40th Anniversary

This year La Trobe University Jimbeyer Boondjil Indigenous Unit formally known as ATSU acknowledged and paid respect to the significance of 27th May 2007 as the 40th Anniversary for the 27th May 1967 Federal Referendum. A mock referendum was held.

Students and staff at the La Trobe University Bendigo Campus were asked to vote in the Referendum posing a Yes/No statement asking people whether they disagree or agree to accept that "All Australian Institutions (both private and public sector) need to recognise Australian Indigenous Cultural wisdom, respectfully recognise the diversity within Indigenous communities, including genuine Australian Indigenous Cultural participation in relation to Indigenous knowledge and learning and implement appropriate protocols, policies and practices." Jimbeyer Boondjil Indigenous Unit Coordinator Kym Walker said "It is important to raise awareness and to educate people about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures".

The University embraced the Referendum activities over the week held from 26th May to the 3rd June 2007. With 290 votes for, 9 votes against and 1 invalid vote.

This event was held over a week during both the Campus Sorry Day and Reconciliation activities in which students were also asked to note their personal views in the Sorry Day Books on display.

BELOW: Kym Walker, Co-ordinator of Jimbeyer Boondjil Indigenous Unit.



Indigenous Australian Studies at La Trobe University

The Indigenous Studies Teaching and Research Committee of La Trobe University recently received a working paper on the university's current unit offerings in Indigenous Australian studies. The audit was completed using the handbook entries and the task was to identify units across all faculties and campuses which included Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, cultures and stories. 'The most significant finding of the audit was there were 50 or so individual units available which included Indigenous Australian perspectives and many more were identified as potential spaces for increasing La Trobe University students exposure to Indigenous issues' said Mr Gary Thomas, Director, Indigenous Education. The Indigenous Studies Teaching and Research Committee is a central university committee which aims to promote inclusive curriculum practices and provide guidance on teaching, learning and research in the area of Indigenous Australian studies. 'There are many opportunities within Indigenous Australian studies at La Trobe for both undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as potential collaborations for academics. The findings from the audit will be part of future discussions and also form the basis for re-vamping information distributed to the broader community' said Mr Thomas.

Sorry Day 2007 at La Trobe University



ABOVE: Sorry Day Dancers.
BELOW: Richard Frankland.



ABOVE: Mark, Shirley, Mandy and Nellie.

Big business beckons Zoe



Nyoongar corporate accountant Zoe Yates (centre) with Curtin Business School Student Development Officer Eileen Dalls (left) and CBS Indigenous Liaison Officer Karen Hayward, talking about the global opportunities available through business.

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of the different facets of finance and the huge range of careers and opportunities in Australia and overseas.

"I studied for two years and then I got a cadetship with Woodside and after six months they employed me full time in a management accountant role," she said.

"The opportunities are endless and anybody can do it if they really want to and apply themselves. It's often a challenge living in the Indigenous community to overcome the hurdles, but I always wanted to learn and I never looked at the problems we faced as Indigenous people as something that was going to hold me down.

"Once you make up your mind that you want something, nothing can hold you back."

Ms Yates said that she looked

forward to a long career with Woodside, but eventually she would like to consult with Indigenous organisations and help them with their finances as a way of giving back to the community.

"Eventually I'd like to do some sort of consulting work with Indigenous firms because I'd like to give back to the community and I'm proud to be Nyoongar and Indigenous so if I can help our community organisations to develop themselves financially I would like to do that," she said.

Ms Yates' Nyoongar culture is also having a positive impact on her immediate colleagues in Woodside.

"I share my culture with my colleagues and so I find that I'm an Aboriginal ambassador even in my own workplace and so I'm always letting them know about NAIDOC Week or cultural-awareness days or anything like that," she said.



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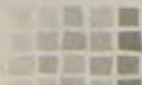
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Cultural awareness the goal at camp

ABORIGINAL students from the schools of the Cessnock Local Management Group in New South Wales attended a special two-night, three-day gathering last month at Wollombi Camp.

The goal was to develop cultural awareness in students and staff. Workshops such as dance, painting, bush tucker, traditional games, story telling and visits to Aboriginal sites around Wollombi were held each day.

Aboriginal parents and community members co-ordinated the workshops.

More than 45 students from Years 5-10 from most schools in the Cessnock local management group attended.

Staff from each school were encouraged to use the opportunity to learn about teaching Aboriginal students.

Parents and staff also attended the final evening's entertainment that showcased students' achievements over the three days.

Organisers hope the Wollombi Camp gathering will become an annual event.



People of all age groups were involved in the Cessnock Local Management Group cultural awareness schools camp held at Wollombi.



Participants at the Wollombi Camp gathering in New South Wales.

Wesley College hosts its own NAIDOC dinner



Greg Alt (fr 1962), Clark Webb (fr 2005 and NAIDOC Committee Chair), Cathy Bray (fr 1972), Tanya Griffiths (Koori Centre, University of Sydney), Rev Dick Udy (fr 1947 and Hon. Treasurer of the original NAIDOC Committee) and The Master Rev David Russell.



Ben Phillips, Sabrina Lomax, Fiona Webb, Clark Webb, Kate Bailey (Vice Master, Wesley College), Alex Webb.

A wonderful night of celebration and time for serious consideration about Indigenous rights took place at Wesley College, University of Sydney on Monday 20 August, 2007 with our third annual Wesley NAIDOC celebration. The evening began early at 5pm with a performance by Emma Donovan and her band in the Wesley College Crypt.

The College then walked up into the Dining Room where the official party and organizers were welcomed to the hall by loud banging of spoons on the table and the playing of the yidaki by Jack Manning Bancroft (later joined by Paul Sinclair). Rev David Russell (the Master of Wesley College) welcomed everyone and introduced Clark Webb before saying Grace. Clark Webb then gave the Acknowledgement to Country. Clark, from Nana Glen near Coffs Harbour, belongs to the neighbouring tribal nations of Bundjalung and Gumbayngirr and he gave the Acknowledgement to Country in Gumbayngirr.

The Wesley Dining Room was decorated in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. The Master and Clark were joined by two guest speakers and a number of other

honoured guests.

The NAIDOC guest speakers were Nathan Moran, (who spoke on Paternalism and Indigenous Rights) and Paul Sinclair, who gave an account of his fascinating life (now a teacher employed at Taronga Zoo).

Other guests of honour included Jack Manning Bancroft (founder of the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience AIME based at the University of Sydney), Rev. Dick Udy (Hon. Treasurer of the first ever NAIDOC committee) and a Wesley Old Collegian, Mr Greg Alt and Dr Carolyn Currie - Wesley Old Coils and Indigenous Scholarship supporters, and Ms Margaret Cossey, CEO of Indij Readers (a literacy program launched by Her Excellency, the Chancellor Professor Marie Bashir and supported by Mark Ella), Ms Tanya Griffiths (schools liaison officer at the Koori Centre at the University of Sydney), Mr Craig Duncan and 20 students from Joeys (Joeys Indigenous Foundation, St. Joseph's College, Hunters Hill), Mr Alex Webb, Senior Project Officer, Aboriginal Housing Office (who came down from Coffs Harbour) and Maria Bamford and Kerrie Maguire from Gangari Consulting.

Indigenous Scholarships at Wesley College

The Wesley College Foundation launched the first appeal for 2 Indigenous Scholarships in December 2004. The Indigenous Scholarships Appeal resulted in an unprecedented response from our Old Collegians, many of whom were inspired to donate for the first time. Two Indigenous scholars were supported in 2005 and 2006.

This year due to the continuing generosity of our donors, Wesley College has 6 Indigenous Scholars on full residential scholarships.

For further information on the Wesley College Foundation Indigenous Scholarships and the WCF joint Faculty of Economics and Business Australian Indigenous Scholarships please visit our website under Prospective Students and see Scholarships.

www.wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au

Wesley College Indigenous Scholarships for 2008



Wesley College Foundation Indigenous Scholarships

This scholarship has been established by the Wesley College Foundation (WCF) through the generous support of Old Collegians and members of the Wesley College Foundation.

1. The scholarship is to be awarded to:

An Australian Indigenous student of the University of Sydney who will be resident at Wesley College, and

Who, but for the scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College.

2. The scholarship to the value of full Wesley College fees, is to be taken as:

payment of College fees OR

as a living allowance (to the value of half the College residential fees) for those students who have their fees paid by another grant or scholarship (e.g. ABSTUDY)

3. The scholarship will be awarded by the Wesley College Foundation on the recommendation of the Master and the Scholarships Committee.

For further information and an application form go to www.wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au or contact the College directly or make enquiries through the Sydney University Koori Centre, www.koori.usyd.edu.au or email Student Liaison Officer on laison@koori.usyd.edu.au

WCF joint Faculty of Economics and Business Australian Indigenous Scholarships

In 2008 the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Sydney will offer an Indigenous Australian Scholarship in partnership with the Wesley College Foundation (WCF) to support a student studying in the Faculty and residing at Wesley College.

1. The scholarship is to be awarded in 2008 for up to 4 years, to an Australian Indigenous student:

- who will be enrolled in the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Sydney and
- who will be resident at Wesley College and
- who, but for the scholarship, would be unable to attend Wesley College.
- who, has financial disadvantage and demonstrates a potential to succeed in an area of study taught within the Faculty.

2. The scholarship will be for full payment of College Fees which includes accommodation and meals.

Alternatively, for those students who have their fees paid by another grant or scholarship (e.g. ABSTUDY) the scholarship can be taken as a \$5,000 grant from the Faculty of Economics and Business towards living expenses (if taken as a grant, a payment of \$2,500 will be made at the start of each semester).

3. Under normal conditions, there are up to two scholarship recipients each year. To continue to receive the Scholarship, the recipient must be enrolled full-time and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

4. The scholarship will be awarded by the Faculty of Economics and Business and Wesley College Foundation in consultation with the Koori Centre at Sydney University.

For further information and an application form go to www.wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au

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Aboriginal Health Courses

Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, The University of Melbourne



Aboriginal Leadership

Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit is headed by Professor Ian Anderson who is the inaugural Chair of Indigenous Health at The University of Melbourne. His family are Tasmanian and, through his mother, Patwa Trouwener with links to the Palatine and Trawlwoolway clans. Ian is also the Director of the Centre for Health and Society, the Deputy Head of the School of Population Health at The University of Melbourne and the Research Director of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health. Currently, Onemda has a staff of 22, half of whom are Indigenous Australians.



Koori Community Patrons

Onemda is blessed with three Koori Elders as patrons. Aunty Joan Vickery, AO, Uncle Kevin Coombs, OAM (pictured above with Onemda Director Ian Anderson, left) and Aunty Joy Wandin Murphy, AO, have all made a significant contribution to our work but also more generally to Koori health over many decades.

Since Onemda began our Elders have all actively supported us by attending many of our functions and offering advice and guidance around our community development activities. They have also participated in our teaching and research program.

We are extremely honoured to have these Elders formally associated with Onemda.



Koori Community Partners

Koori people and organisations are involved as much as possible in our teaching. Our community partners include:

- Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation;
- The Koori Heritage Trust Inc.;
- Victorian Aboriginal Health Service; and
- Institute of Koori Education, Deakin University.

In some instances we convene our classes within these local community organisations. Not only does this give our students an opportunity of immersion in a Koori community context, but also creates a great opportunity for them to engage with local Koori health issues as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health in the larger national context. Our local Koori partners also provide input into our overall direction, particularly through their attendance at our annual *Talkin' Strong Day*.



Presentation of a Range of Perspectives

Our partnership with the local community also enables us to include a range of perspectives in our teaching from:

- Elders;
- Aboriginal health professionals;
- Government and Indigenous community policy-makers; and
- Aboriginal academics.

We also draw upon audiovisual materials including interactive online forums, film, music and literature, in addition to more traditional academic methods, to supplement our teaching and learning activities.



International Links

We are pursuing international links with other Indigenous programs in order to introduce a larger focus on Indigenous health globally to further broaden the perspectives of our students. We aim to provide a high-quality learning experience for our students that sparks their interest and encourages them to build their capacity for effective and appropriate professional health practice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.



Aboriginal Health Teaching into the Health Sciences

Onemda staff and patrons contribute to the teaching of many courses throughout the Health Sciences, including:

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- Bachelor of Nursing
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- Master of Social Health
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Psychiatric Medicine

Indigenous students wanting to enquire about courses in the Health Sciences should contact Steve Clarke, School of Medicine Indigenous Liaison Officer at clarkes@unimelb.edu.au



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VicHealth Koori Health Unit



The Focus of Our Teaching

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This subject will provide students with an understanding of key ethical frameworks and issues and their implications for Aboriginal health research practice.
- **Policy Processes in Aboriginal Health**
This subject reviews historical, social, economic and cultural factors influencing structures and policies central to the policy process in Aboriginal health.
- **Critical Debates in Aboriginal Health**
Specific topics within this subject include: chronic disease determinants, what's working, how do we do it better, cultural duty of care and ways to ensure it, effect allocation of resources with Indigenous health with regard to human rights considerations, Indigenous women's education and gender health barriers, ways of strengthening Indigenous sovereignty and potential health effects.

For further details please see our website at www.onemda.unimelb.edu.au/teaching/msh.html

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

The medical course at The University of Melbourne has an integrated Aboriginal Health program. Students are exposed to Aboriginal health issues beginning in Semester 1, and developing in complexity into their clinical years. The highlight of the teaching in medicine is the Indigenous simulated patient program, where Aboriginal community members act as patients and are interviewed by the students.

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UN uni centre for NT

THE Northern Territory Government will commit \$2.5 million to help establish a United Nations University Centre for Traditional Knowledge with Charles Darwin University (CDU) as host partner. NT Education Minister Paul Henderson detailed the Government's commitment of \$500,000 a year over five years to the centre, to be at CDU.

The announcement of the internationally focused research and training facility coincided with the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Helen Garnett said the development of a UN University Centre on Traditional Knowledge with CDU as host provided a range of opportunities to promote the recognition of the value of traditional knowledge systems in Australia.

"It will allow us to share the successes of the application of indigenous knowledge from around the globe with Australia, achieve benefits for Indigenous Australians, support the development of CDU and average funding from new sources for Indigenous education and research," she said.

"We are looking to grow a



NT Education Minister Paul Henderson with CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Helen Garnett.

major centre for traditional knowledge here at CDU and we hope it will attract an entire range of other traditional knowledge systems.

"The support and backing the NT Government has provided this initiative has been terrific and

demonstrates their commitment to fostering traditional knowledge."

Minister Henderson said the NT Government saw the centre as a pathway to developing new opportunities for Indigenous Territorians.

"By harnessing the unique

knowledge of Indigenous Territorians for practical applications in areas such as science and environmental management, the Centre for Traditional Knowledge will help develop new economic opportunities, particularly in our remote and regional areas," he said.

"The Northern Territory's knowledge-based industries are continuing to grow, from desert knowledge in the Centre to tropical knowledge in the Top End."

"The Government recognises Charles Darwin University as the natural home for a Centre for Traditional Knowledge and is pleased to support this initiative."

Growing out of the UN University's work on traditional knowledge, the potential for a Centre for Traditional Knowledge had become apparent. The university recognised that it could play an important role in the international debate on traditional knowledge and late last year it recommended that CDU was the suitable host institution for the initiative in consideration of its leadership capabilities, links with Indigenous communities, ability to raise funds and overall interest in traditional knowledge.

The centre will focus on

research and training in many aspects of the traditional knowledge of Indigenous communities from a global perspective, develop the capacity of indigenous communities and provide significant and direct benefits. In particular the Institute will:

- Promote the use of traditional knowledge in national and local education systems
- Promote respect and use of traditional knowledge in mainstream science and technology
- Promote greater self-reliance for indigenous people
- Develop greater resilience of traditional knowledge
- Develop the capacity of Indigenous communities to use their knowledge in a globalised economy.

"An internationally focused traditional knowledge research and training institution provides unique opportunities to make the linkages necessary to developing innovative and effective approaches that fully recognise the value of traditional knowledge and foster the sustainability of communities for whom traditional knowledge is the cornerstone of culture and survival," Professor Garnett said.

College boasts many healthy achievements

Boorroongen Djugun College is an Aboriginal community-controlled multi-award-winning Registered Training Organisation based in Kempsey, New South Wales.

The College's Council of Elders asked that management put an emphasis on health-related courses. As a result, the College's primary focus is on accredited health industry courses.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care is an emerging area of work.

The Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care is from the HLT07 Health Training Package and is government accredited and nationally

Student support a feature

recognised. Training package qualifications are transportable and can be used in all states of Australia.

Boorroongen Djugun College will start offering the HLT33207 Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care in September 2007. The Certificate III level is regarded as the minimum level for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health workers.

Workers who work in the

health field can have their current industry skills acknowledged through the recognition of prior learning process.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students do not pay a fee for courses delivered through the College.

There are excellent support systems in place at the College to ensure students achieve their industry units of competence and complete their training.

The College was selected as the winner of Adult Learning Australia's 'Australian Indigenous Community Provider of the Year 2004'.

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Dream is coming true

BEING told by her high school careers counsellor that she 'wasn't smart enough to become a doctor', was never going to stop Samarra Toby reaching her goals. Samarra is Griffith University's first Indigenous medical student. Now in her third year of study, she is working towards her childhood dream, a dream that started as a 15-year-old on a school visit to an Aboriginal community in Central Queensland.

"The other kids were making fun of some of the people in the community because of their hearing and speech impairments," she said. "They didn't understand the standard of health care was so low in the community that it was causing these problems, and that's when I decided that through medicine I'd not only be able to help my people, but also develop the cultural understanding of other health professionals."

After obtaining a place in the National Indigenous Cadetship Program (NICP), Samarra completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science, which led to a position with the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging.

"I worked in the area of General Practice and Policy, which gave me really valuable experience in working with doctors and different parts of the health sector," she said.



Medical student Samarra Toby with a patient.

Samarra also spent time working with the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council which represents Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) in Queensland.

"One of my main roles at the Council was recruiting doctors for Indigenous communities and while I was doing this I was still thinking how I would like to be one of those doctors, so in 2005 I began my degree at Griffith, as one of its first

intake of medical students."

Samarra's aspirations of working in Indigenous communities when she completes her degree fit perfectly with what Griffith has to offer, as she says the curriculum has more of a focus on Indigenous health than other universities. Through her medical studies, she has worked with the Aboriginal community of Cherbourg and is currently undertaking full-time practical work at the Logan

Hospital, which she says is ideal because of the large Indigenous community in the area.

"I think it's really important that more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to enter the health profession because of the cultural knowledge we can bring to the sector," she said.

In line with recommendations from the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses, Griffith's School of Nursing and Midwifery has appointed Indigenous nursing academic Noela Baigrie to support the recruitment and retention of Indigenous nursing students.

"This new position focuses on attracting students into nursing, supporting them in their study and helping them consider career options," Dean of the School, Associate Professor Elizabeth Patterson said.

Mrs Baigrie has been visiting Indigenous students at Logan high schools and encouraging them to consider a career in nursing.

"I talk to them about the importance of achieving health equality for our people and our communities and how having more Indigenous nurses will be a significant step forward," she said.

Mrs Baigrie is one of three Indigenous academics appointed recently under schemes to assist

experienced Indigenous health practitioners into teaching and research careers at Griffith. These appointments include funding from a \$75,000 national grant that focuses on building aspirations for Indigenous students to engage in tertiary education.

Griffith's GUMURRII Student Support Unit offers Indigenous students a range of culturally appropriate support activities. These include linking students with mentors and explaining pathways into university, especially for those who have clear ideas of where they want to go but are unsure how to get there.

Samarra found this support especially helpful, and now works as a mentor. In fact, through GUMURRII and with the support of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, she is now organising a mentoring workshop for Indigenous kids.

"If I had listened to my high school counsellor I would never be in this position. It has only been through the support of my parents, family, mentors and the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector that I have achieved my dream," she said.

"It's so important to send out the message to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous kids that if you have a dream you should follow it."

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Griffith also offers exciting new professional opportunities in Medicine for Indigenous students, as well as new study pathways through a partnership with TAFE and Education Queensland.

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Artists support sex scheme

NSW FOUR New South Wales-based Aboriginal women artists have used their creative talents to promote the message of safe sex and good health to their communities.

The Elders, all members of South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service's Aboriginal Women's Art Group, Connections, have created artworks that feature on the covers of new Aboriginal Women's Safe Sex Paks.

The packs, which were launched last week, include contact phone numbers for community sexual health clinics and telephone counselling services, as well as condoms and other information to educate Aboriginal young people about the importance of safe sex.

SESAHS Aboriginal Women's Sexual Health Promotion Officer Carmel Laurie said the artists were honoured to participate in a scheme that will help young Aboriginal women.

"They understand this is about educating their grandchildren and helping to give them a safe and healthy future," she said.

The Aboriginal Women's Safe Sex Paks will be distributed through La Perouse Aboriginal Community Health Centre and by health workers and community Elders in La Perouse, Woolloomooloo, Waterloo, and other areas.



From left, Elder and contributing artist Christine Blakeney (Bundjalung), South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service Aboriginal Women's Sexual Health Promotion Officer Carmel Laurie, Elder/artist Carlette Pangas (Vanuatu/Torres Strait), Elder/artist Marilyn Cochrane (Dungutti/Bundjalung) and La Perouse Elder Marge Dixon at the launch.

Preventing cervical cancer with regular checks

VIC INDIGENOUS women are being urged to have regular two-yearly Pap tests in a bid to reduce deaths caused by cervical cancer.

To help raise awareness about cervical cancer, the Cancer Council Victoria, in conjunction with the Victorian Department of Human Services' Immunisation Program, has created a new set of resources, titled Protecting Our Mob.

The resources, which include a brochure, poster and fact sheet, are free of charge for the Victorian Aboriginal community and provide a comprehensive guide to cervical cancer prevention.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are five times more likely to die from cervical cancer than non-Aboriginal women," said Peta Reynolds, from PapScreen Victoria, a program of The Cancer Council Victoria.

"This is because many Indigenous women are not having two-yearly Pap tests between the ages of 18 and 69.

"PapScreen Victoria is committed to informing Indigenous communities of the importance of women's checks, like Pap tests. We want to get the message out that Pap tests are quick and simple, and could save your life."

In addition to information about

Pap tests, the Protecting Our Mob resources explain the benefits of the new cervical cancer vaccine. The vaccine is most effective when given to girls before they have had sex, meaning that for most older women who are already sexually active, the benefit of the vaccine may be reduced.

The cervical cancer vaccine is available free of charge for all girls in Year Seven, via the school-based National Immunisation Program.

"Until July 2009, the cervical cancer vaccine is available free of charge for girls in Years 8 to 12 at school or through their Aboriginal Health Service and for women aged 18 to 26, via their GP or

Aboriginal Health Service," said Ms Reynolds.

"PapScreen Victoria encourages all eligible girls and women to get the vaccine as soon as possible, as the vaccine together with regular Pap tests is the best way to prevent cervical cancer."

The resources were written in consultation with Aboriginal health workers, with artwork by Wemba-Wemba and Gunditjmarra artist Paula Morabito.

The story behind the artwork comes from the idea of everyone being involved in the health of the community. Even though cervical cancer affects only women, it is important for both men and

women to understand how they can protect their mob.

The poster and brochure are free of charge and can be obtained by calling the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

The fact sheet can be downloaded from the Victorian Department of Human Services' website at www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation

For more information about Pap tests or cervical cancer contact your local doctor, Aboriginal health service, visit www.papscreen.org.au, or call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

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By Jirra Lulla Harvey in Melbourne



FEW things will have you reaching for your tissues quite like a soulful Kutcha Edwards performance

sandwiched between two personal stories of loved ones 'going home'.

The heartfelt opening of the first National Indigenous Palliative Care conference signalled an extraordinary program.

Wurundjeri woman Kelly Hunter performed a traditional welcome before presenting a message stick carved from 500-year-old red gum.

The message stick will follow the conference to each State in Australia, with traditional owner groups asked to add their own markings; it will become the storyline for Palliative Care Australia.

Kutcha Edwards and Adrian Ross launched their song written specifically for the occasion and inspired by a trip to ACES (Aboriginal Community Elder's Service) to yarn with the Elders about grief and loss.



Brad Brown of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service



Indigenous Palliative Care Officer Joanne Harrison; VACCHO CEO Jill Gallagher; NACCHO CEO Dea Delaney Thiele.

As Brad Brown noted, the flag at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service seems to always be at half mast. Sorry business is hard to deal with on a constant basis but sadly this is the reality that our communities are all too familiar with.

That was why the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), Palliative Care Victoria, Palliative Care Australia, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, and the Department of Health and Ageing came together recently to present the first ever conference dedicated to the culturally specific issues of Indigenous families in need of palliative care.

VACCHO Chief Executive Officer, Jill Gallagher said the main issue was that Indigenous people did not grieve with just their direct family; it was the whole community and hospitals struggled with the concept because they could not cater

for the whole tribe.

Barb Dobson of Melbourne City Mission Palliative Care Service said non-Indigenous staff would often say they were frightened, frightened that they would do the wrong thing, and so they would do nothing.

"But what we have learnt is that yarning comes first, nothing will work without that trust," she said.



Indigenous Palliative Care Officer Joanne Harrison with Palliative Care Victoria CEO Kevin Larkins.

Network to prevent malaria



A GLOBAL network to monitor drug resistance and guide malaria treatment and prevention policies has been launched in London.

The World Antimalarial Resistance Network (WARN) aims to provide a globally co-ordinated effort to tackle the disease, which is estimated to kill 1 to 2.7 million people every year.

Malaria was declared eradicated from Australia in 1981 but researchers say vigilance is required to prevent its return, especially in northern parts of the country.

One of the major aims of WARN is to facilitate worldwide monitoring and characterisation of drug resistance, particularly that to the latest generation of antimalarial drugs, artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs).

WARN will consist of four linked, global, open-access, web-based databases containing four kinds of data:

- Clinical drug efficacy
- In vitro response of malaria parasites to drugs

- Prevalence of molecular markers of drug resistance
- Pharmacological properties of drugs in different groups of patients.

Darwin-based malaria researcher Dr Ric Price from the Menzies School of Health Research was involved with the project to develop standard protocols of data and analysing results.

WARN's founders hope that the databases will help speed up the publication process for scientists. This, in turn, will mean that policymakers and malaria control managers will have access to timely information on the temporal and geographic trends of drug resistance, allowing them to take action as soon as resistant malaria parasites are detected.

The databases will include freely available tools to make adding information straightforward, and to give researchers the opportunity to analyse and use information from the databases in a variety of ways.

The Medical Journal of Australia says that endemic malaria has been

eradicated in Australia through sustained control programs conducted by public health agencies over long periods using effective drugs.

However, according to the website of the University of Sydney's Department of Medical Entomology, approx. 700-800 cases occur here each year in travellers infected elsewhere.

"The region of northern Australia above 19oS latitude is the receptive zone for malaria transmission," the site says. "Occasional cases of local transmission occur in the Torres Strait Islands and rarely in northern Queensland, and vigilance is required to prevent reestablishment of the infection in some northern localities."

Menzies School of Health Research said drug resistance was a major threat to the control and eradication of malaria and could lead to treatment failure, increased spread of the disease, and higher morbidity and mortality. It said many 'old' antimalarials, including chloroquine and mefloquine, were now of limited use because of drug resistance.

Parents urged to vaccinate kids



QUEENSLAND Health is urging parents and carers to take advantage of the free rotavirus vaccine to protect their children against severe gastroenteritis.

Darling Downs Population Health Unit director Dr Neil Parker said rotavirus was a highly infectious disease that occurred frequently in children under the age of five years.

"While all children will eventually be exposed to rotavirus, one in 27 will get sick enough to need to be admitted to hospital with the condition, before their fifth birthday," Dr Parker said.

"While deaths due to rotavirus gastroenteritis are rare in Australia due to good medical care, the condition can cause severe diarrhoea, vomiting and fever, leading to severe dehydration."

It has been estimated that there are about 10,000 children hospitalised with rotavirus gastroenteritis each year in Australia, of which about 2000 are in Queensland.

Dr Parker said the good news was that under the new national rotavirus vaccination program, all babies born on or after 1 May 2007 were eligible for free rotavirus vaccine.

Healthy hearing project wins award



AN education and screening project for Otitis Media (glue ear), which is improving hearing and communication in Aboriginal children in New South Wales won an award at the Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS) Excellence Awards announced in Queanbeyan last Tuesday.

The project 'Can't Hear? Hard to Learn', which is run across the Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Monaro and Southern Tablelands 'health clusters', won the awards category of 'Strengthen primary health and continuing care for the community'.

About 75-80 per cent of all Aboriginal children have had at least one episode of Otitis Media by the age of five. And as many as eight out of 10 Aboriginal children may have Otitis Media and associated hearing loss at some time during any school year. It is at

least 10 times more common among Aboriginal children than the rest of the population.

The winning program encompasses regular ear health screening for Aboriginal children, education for parents and caregivers and hearing health training for Aboriginal Health workers.

It has led to the establishment of an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) outreach clinic at Goulburn, which is regularly attended by an ENT specialist from Westmead Children's Hospital.

Evaluation of the project has revealed that GSAHS has exceeded Otitis Media screening exceeded targets across the Area for 2005/06, with 2,147 or 93 per cent of eligible children screened.

This produced a range of positive clinical outcomes for the Aboriginal children who visit the outreach clinic including:

- Improved hearing and learning
- Improved health status
- Improved access to specialist services
- Establishment of culturally appropriate health services for Aboriginal children

Health workers and parents note that many children have had positive behaviour changes and are happier, communicating better, interacting better and coping better with the surrounding environment as a result of accessing the program.

The 'Can't Hear? Hard to Learn' project was designed and implemented by the Aboriginal Health staff of GSAHS and Katungal Aboriginal Medical Service.

GSAHS Chief Executive Heather Gray said the awards acknowledged the valuable contribution of staff, who were crucial to providing quality, safe, effective and efficient health services to communities across GSAHS.



From left, Greater Southern Area Health Service Chief Executive Heather Gray with Lee Simpson, Greg Packer, Margaret Dalmau, Paul Curtis. Photo courtesy of the GSAHS.

Conference focuses on ear health



EAR health is a major issue for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

Gil Hainey, from the Royal Children's Hospital and Health Service District, puts it plainly:

"A chronic conductive hearing loss can impact on the social and emotional wellbeing of these young people," she said.

"It can also have a significant impact on their speech, language learning and educational outcomes."

"Eighteen months ago the Deadly Ears Team from the Royal Children's Hospital Health Service District presented the Queensland Health Deadly Ears model at a Health Promotion conference in Perth."

"After that presentation, discussions about the need for a national event focusing on the significant incidence of otitis media in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people started."

Ms Hainey said the result was the Hear Speak Live Conference held on Queensland's Gold Coast last week. More than 100 delegates from Australia-wide, including rural and remote Aboriginal communities, attended.

"The conference focused on otitis media (glue ear) and its impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, and showcased practical examples, successes and learnings in holistic ear health management from communities across Australia," Ms Hainey said.

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New art gallery for remote desert mob



AMIDST the unsettling national debate about child abuse and the Federal Government's emergency response in the Northern Territory comes an encouraging sign that not all is doom and gloom in the Central Desert.

Titjikala, an hour's drive south of Alice Springs, on the edge of the beautiful Simpson Desert, is home to more than 30

artists in a community of about 250 mainly Pitjantjatjara, Arrernte and Luritja-speaking people.

Artists who work at the Titjikala Art Centre, which was established five years ago, are quickly gaining an impressive reputation.

Paintings, wire sculptures, punu (wood carvings), tjampi (grass and raffia figures), and jewellery are all purchased by collectors from across Australia and

overseas. Some of the young men in the community are also starting to make their mark with their exceptional 'bush cars'.

"Our art centre is pulka (important), a good story for us," said the artists in a statement last week ahead of the official opening on Monday of the centre's newly completed Titjikala Gallery.

"We paint strong stories about our country, people buy our paintings, this makes us happy."

Titjikala Art Centre is unusual in that it is managed by two Aboriginal people: All Cobby Eckerman is a Yunkunytjatjara woman and an artist and author in her own right, and Harold Furber is a local Arrernte man.

The new gallery was expected to be opened by Northern Territory Chief Minister Clare Martin.

● See the next edition of the Koori Mail for photos from the launch.

Relocation inspires new media art



THE 'emotional journey of relocation' looms large in the first Melbourne solo exhibition by

Perth-based Aboriginal photographer and new media artist Glenn Pilkington.

Urban Country will open at Mossenson Galleries in the Melbourne suburb of Collingwood at 6pm on Tuesday 18 September.

Doing the honours will be Melbourne Fringe Festival Creative Producer Kath Melbourne, and Pilkington will be present for the opening.

After spending much of his childhood in the Kimberley, the artist's life altered greatly when his family was uprooted to Bunbury, in WA's south-west. The move from north to south forced him to confront issues regarding his Aboriginality and sexuality.

Through the investigation of space – natural and urban – Pilkington's work explores the connection with country that he feels as an Indigenous person living and working within the urban environment.

"My work explores the emotional journey of relocation," he said. "The journey from remote to urban jungle, the sense of displacement and social misalignment that the



Glenn Pilkington and one of his works.

individual feels when removed and tested by modern times in modern cities.

"Removal from the familiar, tied with the stresses that come from every day urban life while making transition from child to adult and the relationship developed between environment and individual."

Mossenson Galleries said that through fragmentation and repetition, Pilkington produced 'a uniquely Indigenous view of urbanity, a view that is tempered by his cultural affinity to place'.

"Steel and glass structures are returned to the landscape, taking on the appearance of the

traditional Indigenous design," said a gallery statement.

"Trains and skyscrapers take on a totemic life as they are distorted through the artist's lens, becoming site markers for the process of identity creation.

"The pun, or double-take inherent in the title of Pilkington's exhibition – Urban

Country – speaks to the sense of dislocation and fragmentation – geographic and emotional – that he has experienced in being torn away from an arcadian childhood to inhabit an urban environment that seems entirely alien.

"The process of readjustment to urban life, and of reintegrating the fragments of a shattered existence has become the key element in Pilkington's photographic work, which is often composed through a process of montage, repetition of image-fragments that accrete into strikingly geometric forms."

Pilkington's work has been acquired by the Rockhampton Art Gallery in Queensland and the University of Hertfordshire in England.

During the past year, his work was selected in the Ergon Energy Central Old Art Award, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Hutchins Art Prize and Willoughby Art Prize, and his work has featured on the cover of the Indigenous Law Bulletin, University of New South Wales.

Warmun woman wins national religious art prize



AN artist from the remote Kimberley region has won the 2007 Blake Prize for Religious Art.

Shirley Purdie's work *Stations of the Cross* uses traditional ochre paint to illustrate the 14 Christian Stations of the Cross.

Ms Purdie's win was announced in Sydney on 29 August, with an exhibition of finalists' work opened by Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

Her work was selected for the \$15,000 prize out of a record number of more than 500 entries from across Australia.

Blake Society Chairman Reverend Rod Pattenden said the artwork also reflected on the massacres in the community during white settlement in the 1920s and 30s.

"Within living memory, these people have a very visceral, connected experience of suffering," he said.

"So I think in this image, we have both the depiction of a traditional Western story and a deeply-felt emotional response to the trauma of the history of their own community."

In a statement, the judges – artist Lindy Lee, historian Jennifer Isaacs and religious critic Jione Havea – said Purdie's work was deeply evocative 'in colour, texture and feeling'.

"It is a marvellously realised painterly journey that recreates the stories told to the artist in childhood... using a breathtakingly beautiful natural ochre palette made from the earths, eroded from the very Kimberley rocks whose mobile shapes enclose and frame the vignettes of the story," they said.

Purdie's community of Warmun has a long history of combining Indigenous spirituality with the Catholic tradition – what she called a 'two-way'.

"Two-way is our culture," she said. "That's what I feel for my painting."

Central Kimberley-Pilbara MLA Tom Stephens congratulated Ms Purdie on her achievement.

Indonesian-born Jumaadi Jumaadi, a post-graduate student at the National Art School in Sydney, won the \$5000 John Coburn prize for emerging artists.

At the award ceremony, Rev Pattenden also announced that next year's Blake Prize would be worth \$20,000.

The Blake Poetry Prize will also be launched next year.

Rev Pattenden said entries like a sculpture of the Hindu god Ganesh made from an upside-down toilet bowl added to

the award's diversity.

"We get a lot of criticism – 'How can this be religious art? How can you exhibit these works?' – but I think that's really productive," he said.

The exhibition of finalists' work, in the National Art School Gallery in Darlinghurst will continue until 29 September.

Director of the National Art School Bernard Ollis said the Blake Prize had a long history of tolerance towards religious diversity.

"The notion that artists deliver a true reflection of the society in which they live, could not be more evident in the Blake Prize today," he said.

"The National Art School, builds on the great traditions of the past, and is delighted to include the Blake Prize within its sphere of activities."

The 2007 Blake Prize for

Religious Art is awarded by the Blake Society Ltd in partnership with the National Art School.



Shirley Purdie's winning artwork *Stations of the Cross*.

Artists On Track



ON TRACK: Contemporary Aboriginal Art from Western Australia, has opened at the Australian Museum, in Sydney.

The free exhibition showcases 32 contemporary Aboriginal artworks – on display in Sydney for the first time – which tell absorbing stories of country and belonging; of settlement and sadness; and, of spirituality and family.

The stories are told through Westernised and contemporary forms of expression mixed with traditional Aboriginal painting styles which characterise the dynamic development of West Australian Aboriginal artists' expression over the past decade.

The works were collected over ten years by the prestigious Berndt Museum of Anthropology (University of Western Australia), under the curatorship of Dr John E Stanton.

Of the exhibition title, Dr Stanton says: "It is about having a track to follow, about proceeding along a route, one's own route, albeit shared by family members and more distant kin, within the constraints of personal experience and dreamed goals. It focuses on process, on passage, on the transfer of personal experience to shared generations of

successors, for all Australians."

With artworks from the Kimberley, Pilbara, the Western Desert, Murchison and Gascoyne as well as the South Western regions, On Track brings to life a geographically diverse experience of Aboriginal life and memories from across Western Australia.

From an Aboriginal face enshrined in religious symbols – communicating the confusion of children of Stolen Generations in their struggle between the Christianity in which they were raised and their Aboriginal heritage – to the black hollowed eyes and white mouthless faces of the Wandjinas, powerful Aboriginal Dreamtime spirits, each artwork tells a special story of great significance to the artist.

The most important issue in the process of producing their works has been to claim the right to "tell the story". As Wangkayi (Western Desert) artist Sue Wyatt said, "... really the whole point of me painting these particular subjects is to show the rest of the world that our people, particularly from my area... are important."

On Track presents an enduring record of the period in which they are created. As Dr Stanton says, "Contemporary Aboriginal Art is a testimony to experience. It is a tangible witness to change over time."

● On Track: Contemporary Aboriginal Art from Western Australia is on display at the Australian Museum until 18 November 2007. The Australian Museum is at 6 College Street, Sydney. 9.30am-5pm seven days a week. \$10 adults, \$5 concession/child, \$25 family ticket (2 adults, 2 children), free for Australian Aged Pension card holders, free for children aged under five years. Visit www.australianmuseum.net.au



Artworks from the Kimberley, Pilbara, the Western Desert, Murchison and Gascoyne as well as the South Western regions are part of the On Track exhibition in Sydney.



Riley exhibition



THE Museum of Brisbane (MoB) is hosting the National Gallery of Australia's landmark exhibition, Michael

Riley: sights unseen, until 18 November.

Michael Riley (1960-2004) is regarded as one of the most important contemporary Indigenous visual artists of the past two decades, whose emotive film, photomedia and video work challenged non-Indigenous perceptions.

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said that the exhibition profiled Riley's most recognised work.

"The Michael Riley: sights unseen exhibition reveals the prolific talents of this artist whose photomedia, video and

film continues to have a profound effect on Australia's contemporary representation and comprehension of Indigenous Australia," said Cr Newman.

National Gallery of Australia Senior Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Brenda L Croft has worked closely with Riley's family, friends and colleagues to draw together a comprehensive body of work, charting the vision and experience of one of the country's most significant visual artists and chronicling a period of intense cultural development and achievement.

"Riley brought a singularly Indigenous visual language to the forefront of international contemporary art," Ms Croft said.

"His emotive film and video work challenged non-Indigenous

perceptions of Indigenous experience, particularly of the most disenfranchised communities in the south-eastern region of Australia."

Riley's work is represented in various major public and private collections throughout Australia.

Michael Riley: sights unseen has been supported by the National Gallery of Australia Council Exhibitions Fund, the Michael Riley Foundation, Visions of Australia, the Australia Council for the Arts, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative and Australian airExpress.

Open 10am-5pm, seven days a week, Museum of Brisbane is located on the ground floor of City Hall. Admission is free.

For further information about Museum of Brisbane visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/mob or phone (07) 3403 8888.

Website will equip artists for business



TWO peak Australian arts organisations are collaborating to develop a website to assist visual artists with professional and business skills to increase the commercial opportunities for their products and services.

The website, expected to be unveiled early next year, is a partnership between the Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) and the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA).

Executive Director of NAVA Tamara Winikoff said Australian artists were "great explorers, always seeking new knowledge and new territories to conquer".

"A website that will quickly and efficiently link them to the resources they need when a particular challenge arises, will help smooth the

pathway to professional success," she said.

Acting CEO of AbaF Jane Haley said there was an art to seeking support, negotiating agreements and managing relationships, and the new website would complement practical skills development workshops offered by AbaF around the country.

The site will be a central reference point and portal for information, providing links to the wide range of skills development opportunities that are offered around Australia.

AbaF is funded by the Federal Government and the private sector to promote private sector support for the arts. NAVA is the peak body representing the professional interests of the Australian visual arts and craft/design sector, funded by the Federal Government and all state governments.



Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



They're raring to go

Story and photos by
Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY

NOW is the right time for prospective employers in Tasmania to bring on board an energetic, skilled up, young Aboriginal land or project management worker.

Nine lads have recently graduated from a six-month stint with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council Green Corps team.

The young men involved in the TALSC team came from varying career backgrounds; from documentary production to bar work and sheep shearing, and others fresh from school.

They have graduated with not only Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management, but have gained skills in leadership and project management, and forged friendships that will benefit them long into the future.

The program also gave them an insight into working in their own community. Not only were there hands-on opportunities in country, but a chance to help with the administrative tasks at TALSC – apparently reception duties soon became a favourite amongst the team.

"We've all changed since we started, we've developed a positive work ethic, friendships and for a lot of the fellas it was the first time working with the Aboriginal community," said trainee team leader Luke Mabb.

Luke, 24, was promoted to trainee team leader a fortnight into the program, under the mentorship of Green Corps team leader Levi Martin. Luke said that on completion of training, he could be one of only three Aboriginal Green Corps team leaders in the nation.

During the six months, participants paired up to plan, research and implement projects.

Benefits of these projects will be witnessed long into the future such as a shade house on

returned Aboriginal land to propagate local native species, and the planting of 600 saplings to rehabilitate the area.

They also built a new section of walking track to protect an Aboriginal midden, worked with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's Land Management Crew, eradicated feral oysters from a beach not far from Hobart, and prepared an Aboriginal petroglyph site for 3D laser scanning, which was considered a highlight of the program.

Fully-costed project plans were also developed to enhance visitor services on an area of land managed by TALSC, and to create a storage facility and laboratory for returned cultural material. The storage facility and laboratory have already been partially funded and implemented.

The program was considered highly successful by Central Victorian Group Training, which has been contracted by the Australian Government to deliver Green Corps programs in Tasmania and Victoria.

Pip Gowen, State Manager of the CVGT said: "This has been an ambitious project which has given the team members a range of skills and networks which will provide the best chance possible for them to obtain employment in the future."

"In addition, Jedtagari Wheatley, who was a team member who showed natural leadership ability, has been offered the opportunity to apply for the National Indigenous Leadership Program this year."

Green Corps is an Australian Government youth development and environmental training program for young people. Green Corps provides young people with the opportunity to volunteer their time and effort to conserve, preserve and restore Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage.

The program aims to provide high quality, genuine

environmental outcomes, provide youth development opportunities and promote connections between young Australians and their communities.

Since the program began a decade ago, more than 18,000 young Australians have joined Green Corps projects across Australia; more than 14 million trees have been planted; 8000 kilometres of fencing has been built; and more than 5000 kilometres of walking track has been constructed or maintained.

● **RIGHT:** Jedtagari Wheatley and Kaninna Langford plant a tree that had been propagated by the team.

● **BELOW:** On graduation day, back, from left, Aaron Arnol, Kane Clark, Levi Martin, Kie Simon-Brown; front, Luke Mabb, Kaine Scotney, Jedtagari Wheatley, Hayden Thompson, Jamie Langdon. (Absent: Chris Wright).



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Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker - Indigenous Health Services, Community and Extended Care Services, Nambour, Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$54 510 p.a., comprising salary between \$43 449 - \$47 793 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$42 802 - \$50 999 p.a. (T02) JAR: H07SC178. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide a high level of generalist health care and support based on the needs of the Indigenous community of the Sunshine Coast District including health care delivery, health education and promotion, community development and client support to maintain and promote improvement in the health of the indigenous community. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Enquiries: Leone Smith (07) 5450 4794 or 0414 491 641.

Advanced Health Worker - Child and Family Health, Community and Extended Care Services, Nambour, Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$32 718 p.a., comprising salary rates: \$21.91 - \$24.10 p.h., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or salary rates: \$21.58 - \$25.72 p.h. (T02) (Part time position, 45.6 hrs p.f.) JAR: H07SC177. **Duties/Abilities:** Deliver culturally appropriate prevention and early intervention support services in collaboration with the Child and Family Health Program. This will include a range of strategies including group work, consultation, support and advice and advocacy for families with children 0 - 4 years to strengthen parenting capacity. Participate in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of strategies to identify health needs of the local Indigenous community, in conjunction with individuals, community groups/organisations and other health professionals. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Enquiries: Robyn Wyatt (07) 5449 5941.

To apply for the positions grouped above:
 Application Kit: (07) 5470 6956 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
 Closing Date: Monday, 1 October 2007.

Mental Health

District Health Worker Coordinator - Institute of Mental Health Services, The Townsville Hospital, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$74 992 p.a., comprising salary between \$62 591 - \$65 727 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (007) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H07TV0913. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide leadership, support, advice and professional supervision to Indigenous Mental Health Workers in the Townsville Health Service District. Support the Institute of Mental Health to increase the level of cultural competency of non-Indigenous staff within their services through education and training. Potential applicants are advised that under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, (Qld), it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be an Aboriginal person. Enquiries: Debbie Fawcett (07) 4796 3000. Application Kit: (07) 4796 1709 or (07) 4796 1716 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007.

Corporate Support Services

Senior Project Coordinator (Indigenous Projects) - Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Community and Rural Health Services, Cairns, Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$78 171 p.a., comprising salary between \$62 948 - \$68 513 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A05) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H07CNS296. **Duties/Abilities:** Coordinate the delivery of prevention and treatment services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and families, in accordance with harm minimisation policy and practice and community priorities, to reduce harm associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The position is community based, and the incumbent will be expected to work with a broad range of individuals, groups and organisations to meet the objectives identified. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Torres Strait Islander Community. Enquiries: Joanne Brown (07) 4050 3900. Application Kit: (07) 4050 5753 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus Closing Date: Monday, 1 October 2007.

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

TREATMENT CO-ORDINATOR - ABORIGINAL

Aboriginal male counsellor (HEO/Psychologist/SW) to work with parents who have sexually abused children. A unique position in a team which works with families and communities, providing community consultation and education as well as interagency work. Extensive support provided SWAHS considers that being male & aboriginal are genuine occupational qualifications for this position under sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Enquiries: Karen Parsons (02) 9891 6192. Area Services - Cumberland Ad No: 64261 Close Date: 21.09.07 Please visit the Area's webpage on www.wsahts.nsw.gov.au NSW Health Service: employer of choice

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Application kits may be obtained from www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au or the Application Kitline on (02) 4985 3272 or email jobs@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Apply on-line www.ezissuite.net/ezjob/HNE/HRRegistry/default.cfm Eligibility lists may be created

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

Aboriginal Trainee Administration Officer Multicultural Health, Wallsend

Temp Full Time Position No: 5589 To train a recruit to be an effective administration officer working with Multicultural Health Services. This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Enquiries: Catherine Norman, (02) 4924 6284, catherine.norman@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: 28 September 2007

ALLIED HEALTH

Aboriginal Health Education Officer Drug & Alcohol Clinical Services, Moree

Perm Full Time Position No: 55512 Come and join our mob, working within a supportive team environment to provide support, education and referral for Aboriginal clients, their families, friends and carers and acting as a liaison between the Aboriginal Community and Drug and Alcohol Clinical Services. The position is identified for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Enquiries: Lyn Gardner, (02) 6767 8181, lyn.gardner@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: 21 September 2007

Aboriginal Social Worker Armidale Health Service

Perm Full Time Position No: 55065 The Aboriginal Social Worker is responsible for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and their families, in dealing with health related issues as either an in-patient or out-patient of Armidale Rural Referral Hospital. The successful applicant would be required to have a degree in social work with eligibility for membership of Australian Association of Social Workers. This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Enquiries: Sam Ackling, (02) 6776 9683, sam.ackling@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: 21 September 2007

NURSING & MIDWIFERY

Midwife (Female) Specialist Birra-li Aboriginal Birthing Service, Registered Nurse (Eligible for CNS status) Obstetrics and Gynaecology, John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton

Perm Part Time, 24 hpw Position No: 55923 In collaboration with other staff of the Birra-li team, the midwife will improve the health of Aboriginal women during pregnancy and decrease Aboriginal maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality, through the provision of expert midwifery and nursing care, clinical education and working in partnership with the women, their families and their community. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Designated as specifically a female position under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Enquiries: Carolyn Ripper, (02) 4921 3082, carolyn.ripper@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: 21 September 2007

POPULATION HEALTH

Population Health Epidemiologist

Population Health, Planning & Performance, Tamworth Perm Full Time Position No: 55928 To take a lead role in producing population health information necessary to enable the service to plan, implement and evaluate evidence-based interventions and advocacy particularly in the areas of chronic disease, rural health, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. A key role of the position will be to increase the appropriateness and effectiveness of population health services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Enquiries: Edouard Tursan d'Espaignet, (02) 4924 6022, edouard.tursan_d'espaignet@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: 12 October 2007

Hunter New England Health Promotes the Values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage, Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and provides a smoke-free environment. Successful applicants will be expected to abide by the Code of Conduct and be committed to ethical practices. Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Criminal record checks will be undertaken on recommended applicants. Provision of documented evidence of protection against specified infectious diseases is required. Salary and conditions are in accordance with relevant award/enterprise agreements.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Join our team

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our central office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Canberra

Central Office

Divisional Manager

Accommodation Services Division
APS Executive Level 2
\$79,036 - \$89,666 pa, plus superannuation

The Divisional Manager, located in Canberra Central Office, is responsible for the efficient and effective management and leadership of the Accommodation Services Division. The successful applicant will be responsible for managing a range of strategic corporate activities including research and evaluation programs, review of the company's corporate plan and directing the operations of a small marketing unit. You will also be required to prepare detailed reports and submissions to senior management and the board of directors as well as ministerial correspondence.

Further inquiries: Russell Lane
 Telephone No: 02 6212 2014

Selection documentation: Roxanne Smith
 Telephone No: 02 6212 2001 or from our website at: www.ahl.gov.au

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm Friday 28th September 2007 and should be sent to: **Russell Lane, Assistant General Manager - Operations, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, Woden, ACT, 2606**

Alice Springs

Sid Ross Hostel

Assistant Hostel Manager (expected vacancy)

APS Level 3
\$39,613 - \$42,039 pa, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Kevin Schnitzer
 Telephone No: 08 8952 5781

Selection documentation: Celeste Bray
 Telephone No: 08 8952 6544 or from our website at: www.ahl.gov.au

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm Friday 28th September 2007 and should be sent to: **Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945 ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.**

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the probationary period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions. The successful applicants will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

These are identified positions.

www.ahl.gov.au

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au

DRUG HEALTH SERVICES

Aboriginal Female Clinician (Multidisciplinary)

Readvertised. Ref: 51966. Temp F/T up to Aug 2008 at RPAH, MERIT Program. Enq: Praveen Samuel, 9828 4858. Closing Date: 14 September 2007.

Aboriginal Male Clinician (Multidisciplinary)

Readvertised. Ref: 51966. Temp F/T up to Aug 2008 at RPAH, MERIT Program. Enq: Praveen Samuel, 9828 4858. Closing Date: 14 September 2007.

• Aboriginality and sex is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) & 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

For the above positions, please send applications to: Manager, Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871 or email: jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Aboriginal Youth & Family Support Counsellor

The Bungree Aboriginal Association Inc. is a Central Coast based Organisation which provides a range of services & support to ATSI people residing in the Central Coast.

The Aboriginal Youth & Family Support Counsellor position will aim to provide counselling support to Aboriginal Youth & Families by referral, advice, information and supporting Youth & Families to access 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 ATSI 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. ATSI 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.)

Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc.

Is currently in receipt of funding from the Western Sydney Area Assistance Scheme to employ an Administrative Officer. The position will be based at the Merana office, which is located at the premises of Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre, 13 Bosworth Street, Richmond.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

28 hours per week
One year fixed period (with a possible extension depending on funding)

The successful applicant will be offered a 12 month contract, subject to successful probation and review period of six months. Salary as per the Social and Community Services (NSW) Award, Grade 3 (Award code 783). Remuneration package includes salary, leave, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Enquiries: Karen Carter (02) 4588 5144 or pmmerana@bigpond.net.au for information package by email or post.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Project Manager, Merana Aboriginal Community Association, for the Hawkesbury Inc. 13 Bosworth Street, RICHMOND NSW 2753.

Please include detailed response to selection criteria and the names of 2 referees.

Closing Date: 28th September 2007.



Indigenous Youth Employment Consultant

The IYEC program assists Indigenous Australians with better connections to education, training and work. Based in Canberra, the role will see you:

- Engaged to provide a range of flexible assistance to help the participants remain in education and/or with the transition into employment, further education and/or training;
- Developing and implementing strategies for identifying and attracting Participants;
- Developing relationships with relevant stakeholders including communities, local schools, education providers, local businesses and other Job Network providers;
- Conduct interviews and undertake assessments with Participants to determine the outcome which best meets their requirements;
- Facilitate access of Participants to complementary government programs; any locally run initiatives specifically targeted at Indigenous Australians and other support services.

This role attracts a competitive salary package and a mobile phone and motor vehicle for use during business hours.

For further information, please contact the HR Manager on (02) 6257 1146. Alternatively, please send your Cover Letter and Resume to jobs@questolutions.com.au

www.questolutions.com.au

Commercial Acquisitions Manager

PROFESSIONAL CAREERS AUSTRALIA Ph: 02 6257 1010 or visit www.PCApeople.com

\$105K + BONUS + SUPER (NEG.)

This commercially focussed Canberra based role is an exciting senior management opportunity within a dynamic growing business. The Commercial Acquisitions Manager has a pivotal role in assisting, and enhancing, economic self-sufficiency of Indigenous Australians.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is seeking a highly experienced and motivated professional to manage their Acquisitions Section as Commercial Acquisitions Manager. The role reports directly to the Assistant General Manager – Investments with a brief to manage, and run, the assessment and acquisition of business opportunities for the IBA Investments Programme.

IBA operates across Australia in an extensive range of industries that include mining, accommodation, tourism, restaurants, transport, recreational services, insurance, property, agriculture and fishing.

As a senior member of the Investment team, you will have responsibility for leading and managing a small team of staff whose primary responsibilities are:

- Undertaking detailed feasibility studies
- Commercial negotiations at all levels
- Implementation of the acquisition process
- Managing long term relationships

The successful applicant will have suitable experience in financial analysis and the commercial due diligence process. An appropriate tertiary qualification is also desirable.

You will also possess:

- Strong commercial and business acumen
- Clear strategic mindset
- Proven leadership skills
- Ability to communicate at all levels of business and Government

An ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be an advantage. There will be some travel involved with this role.

If a challenge is what you are looking for, in a flexible and commercial environment, then this is the position for you.

Please contact Bob Clark on (02) 6257 1010 for a confidential discussion, or apply with a copy of your CV only to beams@pcpeople.com



now that's a
sea change

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE Cape Barren Island, Bass Strait, Tasmania

Position Number: 504662

The Department of Health and Human Services currently has a vacancy for a community health nurse in one of Australia's most unique working environments – Cape Barren Island. The island is located off the north east coast of Tasmania, and is a member of the Furneaux Group in Bass Strait. The island has a colourful and unique history tracing back to the early 19th century and is a popular destination for sea kayakers and ocean enthusiasts from across Australia.

The starting salary range is \$52,587 – \$62,830 per annum plus superannuation however there are a number of additional benefits available for the position including:

- on-call or availability allowance with either set call back provision or paid call backs
- professional development leave with conference fees, travel and accommodation
- Free accommodation and car use.
- A balanced and totally unique lifestyle!
- 3 x return airfares to Launceston or Melbourne p.a.

The island can be reached by taking a flight from either Melbourne or Launceston to Flinders Island, with a short boat or plane trip on to Cape Barren. So we challenge you to find a more unique sea change!

Enquire now to:

Sue Bucher on (03) 6359 2122, Email: sue.bucher@dhhs.tas.gov.au

Applications close: Friday, 28 September 2007.



>> Make a career move and enquire now
>> Visit www.dhhs.tas.gov.au or call 1300 795 311

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING DISABILITY AND HOME CARE



COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

(DAY PROGRAMS)

Planning & Access

Metro South Region

Various positions

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-07-07529

Total remuneration package is valued at up to \$47,046 per annum (salary \$39,306 pa - \$42,633 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To provide direct care and personal development for people with an intellectual disability (in conjunction with other team members) and contribute to the smooth operation of the Day Program.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated skills and experience in working effectively with people with a disability who have a range of functional abilities and complex needs.
- Understanding of individual planning principles and the ability to implement individual client plans within the Day Program.
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate the implementation of alternate communication systems for people with disabilities.
- Demonstrated experience in the short term management of disruptions and risks that may occur within Day Programs.
- Knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and procedures impacting on the delivery of services to people with a disability, including the Disability Service Act 1993.
- Practical written and oral communication skills.
- Current Driver's Licence and current First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain prior to commencement date.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS), and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: There are 5 permanent full-time positions available in the Metro South Region. 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 and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Joanne McLean (02) 8335 8991
Information Package: 1800 195 466 or email: Ann.Miller@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.



Aboriginal Community Constable

Port Adelaide Local Service Area

Applications are invited from Aboriginal persons who seek an Aboriginal Community Constable position working within the Port Adelaide Local Service Area.

Applicants should have a desire to work with Aboriginal people and have knowledge of local Aboriginal community issues. Possession of a current driver's licence is essential.

A Community Constable is required to carry out a role emphasizing a community approach to policing and develop positive relations between police and the Aboriginal community.

The successful applicant will participate in a 12 week recruit training course at the Police Academy, Taperoo.

Salary will commence at \$38,970.00. Entitlements include six weeks annual leave. Applicants should submit their resume in writing together with an application form to:

**Recruiting Section
South Australia Police
30 Flinders Street Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone (08) 8204 2244**

Application forms are available from the Recruiting Section and should be returned to that Section by Friday 28th September 2007.

For further information you should contact the:
**Community Constable Coordinator,
Senior Sergeant Don Barrett
phone (08) 8204 2268 or Email
Donald.Barrett@police.sa.gov.au**

The South Australia Police is an equal opportunity employer and promotes a smoke free environment.



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Here is your chance to find out!!!

The NSW Department of Corrective Services invites you to a Career Information Session, of which will incorporate information relating to careers as Correctional Officers, Probation and Parole Officers and Trade Overseers.

The information sessions are to be held at:

GOULBURN WORKER'S CLUB

236-238 Auburn Street, GOULBURN NSW

Friday - 14th September, 2007
at 7:00pm.

Saturday - 15th September, 2007
at 10:30am.

To register for one of these sessions, or for more information please send an email to:

infoadmin@dcs.nsw.gov.au

OR visit our website at:

www.dcs.nsw.gov.au/careers

contact us on (02) 4824 2490.

Monday to Friday - 7:30am to 3:30pm

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Re-advised

Step into this vital position and make your contribution to improving health services and preventative care for Aboriginal people. Your priority is to ensure culturally appropriate support, resources, information and programs are available to Aboriginal patients, families and communities. Along the way you will further increase the cultural understanding and sensitivity of healthcare services and providers to Aboriginal health issues.

The right person already knows the tremendous possibilities that come with this role. Drawing on your understanding of health issues relevant to this community, plus systems and policies at a local and state level, you will be an essential member of our team making an important difference. Strong knowledge of Aboriginal culture and society while building trust and relationships will help your acceptance into the community. Key to your success will also be developing culturally appropriate strategies and guidelines for programs which will improve access to mainstream services.

Through leadership we hope to foster and build cultural competency skills of Southern Health and other professional services. Strengthening teamwork, communication, maintaining a database and of course your unwavering commitment to the health needs of Aboriginal people are all essential to this role.

ENQUIRIES/APPLICATIONS (Ref no: SH07/287): Glenda Bawden, Chief Social Worker, Locked Bag 29, Clayton, VIC, 3168. Ph: (03) 9594 2290.

Email: Glenda.Bawden@southernhealth.org.au or

Applications close: 28 September 2007

All successful applicants will be required to undergo a police check.

Stamford Hospital • Monash Medical Centre (Clayton and Moorabbin) • Casey Hospital
Cranbourne Hospital • St Albans • Community Health Services • Kiokee Centre



Southern Health

www.southernhealth.org.au

People Making Time for People



CENTRE CARE

Centrecare is a not-for-profit organisation committed to delivering quality professional counselling, support, mediation and training services. We offer you a chance to share in this commitment.

Are you an enthusiastic and highly motivated person who thrives on a challenge? Would you like to work in a friendly, supportive and professional team? This is a fantastic opportunity to join our dynamic organisation that values diversity and encourages innovation.

Team Leader

Djooraminda Ref # 0771

SACS Level 6 \$45,157-\$47,318

You will ensure the delivery of family support programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, by coordinating referrals and assessments. You will also provide direct support to clients, facilitate team meetings, and assist other staff within the team to work with clients presenting complex issues. For job specific information please contact Andrea Smith on (08) 9378 2522.

Social Worker

Djooraminda Ref # 0772

SACS Level 6 \$45,157-\$47,318

You will provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children placed in Out of Home Care. You will facilitate a team approach to provide the best possible care and support to the children as well as liaise with government departments. For job specific information please contact Andrea Smith on (08) 9378 2522.

Carer & Family Development Worker

Djooraminda Ref # 0773

SACS Level 5 \$41,985.85-\$44,067.30

You will work with carers and families to enhance their skills and capacity to care for their children and to provide a safe and nurturing environment as well as use a team based approach to advice on family support issues and reunification. For job specific information please contact Andrea Smith on (08) 9378 2522.

Additionally, Centrecare offers all its employees the option to participate in a very attractive salary packaging scheme. You will also benefit from staff development and training programs offered by our agency.

JOB APPLICATION PACKAGES containing the Selection Criteria and Duty Statement can be obtained by telephoning Human Resources on 9325 6644 or via email to humanresources@centrecare.com.au

Please quote reference number. Applications close 8am Monday 24 September 2007.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

COURT SERVICES

COORDINATOR

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Mt Drutt, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/951. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and Extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture, particularly the culture of those communities of New South Wales; Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system; Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all backgrounds; Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities; Experience in organising and presenting information sessions, workshops and other educational forums; Ability to manage projects; Current NSW Drivers Licence; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This is a re-advised position, previous applicants will need to re-apply. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 9228 7790.

Inquiries: Scott Hawkins / Bradley Delaney (02) 9228 8623 / (02) 9228 8656 Email: fiona_schoeman@agd.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** Fiona Schoeman (02) 9228 8314.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agreement@agd.nsw.gov.au or by post to the Recruitment Services Unit, Attorney General's Department, Level 7, Goodsell Building, 8-12 Chifley Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000.

Closing Date: Friday 28 September 2007. PSNC 981373.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

BRANCH COORDINATION OFFICER

EPO Class 4, Hurstville, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC07-350. Total remuneration package valued to: \$66,236 p.a. (\$53,832-\$60,024) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Assist the Senior Branch Coordination Officer to provide coordination & administrative support to the Branch & provide administrative assistance & secretarial service to Branch Director in order to optimise efficient operations of the Branch.

Selection Criteria: Experience in secretarial support at a senior level. Knowledge of public sector administrative, records management and financial procedures. Strong organisational skills and ability to work in a high volume environment within tight deadlines. Strong oral and written communication/interpersonal skills, ability to liaise and negotiate with staff and management at all levels. Demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality. Ability to exercise initiative and sound judgement. Accurate word processing, spreadsheet and data bases skills and demonstrated ability to prepare routine correspondence and reports. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a Temporary position until 30 June 2008. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. **Inquiries:** Marija Zelic (02) 9585 6605 Email: marija.zelic@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6397 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 28 September 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR REKINDLING THE SPIRIT PROGRAM

Clerk Grade 7/8, Lismore, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07531. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,855 p.a. (\$69,460-\$76,896) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Work with Aboriginal communities and clients to implement the Rekindling The Spirit Program to reduce the re-offending by Aboriginal offenders. **Selection Criteria:** Significant experience in the criminal justice area and an understanding of community based corrections. Ability to gather and analyse information and undertake research. High level of written, oral and interpersonal communication skills. Well developed liaison, networking and conflict resolution skills particularly with Aboriginal communities. Ability to meet deadlines and prioritise work. Skilled in conceptual analysis and project co-ordination. Computer literacy and experience in the use of word processing and the application of associated software. Well developed knowledge and understanding of issues related to Indigenous culture, particularly as it impacts on the Criminal Justice System. Current NSW driver's licence and/or ability to travel. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment/employment under the Public Sector & Employment Management Act for a period of up to 30 June, 2008. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must obtain the information package. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application and are also requested to provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor.

Inquiries: John Murtas (02) 6622 1277 Email: John.Murtas@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: John Murtas - (02) 6622 1277.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Level, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007 PSNC 985081.

The Department of Infrastructure has many exciting and rewarding employment opportunities available for Indigenous Australians.

Attractive employee benefits and development opportunities are available to successful applicants. Traineeships are available for 2007.

For further information visit

www.doi.vic.gov.au/jobs

Or contact the Diversity Coordinator

Phone (03) 9655 6842

Email indigenousprograms@doi.vic.gov.au



Department of Premier and Cabinet
Parliamentary Counsel's Office

Legislative Drafting Officer

Legal Officer I - III, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time,
Job Reference No DPC07/210.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$90,756 p.a. (\$48,518-\$82,244). Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Assist in the drafting of legislation and associated legal work and prepare and advise on validity of delegated legislation.

Selection Criteria: Admitted or eligible to be admitted as a legal practitioner in NSW and have a sound general knowledge of the law. Aptitude for legislative drafting, including analytical ability, effective writing skills, policy implementation and an eye for detail. Ability to work under pressure and to short deadlines. Keyboard and computing skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Inquiries: Ms Danielle Thurstan (02) 9321 3333.

Information Packages: Mr Tom Thornton (02) 9321 3333.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Consultant, Central Corporate Services Unit, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE



REGISTERED NURSE ENROLLED NURSE ASSISTANT IN NURSING

Permanent & Temporary,
Full-Time & Part-Time & Casual
Metro South Region
Summer Hill, Condon Park, Yagoona & Liverpool
Position No: DADHC-07-07532

Salary: AIN: \$25,757 pa - \$33,349 pa (\$12.99 ph - \$16.82 ph) EN: \$37,344 pa - \$40,643 pa (\$18.83ph - \$20.50ph) RN: \$42,341 pa - \$59,464 pa (\$21.35 ph - \$29.99 ph) Total remuneration package valued up to \$65,619 pa, includes employer's contribution to superannuation & annual leave loading.

Job Description: Care for children and young adults with an intellectual disability and complex health care needs. Development and implementation of individual programs, community access and the smooth running of the unit. Promoting a healthy and safe environment.

Selection Criteria:

- Current List A with Nurses and Midwives Board of NSW or First Aid Certificate.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Experience working with people with developmental disabilities and a commitment to enhancing their lives.
- Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to use initiative.
- Understanding and working knowledge of the Disability Services Act 1993 and its applications to working in a supported accommodation unit.
- Current Driver's licence.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) principles, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Various positions available, casual, permanent & temporary (full-time & part-time) positions in terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. 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 and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Mary Sweeten or Yvonne Turiano (02) 9797 8133.

Information Package: Gina Giannini or Dianne Haggerty (02) 9797 8133.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 6, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.

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Permanent Part Time –
38 hours per fortnight
Closes: 21/09/07 Ref No: 11192

Koori Alcohol & Drug Worker

Permanent Full Time
Peninsula Drug & Alcohol
Program – PenDAP
Closes: 21/09/07 Ref No: 11174

For full details, please visit:
www.peninsulahealth.org.au



Family Caseworker – Aboriginal

Cumberland - Brighter Futures Early
Intervention Program.

The Family Caseworker will provide case management and support to vulnerable Aboriginal families. This is a part-time position (approximately 20 hours per week) based at our Carlingford office.

Essential Criteria: • Capacity to provide casework services to vulnerable families • Tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience • Ability to link vulnerable families to a range of community resources • Knowledge of current Child Protection issues, including domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, addictions, and mental health issues • Ability to work independently and under supervision • Experience and knowledge of issues relating to ATSI families • Current NSW driver's licence.

Salary: SACS Award Grade 4.

To obtain an information package, phone 9804 5225

Applications to: Mary Reay, Wesley Dalmar, 3 Dalmar
Place, Carlingford NSW 2118.

Closing date: September 19 2007.

Wesley Mission is a Christian organisation requiring all staff to affirm the Mission's values. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening.

www.wesleymission.org.au/potvac

NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

AREA SERVICES

Aboriginal Health Education Officer Area Women's Health

Temp Part Time, 16 hpw until 30/06/08

Position No: AREA07048

• An applicant's race and gender is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) and Section 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
Enq: Janice Oliver, 9382 8422
Apps: rhwhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

Aboriginal Mental Health Professional (Female)

Perm Full Time Position No: POW07351

• Being female and of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent are considered genuine occupational qualifications for this position as authorised under Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
Enq: Janet Khoshbin, 9366 8711
Apps: phhpowhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Aboriginal Mental Health Professional (Male)

Perm Full Time Position No: POW07350

• Being male and of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent are considered genuine occupational qualifications for this position as authorised under Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
Enq: Janet Khoshbin, 9366 8711
Apps: phhpowhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

Administrative Officer Level 2

Aboriginal & Maternal Infant Health

Perm Part Time Position No: RHW07016

• Being female and of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent are considered genuine occupational qualifications for this position as authorised under Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
Enq: Elizabeth Cox, 9382 6019
Apps to: rhwhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date for all positions: 21 September 2007

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

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Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Inc. (AWAHS) D&A Counsellor (Full-Time)

AWAHS is seeking to employ the services of a D&A Counsellor to complement existing Health Services provided by our Team of dedicated Health Professionals.

The successful applicant will have the following qualifications and experience:

- Registered Nurse or Enrolled Nurse
- Previous experience in the Substance Use area
- Knowledge of Mental Health conditions and Pharmacotherapy treatments
- Previous experience working with Aboriginal people.
- Strong client and community focus
- Ability to develop strong networks with Allied Health Providers
- Friendly and outgoing personality
- Current Driver's Licence

A copy of the Position Description can be obtained by phoning AWAHS on BH: 02 6042 1200.

Applications should be forwarded to Scott Walters, Chief Executive Officer, AWAHS, PO Box 3040, Albury NSW 2640. Applications close 12 October 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REGIONAL STRATEGIES OFFICER

CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILIES
Clerk Grade 7/8
Communities Division
Metro West Region, Parramatta
Permanent Full-Time
Vacancy No: DOCS-07-07614

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (Salary: \$69,468 pa + \$76,896 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Supports and implements whole-of-government initiatives for children, young people and families through strategies such as Families NSW, Better Futures and the Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy.

Selection Criteria:

- Knowledge of the evidence base for prevention and early intervention strategies for children, youth and families.
- Demonstrated understanding of human service provision in relation to children, youth and families.
- Demonstrated project management skills.
- Good analytical, statistical and problem solving skills.
- Sound interpersonal and communication skills.
- Research skills and experience managing multiple projects in tight time and budget constraints.
- Proven experience in a similar role within a large, complex, diverse and changing environment.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Marilyn Fischer (02) 9354 1640

Information Packages: Gina Schombri (02) 9354 1648

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package or e-mail to: JobsDOCS@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or Post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

MANAGER NORTH WEST REGION (CHD)

EPO Class 13, Dubbo, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-249. Total remuneration package valued to: \$118,598 p.a. (\$100,337-\$107,475) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Provide specialist knowledge and contribute to the development, and lead the implementation of, policies, procedures and programs for the identification, assessment and conservation of Aboriginal heritage. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, and an intimate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and Aboriginal communities. Extensive experience in Aboriginal heritage management, and demonstrated knowledge of contemporary Aboriginal heritage management issues and principles. A well developed understanding of Aboriginal community interests in heritage assessment and management and extensive experience liaising with Aboriginal organisations. Knowledge of relevant state and commonwealth heritage protection legislation and procedures; Knowledge of the mechanics of government and the planning and development approvals framework at a state and local level. Superior writing, interpersonal, liaison, conflict resolution, mediation and negotiation skills; presentation skills and well-developed research, analytical and planning skills. High level management and leadership skills as well as project management, budget management and organisational skills. Experience in the interpretation of legislation, policy and research results, and the application of these to complex and controversial cultural heritage issues. Current Driver's Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Teresa Gay (02) 9585 6514 0408 164 264 Email: teresa.gay@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6605 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 28 September 2007.

ACT ABORIGINAL JUSTICE CENTRE Inc.

Identified Positions

Case Manager and Office Manager

SACS Award Level 6

Salary Package Range \$45 – 65K Neg

Griffin Centre, Canberra

Are you interested in working for justice for Indigenous Australians? If you are, committed and outcomes focused, we would like to hear from you.

We are urgently seeking an:

- Office Manager; to oversee administrative functions including experience in finance and records management and Human Resource processes; and a
- Case Manager; to provide culturally appropriate assistance to clients to reduce contact with the criminal justice system.

Experience and qualifications are desirable; however if you have the aptitude and willingness to learn we encourage you to apply.

The Aboriginal Justice Centre Inc (AJC) is a Public Benevolent Institutional Charity and salary packaging is available to employees. Salaries may be negotiated depending upon experience and qualifications.

Information about the AJC and documents relating to employment with us can be viewed at www.actajc.org.au.

Selection documentation for these positions can be obtained from the contact officer.

Your application/s addressing the selection criteria should be marked:

'Strictly Confidential'
Chief Executive Officer,
Aboriginal Justice Centre Inc.
Level 3 Griffin Centre,
Gunge Street,
Canberra ACT 2600

Closing Date: COB Friday 21st September 2007

Contact officer: Rod Little

Phone: (02) 6162 1000

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING CHALLENGE?

Wesley Family Services – North West Sector is a programme of Wesley Mission providing a range of innovative family work, community development, counselling, youth work and children's services. Our aim is to offer a continuum of service options from early intervention to therapeutic intervention using a Strengths Based Family Centre Model approach.

You will be working with creative and innovative teams in our Riverstone & Rouse Hill Families NSW projects. If you possess great communication skills, want to make a real difference in the lives of families with young children and their community and are able to work on your own as well as in a team environment please read on!

Position One: Aboriginal Community Development or Family Worker

Riverstone Aboriginal Project 30hrs (4 days)

• Demonstrated knowledge or skills in family support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, their families and communities • Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including a sound knowledge and understanding of the issues that impact on both cultures in contemporary society • Demonstrated ability to recognise and express the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including a capacity to consult and negotiate according to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols • Wesley Mission considers that Indigenous heritage/Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Position Two: Community Development Worker

21 hrs - Riverstone Families Connect

Position Three: Community Development Worker 15hrs (2 days/12 mths contract) Rouse Hill Families Connect

Position Four: Family Worker/Counsellor

21hrs (12 months contract) -Riverstone Families Connect

Essential Criteria for positions two, three & four: • Relevant tertiary or TAFE qualifications • Working knowledge of community development or family work/counselling processes • Demonstrated ability to create and maintain relationships and partnerships with service providers, local residents, and other key stakeholders • Experience in child protection • Experience of working with CALD and ATSI communities • Demonstrated understanding of Strengths Based/Solution Focused Practice • Knowledge of early childhood development and/or school transition • Group work skills and working knowledge of group processes • Working knowledge of domestic violence, attachment issues, grief & loss • Current NSW driving licence • Computer literacy.

Desirable Criteria for positions two, three & four: • Understanding of local issues • Understanding of Occupational Health and Safety responsibilities.

WESLEY MISSION REQUIRES STAFF TO AFFIRM THE MISSION'S VALUES. CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION REQUIRES PREFERRED APPLICANTS TO BE SUBJECT TO EMPLOYMENT SCREENING

The positions are funded through the Department of Community Services Families NSW Initiative. Salary and conditions are in accordance with the SACS Award Grade 4, dependent upon experience and qualifications.

Closing Date is Friday 14th September.

For an application / Information package please contact: Marisa Turcinskis, Regional Operations Coordinator, Wesley Family Services – North West Sector marisa.turcinskis@wesleymission.org.au or on 9626 6620.

Wesley Mission is a Christian organisation requiring all staff to affirm the Mission's values. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

www.wesleymission.org.au/potvac



Centre for Remote Health
A joint centre of Flinders University and Charles Darwin University

Lecturer/ Senior Lecturer in Aboriginal Health

ALICE SPRINGS

REF 07246: The Centre for Remote Health is committed to working with health services, Aboriginal organisations and other community groups to improve health outcomes in remote Australia. We are looking for the right person to fill this key vacancy in our academic team.

This position is key to the capacity of the Centre to attract Indigenous students to the Centre and will support students of both the Remote Health Practice and other courses offered by the two partner universities.

This position is available immediately for two years on a full-time basis.

Location: Alice Springs, Northern Territory.

Salaries: LEVEL B: \$65 068 TO \$77 265 PA
LEVEL C: \$79 705 TO \$91 905 PA

Closing date: 5.00pm, Wednesday 19 September 2007

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications must address the specified selection criteria. Detailed position information (including selection criteria) and essential information for intending applicants are available via the Jobs@Flinders website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>

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Indigenous Policy Officer

\$66 500 - \$74 900 package

Provide high level support in the development of policy, and identification and implementation of social, economic and cultural heritage projects and programs.

Applications close Friday 5 October 2007.

For further information, a copy of the position description and to apply, visit our website:

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/employment

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CASE MANAGER FAMILY SUPPORT

Australian Red Cross (ARC) is part of the world's largest humanitarian network. Our vision - to improve the lives of vulnerable people in Australia and internationally by mobilising the power of humanity - is shared by members, volunteers and employees.

Are you passionate about improving the lives of vulnerable people? The Australian Red Cross Referral for Active Intervention (RAI) Service will enable you to do just that.

The RAI service provides intensive support to Indigenous 'at risk' families by assisting them with a variety of different parenting techniques to improve their safety and wellbeing. This position is responsible for working with these families through a flexible case management approach to meet mutually agreed goals and sustainable outcomes.

To find out more about the Family Support Services currently run by Australian Red Cross at other sites, visit www.redcross.org.au/qld/services_youth_parenting.htm.

Full Time position Townsville based

Remuneration Package: \$46,953 - \$49,212pa. (incl. super)

Generous Salary Packaging options available

Australian Red Cross is committed to increasing the number of Indigenous people employed in programs across the organisation. Applicants from Indigenous backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply. Red Cross is a child safe organisation, requiring all candidates to be screened for suitability to work with children, youth and vulnerable people. Visit www.redcross.org.au/qld for an application pack or phone 07 3367 7222 during business hours.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 21 September 2007.



Australian Red Cross

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE



TEAM LEADER CASE MANAGEMENT

Clerk Grade 9/10

Criminal Justice Program

Office of the Senior Practitioner

Parramatta

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-07-07537

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$96,295 per annum

(Salary: \$79,188 pa - \$87,263 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Manage and supervise a team of casework staff to provide quality services to clients with intellectual disability, complex needs and offending behaviour. Carried out through the provision of advice, support of staff and regional capacity building.

Selection Criteria:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in social science or equivalent experience, which enables the position holder to be proficient in the provision of casework.
- Knowledge, extensive experience and demonstrated skill in the provision of staff supervision, mentoring and leading a team of professionals in casework for people with an intellectual disability who engage in patterns of offending behaviour.
- The ability to facilitate comprehensive case plans, collaborate in the development of case plans, and the implementation and monitoring of those case plans.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the relevant legislation (eg Disability Services Act 1993, Guardianship Act, 1987).
- Highly developed written and oral communication skills including conflict resolution, mediation and providing advice, professional opinions & judgements on casework issues affecting people with disabilities & offending behaviour.
- Highly developed skills & extensive experience in investigation, analytical, research and problem solving skills.
- Ability to manage high volume workflow by planning and organisation of priorities.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: An eligibility list will be created. The services provided by the position are statewide and country travel stays are required. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the full version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and MUST complete the forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Melinda Smith (02) 9895 8626

Information Package: 1800 185 466 or email: Ann.Miller@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in Information Package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.

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DANDENONG & DISTRICT ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE LTD

We have a vacancy in our social support team. Special person is sought with the right qualities and attributes to fill this important role in our organisation. We need an experienced person to deliver the best services and outcomes to the Koori community in the Dandenong environs. If you have the drive and commitment to improving the social well being of Koori people then we would like to hear from you.

Innovations Project Officer

Full Time Ongoing

Salary Range \$43,368 to \$47,048

The Innovations Project Officer will work closely with service providers, Koori families and offer support to and interaction with Elders in the Casey and Greater Dandenong municipalities, to address family issues which could lead to child protection involvement and/or work with families who are involved with child protection to improve the safety and well being of Children, their parents and family. Extensive knowledge of Child, Youth and Family welfare and Child Welfare legislation is highly desirable. Aboriginal persons are strongly encouraged to apply. Possession of or a preparedness to obtain a Working with Children card is mandatory.

For a copy of the above position description, selection criteria and any enquiries please contact: Kathy Walker, telephone: 03 9794 5933.

Applications should be forwarded to the Manager, P.O. Box 663, Dandenong VIC 3175, clearly marked 'Private and Confidential' and must be received by COB 21st September 2007.



Part-time Casual Teaching Employment

Applications are sought from suitably qualified and experienced people who wish to be considered for placement on a suitability list for positions, which may occur during Semester 1 2008 with TAFE NSW Dubbo and North West. **Hourly Rate of Pay:** Teaching Duties \$62.37; Coordination Hours \$58.63; Duties Other Than Teaching \$49.24

Business Art Information Technology Faculty

JRN: W07-286 Aboriginal Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Printmaking, Jewellery, Aboriginal Art History and Theory

Inquiries: Mary Dorahy (02) 6883 3680/0402 811 957

Inclusion on the suitability list does not guarantee an offer of employment. Completion of Certificate IV Training and Assessment is highly desirable. Successful applicants can attend teacher training programs aligned to six modules from the Certificate IV Training and Assessment which provide skills and knowledge in delivery and assessment in their own time.

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions.

Application Form: Visit our website: www.wit.tafensw.edu.au or email: recruitment.western@tafensw.edu.au or telephone the Recruitment Officer, 6393 5953 / 5973.

Closing Date: 28 September 2007 (late applications will not be accepted)

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Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

Aboriginal Trainee Field Officer

Traineeship Level C, Various Locations, Temporary Full-Time,
Vacancy Number DECC07-346.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$23,378 p.a. (\$10,905-\$21,185). The remuneration package quoted includes annual salary, employer's contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

The trainee will be required to enter into a formal traineeship agreement and undertake a Conservation & Land Management (Lands, Parks & Wildlife) Traineeship (Certificate II) for 12 months. It involves a combination of work and structured training.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality, positions located at Hunter Coast (Nelson Bay), Tenterfield Area (Yetman) and Nowra also require cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Willingness and ability to undertake a Conservation and Land Management (Lands, Parks & Wildlife) Traineeship (Certificate II) through a formal traineeship agreement. Capacity and willingness to maintain buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and general facilities; to carry out cleaning duties; and to use and maintain small plant and equipment. Good communication skills, an ability to relate to the public and work as part of a team. Willingness to fly in light aircraft and carry out duties associated with pest control programs. Current manual driver's licence or willingness and ability to obtain a manual driver's licence within the first six months of appointment. Ability to meet the requirements of a specific medical clearance and undertake (and pass) a moderate level tasks based physical assessment. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under the DECC Equity and Diversity Framework. In accordance with Part 9A of the Anti Discrimination Act 1997, Aboriginality is an essential criterion. This is a temporary position for a period of up to 12 months. Positions are based at Nattai, Hunter Coast (Worimi Conservation Lands, Nelson Bay), Tenterfield area (Yetman), Nowra & Bourke. For every area you wish to apply for, you must submit a separate application. At the completion of the traineeship, the position located at Hunter Coast may lead to permanent employment. Applicants must obtain the information package to apply. Trainee Field Officers must meet the requirements of a specific medical with a clearance to undertake the fitness test to a moderate level and task based physical assessment in order to undertake this position. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Lisa May (02) 9585 6994 Email: lisa.may@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lisa May (02) 9585 6994.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.

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**SUBSTANCE USE
COUNSELLOR**

(Full-time permanent position)

Applications are sought for the position of Substance Use Counsellor (Local) within South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (SCMSAC).

The Substance Use Counsellor will be required to work as part of a responsive and dedicated health team.

Primarily, the Counsellor will work with individuals, families and groups to provide quality substance use counselling and treatment services to Aboriginal people residing in the Shoalhaven Region. The Counsellor will provide culturally appropriate assessment, intervention, referral and education, as required. The Counsellor will assist with health promotion, community development, education, training and resource development projects.

The position is an Aboriginal identified position authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Further information: For selection documentation contact 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: will be negotiated with the successful applicant dependant on qualifications and/or experience.

Closing Date: by COB 21st September 2007.

Lodging Applications should include the application form, a CV and responses to the selection criteria. Two referees who can be contacted to comment on your work should be identified.

Send the application by 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.



KOOEMBA JDARRA INDIGENOUS PERFORMING ARTS

GENERAL MANAGER

Kooemba Jdarra is a non-profit community based indigenous organization that develops and produces high quality theatre productions. Kooemba Jdarra also engages in community development programs aimed at creating awareness of and interest in the performing arts industry. We are currently seeking expressions of interest for the position of General Manager. The position of General Manager will be responsible for the day to day operations of Kooemba and overseeing and further developing the administrative and financial management infrastructure of Kooemba.

Persons interested in applying for this position should address the selection criteria. Selection criteria and further information can be obtained by contacting the Acting CEO, Allan Lui on: Ph: 07 3257 1433, Email: allan@kooemba.com.au

All applications for the position of General Manager should be sent to: The Chairperson, Kooemba Jdarra Indigenous Performing Arts, 420 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006.

Applications close on Friday 14th of September 2007.

Mercy Hospital for Women

ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S & FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT

Aboriginal Family Support Worker

Hospital Liaison Officer



11 month fixed term, Full-time

The Aboriginal Women's & Family Support Unit has a vacancy for a Women's & Family Support Worker / Hospital Liaison Officer to join us in providing culturally sensitive care and support to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their families.

The position requires a person with experience in women's health issues, committed to improving access to services for ATSI women, and to increasing the responsiveness of the hospital to ATSI health needs.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- Evidence of strong links with the Victorian Aboriginal community
- Demonstrated experience working in Aboriginal organisations or health settings
- The ability to communicate effectively with clients and hospital staff, and to advocate on behalf of clients
- Strong written communication skills, and good computer knowledge

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries to: Jane Middleton on 8458 4149.

Applications for the above position including a Mercy Application for Employment, Curriculum Vitae and Covering Letter to: Janine Martin, Administration, Mercy Hospital for Women, 163 Studley Road, Heidelberg, 3084 or email recruitmentmhw@mercy.com.au

To be successful for any of the above positions, candidates must meet the position requirements as well as provide a current Police Record Check.

Quote Ref No: MHW 06

Applications Close: Monday 24 September 2007.

For more information on the above opportunity, including a Position Description and to download a Mercy Application for Employment Form please visit www.mercy.com.au.



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or email indigenoucaseworker@community.nsw.gov.au



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Dharrah Giling Aboriginal Medical Service - Casino

**Otitis Media/Hearing Health
Casino**

Award: Health Services of Australia

(Aboriginal Health Service) Award 2002

Permanent/Full-time

Salary: \$680.20/\$761.60

Closing Date: 24 September 2007.

The position is responsible for conducting hearing tests within the Aboriginal communities and to refer clients onto other health professionals.

**Aboriginal Male
Vascular Health Worker**

Casino

Award: Health Services of Australia

(Aboriginal Health Service) Award 2002.

Permanent/Full-time

Salary: \$620.30/\$691.10

Closing Date: 24 September 2007

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is in accordance with Part 3 Division 2 Section 31 (2) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Successful applicants are required to undergo a criminal record check.

INQUIRIES: Jeff Richardson, 02 6662 3514.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION**

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

**REGIONAL PROGRAMS
COORDINATOR
(FEMALE)**

EPO Class 9, Queanbeyan, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-352. Total remuneration package valued to: \$93,479 p.a. (\$76,042-\$84,711) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

The position provides expert cultural heritage support, advice & direction to the regional Return & Renewal Program conservation projects including teams from across the region Division & DECC. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, female gender and detailed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures and Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues. Well developed understanding of the workings of Government at State and Local level, and knowledge of relevant legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection in NSW. Demonstrated extensive project management and financial management experience and computer skills, including demonstrated ability to utilise and access information from databases and analyse data to interpret trends and recommend improvements. Demonstrated experience in undertaking targeted research, assessment and planning for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values. Superior written and verbal communication skills, liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills. Experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated effective analytical skills and ability to produce high quality written material, policy and management recommendations. Current Drivers Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applications open to female applicants only. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Paul House (02) 6298 9736 0400 342 092 Email: paul.house@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6605 or jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1987, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 28 September 2007.

GA179712

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

MANAGER, CONTRACTING & PERFORMANCE

Clerk Grade 11/12

Business Performance

Office of Community Housing

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time

Position No. DOH-07-07505

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$91,589 pa - \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Develops and manages capital and recurrent funding programs and contractual agreements with community housing providers and peak organisations, advises on funding methodology and conduct of tenders.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Ability to develop capital and recurrent funding formula and allocation processes.
- Experience with quantitative data modelling techniques, including cost-benefit analysis.
- Experience developing performance indicators and utilising performance reporting systems.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, with the ability to convey complex information in a concise manner.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare contracts and quantitative performance reports.
- Demonstrated ability to lead teams, manage and develop staff performance.
- Experience working with outsourced service provision in human service environment.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Debbie Kearns (02) 8753 8236.

Information Package: Olga De Sousa (02) 8753 8934.

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 21 September 2007.

GA1798300



**THE UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Lecturer (REF: 1952)

SCHOOL OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES

- Tenurable appointment
- Salary range: Level B \$69,861 - \$82,961 p.a.
- Closing date: Friday, 12 October 2007

The University of Western Australia is committed to achieving equity for Indigenous people in all areas of the University. The School of Indigenous Studies has overall responsibility for Indigenous issues at the University including programs for Indigenous students, a diverse range of teaching and research as well as community development initiatives.

The successful applicant will have responsibility for implementing the School's orientation program and coordinating and teaching the Indigenous Unit in the Graduate School of Education's Diploma course. They will also contribute to teaching in other Aboriginal Studies areas and participate in the School's research agenda. We are seeking an Aboriginal person with established community networks and substantial experience in Indigenous secondary and tertiary education who can take a leadership role within the School and the University. This position is being advertised under Section 50D of the WA Equal Opportunity Act. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position. The appointee will be supported in their professional development and will be encouraged to develop their role in the operations of the School. Applicants with teaching experience are requested to submit a teaching portfolio as part of their application. For further information regarding the position please contact Associate Professor Darlene Oxenham on (08) 6488 1566 or email darlene.oxenham@uwa.edu.au.

Benefits include generous superannuation and leave provisions and fares to Perth (if applicable) for appointee and dependants along with a removals allowance. These and other benefits will be specified in the offer of employment.

Application Details: For copies of the selection criteria please access the website <http://jobs.uwa.edu.au/>. Applicants must address the selection criteria. Written applications quoting the reference number, personal contact details, qualifications and experience, along with contact details of three referees should be sent to Director, Human Resources, The University of Western Australia, M350, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley WA 6009 or emailed to jobs@uwa.edu.au by the closing date.

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OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH BUDGET AND PLANNING BRANCH QUALITY AND ACCREDITATION SECTION

**EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
\$76 718 - \$87 498**

**Reference Number: 07-1068
CANBERRA**

This position will be responsible for the management of a communications and stakeholder engagement strategy which drives the work of the Section and ensures a targeted and effective alignment of initiatives and events with client needs.

In particular, the position will include the following tasks: development of communications and events support materials related to the work of the Section, with a specific focus on the requirements of the National Excellence Awards in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and flow-on seminars and workshops; managing a communications strategy and subsequent events on the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) calendar; and leading a sub-team to ensure they are effectively delivered to clients; maintaining key stakeholder relations relevant to the work of the section, including high level liaison, secretariat and meeting support functions; provides strategically focused advice to management on opportunities to promote the initiatives of the section; liaising with external agencies and other divisions within the department to ensure targeted interventions are relevant to stakeholders; leading reviews of initiatives within the section in order to contribute to ongoing enhancements, including strategies to engage clients and other participants; and problem solving in complex and sensitive situations.

Contact officer for information and selection documentation: Julie Murkins on 02 6289 7569 or julie.murkins@health.gov.au

Selection documentation also available at: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

**APS LEVEL 4
ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR
\$52 030- \$54 975**

**Reference Number: 07-1066
DARWIN**

The Administration Coordinator provides a wide range of administrative support to the Northern Territory Director of the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) and the OATSIH team. Duties include monitoring and directing all visitors and incoming telephone calls, maintaining the Director's diary, arranging travel and screening the Director's emails as appropriate. The successful candidate will also provide high level administrative support including collating, typing and formatting reports and briefings; arranging meetings and workshops; and drafting correspondence.

Contact officer: Monica Barolits on 08 8946 3460 or monica.barolits@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Rachel Turvey on 08 8946 3423 (rachel.turvey@health.gov.au)

Positions close 27 September 2007, 7pm AEST

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online (www.health.gov.au/vacancies) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documents from the Department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

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.

The Department of Health and Ageing upholds the principles and practices of workplace diversity.

Visit our web site at: www.health.gov.au



Aboriginal Case Manager

Bathurst

(ongoing, part-time position - 24 hours per week)

The Brighter Futures program (BFP) is an early intervention program, funded by the NSW Department of Community Services, to provide targeted support for vulnerable children and families. The program provides case management, access to child care, parenting programs, home visiting and brokerage in order to improve emotional, social, health, educational and developmental outcomes for children and their families.

We are looking for an Aboriginal Case Manager at our Bathurst office. As a member of the Brighter Futures Team you will provide Case Management including assessment, planning and service coordination to children and families in the program.

To speak with someone regarding this position, please call Jack Goldberg on 6352 4388 or to obtain a Position Description, please contact Barbara Merrick-Bassett on 6331 1457 during office hours. A position description including the selection criteria is available on our website - www.bensoc.org.au

Applications must address all selection criteria and should be sent to: Barbara Merrick-Bassett, PO Box 1164, Bathurst, NSW 2795 or via email: barbaram@bensoc.org.au and be received by 24th September 2007.

Appointment to the position is subject to the completion of a satisfactory Criminal Record Check and Working With Children Check.



ABORIGINAL SOCIAL PLAN PROJECT OFFICER (12 month contract)

North Sydney Council, on behalf of ten Northern Sydney Councils, is offering an exciting 12 month contract for an Aboriginal project officer to implement the first year of the Northern Sydney Aboriginal Social Plan (NSASP). A committee of two Community Development Officers and an Indigenous representative from the NSW Department of Community Services will supervise the NSASP Officer. The position will be co-located with the Aboriginal Heritage Office, which currently has offices in Chatswood. North Sydney Council considers that, for this position, being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The successful candidate is required, in consultation with the NSASP Funding Group, to take a key role in co-ordinating a range of activities across the Northern Sydney Region as identified in the Project Officer's Work Plan. Bi monthly reports and attendance at Funding Group and committee meetings will be required. A key responsibility of the position is to provide advice to the Funding Group on strategies that have the potential to meet the needs of the Aboriginal community living, working and studying in the Northern Sydney Region.

Salary and Conditions: Salary will be within the range \$57,620 to \$66,556 per annum depending on qualifications and experience. A leaseback "pool" vehicle is also provided. Access to flexi time is available.

Visit our website www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au or contact our Call Centre on (02) 9936 8100 to obtain the full selection criteria which must be addressed.

Applications to: Human Resources Manager, PO Box 12, North Sydney NSW 2059; Email: jobs@northsydney.nsw.gov.au Please quote position number 15/08 when applying.

Closing Date: 24 September 2007.

EEO is Council Policy



Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 5/6, Wollongong, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number DJJ07/141. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for the provision of effective, offending focused intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Demonstrated casework experience in working with adolescents and/or their families. Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills. Understanding of issues relevant to indigenous juvenile offenders. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Demonstrated ability to organise and plan work in order to meet tight deadlines. Ability to network with relevant community and government agencies. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence. Computer and keyboard skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Evening and overnight travel working may be required. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an Information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Inquiries: Debbie Simpson (02) 4254 6880.

Information Packages: Jackie Bannister (02) 4254 6888.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.



ABORIGINAL LEGAL ACCESS WORKER

ILLAWARRA LEGAL CENTRE INC.

Part-Time (until end June 2008)

The Illawarra Legal Centre is an independent community legal centre funded by government grants to provide services free of charge. The Centre is seeking to employ an Aboriginal Legal Access Worker to be part of our team to assist in making the Centre's services more accessible to Aboriginal people and encourage Aboriginal people to access these services.

Training and on-going support will be provided to the successful applicant.

Selection Criteria: Illawarra Legal Centre Inc. considers that being an Aboriginal person is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Wages: Based on SACS Award and ILC Enterprise Agreement.

An information package: Can be obtained by calling 0242761939 during business hours.

Closing date to receive applications: 5pm Monday 1st October 2007.



Registered Nurse Child & Adult Health Checks

Katungal Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the above position. Katungal is a dedicated and enthusiastic community controlled Aboriginal Medical Service that has been operating and providing health and medical related services for 14 years, through a holistic and culturally appropriate approach to health service provision.

The Registered Nurse (RN) will need to have appropriate qualifications and be licensed to practice in NSW, be familiar with the EPC items or have a willingness to learn. The position will be based in Moruya/Narooma and will also provide outreach services with Katungal GP's & Aboriginal Health Workers (AHW) to Bodalla, Mogo and Wallaga Lake. The hours of work will be for 30-37.5 hours per week. (Monday to Thursday or Monday to Friday) Employment will be under the award. Nurses other than public hospitals and will be paid at above award rates for the night applicant, generous salary sacrifice arrangements will also be offered to the successful applicant. Desirable Aboriginality. Essential Current Driver's Licence.

Your EOI including two (2) recent referees who are familiar with your knowledge skills and experience can be posted to: Damien Malcham Chief Executive Officer Katungal ACC&MS PO Box 296 Narooma NSW 2546 or faxed via facsimile (02) 4476 1478.

Further information regarding the position can be obtained from Damien Malcham Chief Executive Officer on (02) 4476 2155. EOI close at 5PM on Wednesday 26 September 2007.

A Criminal Records History Check and Working With Children Check will be conducted prior to any ongoing employment offer.



**Department of
the Attorney General
Government of Western Australia**

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Regional Coordinator

(Roebourne or Port Hedland)

Office of the Director General

Position No: 006637

Level/Salary: L6 PSGA \$70,564 - \$78,186 pa

We are seeking a committed individual who will make a difference through co-ordination of local and regional justice plans throughout Western Australia. You will be responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of AJA plans and working with other Government departments and agencies to ensure community aspirations and priorities are addressed. You will also be responsible for engagement between aboriginal communities, government and other key stakeholders.

Please note previous applicants need not reapply as their applications will still be considered.

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Gordon Gola on (08) 9264 6128

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 17 Sept at 4.30pm.

Positions vacant - Ballarat

CULTURAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Permanent - 37.5 Hrs per week

The primary focus for the Cultural Education Coordinator is to coordinate and develop the Cultural Education Program at Kiriil Barreel.

It is expected that the Cultural Education Coordinator will research, develop and write educational talks/activities which can be presented to school groups, tour groups and individuals.

A key part of the Cultural Education Coordinator's day to day duties will include training and supervising the Cultural Guide as well as taking bookings, inquiries, preparation and costing of activities.

CULTURAL GUIDE

Permanent - 37.5 Hrs per week

The primary focus for the Cultural Guide is to present and conduct Aboriginal activities at Kiriil Barreel.

It is expected that the Cultural Guide would be able to present talks/tours and cultural activities to school groups, tour groups and individuals. The Cultural Guide will also assist the Cultural Education Coordinator with bookings, inquiries, preparation and costing of activities.

For further information and position descriptions: Please call Paul Mason (Mon-Wed) or Erin Cameron (Wed-Fri) on (03) 5332 2755.

Applications for both positions close at 5pm on Friday, September 14, 2007.

ATTENTION: QUALIFIED CHILD CARE WORKERS!

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Gowrie Western Australia are currently seeking Qualified Workers for our Karawara centre.

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- 5% discount on child care
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- 3 hrs a week non-contact time
- Paid for staff meetings and training

Applicants must have a minimum of Certificate 3 in Childcare or equivalent.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Qualified Childcare workers.

To apply please send a covering letter and current CV marked "Confidential - Application" to: Human Resources, 275 Abernethy Rd, Cloverdale WA 6105 or HR@gowrie-wa.com.au

Phone 08 9478 7507 for more information.

The Gowrie WA is a community based, not for profit organisation providing a range of community, family and children's services.

The Gowrie WA has a family friendly policy & will consider applicants wishing to work part-time flexible hours.

North Coast Institute

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If you're interested in these positions contact Tony Dreise on 02 6641 1605 or log onto www.nci.tafensw.edu.au or phone our vacancies hotline for information package 1800 008 233

Closing Date: 28 September 2007



Job reference No. 07/170/NCI



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Team Leader (Specified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Two permanent full-time positions available. 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: Various locations in the Far Northern Queensland Zone

REF: QLD/CHS2809/07

Key Duties: To provide leadership, management and supervision of the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients and communities through the development of appropriate service responses (in conjunction with the Child Safety Service Centre Manager) work or behavioural sciences from recognised tertiary institution. Leadership and supervision skills in delivery of high quality child protection services.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or E-Mail:

vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Team Leader (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: Innisfail

REF: QLD/CHS2666/07

Key Duties: To provide leadership, management and supervision of the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients and communities through the development of appropriate service responses (in conjunction with the Child Safety Service Centre Manager) work or behavioural sciences from recognised tertiary institution. Leadership and supervision skills in delivery of high quality child protection services.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or E-Mail:

vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Child Safety Officer

Child Safety Services Division

(Seven permanent full-time positions available)

Child Safety

Salary: \$44 00 - \$65 46 p.a.

Location: Various locations in the Far Northern Zone

REF: QLD/CHS2796/07

Key Duties: Provide high quality statutory child protection services to children, young people and families in Cape York and Torres Strait Island communities through quality case management.

Skills and Abilities: Possession of a degree from a recognised tertiary institution in social work, human services or behavioural sciences.

Enquiries: Deborah Boor (07) 4039 8953 or E-Mail:

deborah.boor@childsafty.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Manager (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants must provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Hervey Bay

REF: QLD/COM2763/07

Key Duties: Establish, lead and manage a Youth Justice Service Centre in accordance with contemporary youth justice philosophy and best practice principles, relevant legislation, procedures, standards and the Department's strategic plan.

Skills and Abilities: Ability to provide high level of strategic and operational leadership in management, development, implementation, monitoring & evaluating programs and services. Knowledge of contemporary practices, philosophies, trends and legislation in delivery of human services.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Principal Program Officer

Program Management

Communities

Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2685/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Provide high level advice to ensure the efficient, effective and coordinated development of departmental strategies relating to domestic and family violence. Provide strategic analysis and advice on operational policy, program and legislative issues relating to domestic and family violence.

Skills/Abilities: To provide timely and effective high level advice on operational policy issues, programs and services relating to domestic and family violence. To assist in coordinating the development, implementation and project management of departmental and whole-of-government strategies.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Principal Policy 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/COM2760/07

Key Duties: Support the Director, Social Law and Justice Policy Unit, to deliver a coordinated policy framework for the Directorate including: an integrated policy agenda; a legislation review timetable; coordinated policy advice and responses to Commonwealth and Queensland government strategies; and development of departmental policy capacity and inter-agency policy networks.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 1 October 2007

Senior Policy 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: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM2765/07

Key Duties: To provide strategic policy advice and to research, analyse and monitor policy options relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Assist in the identification of emerging trends and issues in Indigenous affairs to provide advice to Government about strategic directions.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 1 October 2007

Community Support Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants must provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2480/07

Location: Roma

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:

vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Programs and Support Officer (Identified)

Service Delivery

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Salary: \$52 437 - \$57 663 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: COM2793/07

Key Duties: Coordinate the delivery of a range of services, activities and programs to Young Persons, particularly indigenous youth, in detention.

Skills and Abilities: Excellent skills in establishing and maintaining positive professional networks across a broad range of the community.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Resource Officer (Specified)

Service Delivery

(One permanent part-time position available (36.25hrs per ft). Specified - Applicants must provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$26 219 - \$28 832 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2682/07

Location: Ipswich

Key Duties: Assist the Service Leader and to conduct Youth Justice Conferences as approved convenor under the Juvenile Justice Act (1992).

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrate well developed skills in communication, including the ability to identify and problem solve, prioritise and organise tasks and meet deadlines.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Youth Worker (Adolescent and Youth Justice Services) (Specified)

Service Delivery

(One permanent part time position available. Specified - Applicants must provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community)

Communities

Salary: \$19 034 - \$20 283 p.a.

REF: QLD/COM2668/07

Location: Roma

Key Duties: Provide supervision and support to young people to assist with their compliance with court orders and reintegration into the community.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people and work as a self directed team member

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-Mail:

vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Regional Executive Director

Service Delivery

Disability Services

Salary: \$162 875 - \$175 843 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/DSQ2711/07

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689 or E-Mail:

vaccsq@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Executive Director

Service Delivery

Disability Services Queensland

Salary: \$151 758 - \$157 317 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/DSQ2707/07

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689 or E-Mail:

vaccsq@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

Principal Project Officer

Indigenous Engagement Unit

Environmental Protection Agency

Salary: \$69 725 - \$74 599 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/EN3055/07

Key Duties: Develop/implement programs to assist EPA staff to effectively engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in a sustainable manner. Undertake effective consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities and with relevant departments/organisations on indigenous policy matters.

Skills and Abilities: Manage complex projects and lead/manage multi-disciplinary teams. Superior knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history/cultures/lifestyles, communication protocols, and their implications for environment management and policy.

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail:

jobvac.epa@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 21 September 2007

Housing Officer

Mackay-Whitsunday Area Office; Client Services

Housing

Salary: \$44 346 - \$49 454 p.a.

Location: Mackay

REF: QLD/HO3039/07

Key Duties: Delivering a broad range of tenancy and property management services and providing advice to clients.

Skills and Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Enquiries: Dennis Leicht (07) 4967 0982 or E-Mail:

jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 September 2007

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ACCESS & DEMAND CO-ORDINATOR

Clerk Grade 7/8
Greater Western Sydney Division
South West Sydney Area
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-07-07666

Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,855 per annum (salary \$69,468 pa - \$76,896 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Access & Demand Co-ordinator manages a team which is responsible for the provision of services to clients with a housing need. The role also undertakes partnership and strategy development and the monitoring of allocating functions.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Ability to manage a team which can deliver quality client service in a challenging high volume environment whilst ensuring delivery is consistent with the objectives of social housing.
- Experience in delivering services to diverse communities, specifically Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people who are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, and people with mental, developmental or physical disabilities.
- Well developed understanding of and commitment to implementing relevant policies, and appropriate legislation and related issues.
- Highly developed communication skills, both written and oral, with an ability to prepare written reports, correspondence and/or submissions to a high standard.
- Proven ability to build and maintain partnerships and networks with internal and external stakeholders.
- Capacity to embrace change in a rapidly evolving sustainable business environment.
- Current driver's licence.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: There are two permanent full-time positions. An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and may be used to fill other permanent and temporary vacancies for this role within the Division. 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: Paul Davy (02) 9754 6840

Information Packages: 1800 502 766 or Elise Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7496, Liverpool BC 1871

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.

DOH 07/08/07



SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6
Western & Southern Division
Western Area, Orange
Permanent Full-Time
Position No. DOH-07-07637

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 Department is seeking a highly motivated individual with genuine leadership, coaching and mentoring skills to work in its Orange Client Service Team to ensure good service is provided to our clients and appropriate outcomes are achieved.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated leadership skills and the ability to significantly and positively contribute to Team performance.
- Excellent skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritise, to be innovative and to carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
- Ability to undertake community consultations and to contribute to local planning forums.
- Responsiveness to clients with special needs, including Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with disabilities, mental illness, victims of domestic violence and complex nuisance and annoyance.
- Demonstrated ability to use and analyse regular operational performance reports to ensure resources are effectively used to meet Team, Area and Corporate priorities.
- 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 people-orientated position, which will provide personal growth opportunities and experience in a dynamic and changing organisation. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Jenny Rolfe (02) 6360 8111

Information Packages: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or e-mail: hwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.

NSW 07/08/07

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
EPM16095	Approx. 73 km NW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°50'S Long.139°03'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 313 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3180 a, y, z 3252 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3324 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 3325 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 3326 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	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016
EPM16096	Approx. 53 km NW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.24°02'S Long.139°05'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 313 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 12 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 13 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 14 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 15 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	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016
EPM16097	Approx. 50 km NNW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°57'S Long.139°15'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 313 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 3327 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 3328 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 3400 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 Cooper Creek 16 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	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016
EPM16099	Approx. 65 km NNE from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°50'S Long.139°44'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 313 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3260 j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 3261 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 3262 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 3322 d, e, k 3333 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 3334 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	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016
EPM16100	Approx. 63 km NE from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°57'S Long.139°53'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 313 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3405 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 3406 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 3407 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 3408 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 3409 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016
EPM16101	Approx. 59 km NW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°57'S Long.139°05'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 313 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3396 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 3397 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 3398 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 3399 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	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016
EPM16102	Approx. 87 km N from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°36'S Long.139°42'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 313 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3043 u, z 3044 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3045 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3046 v, w, x, y, z 3115 c, k, p, u, z 3116 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 3117 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 3118 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016
EPM16103	Approx. 88 km NE from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°55'S Long.140°10'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 313 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3330 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 3339 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3340 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 3409 o, p, t, u, y, z 3410 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3411 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3412 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016
EPM16104	Approx. 36 km N from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.24°02'S Long.139°27'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 297 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 95 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 3403 a, b, f, g, l, m, o, q, r, s, v, w, x Cooper Creek 17 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 18 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 19 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 90 d, e, k 91 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x	Holloman Minerals Limited 120 314 016

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 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.

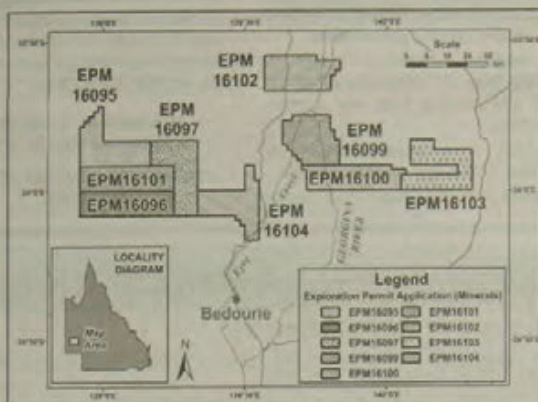
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 3 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
MDL285	Approx. 50 km North West from Alpha Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Jericho	Current Lot 1 on plan BF72 - Freehold Lot 11 on plan BF25 - Freehold Lot 4994 on plan PH2232 - PPH 12/4994 Lot 649 on plan PH1981 - PH 12/649 Road Reserves Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 31662.149 ha	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd 008 676 417

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Emerald Mining District, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9350.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

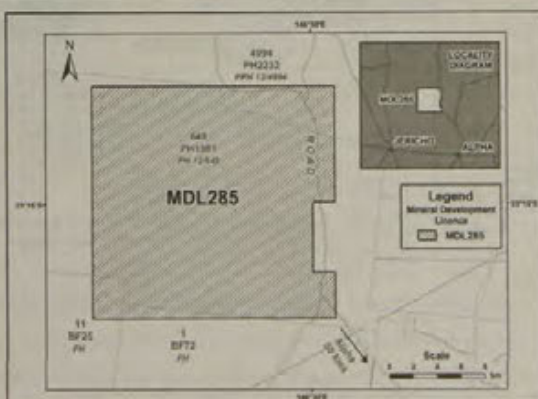
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedures.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 3 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

THE FOUNDATION FOR
YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

Initiative Manager

(Indigenous grants and other projects)

The Foundation for Young Australians, a leading philanthropic organisation, is seeking to recruit an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to the role of Initiative Manager.

The primary purpose of the role is to assist The Foundation in the grant making operations, manage grant partnerships and support youth led community initiatives.

This full time position requires a collaborative approach to working with Indigenous young people and their communities. Knowledge and experience working in with projects in the non-profit sector, and frequent interstate travel is also a requirement of this position.

Application has been made for a grant of exemption from the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 to enable the appointment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to this position.

Position descriptions and application information is available on www.youngaustrians.org or call (03) 9670 5436.

Salary range: \$47,000 - \$52,000 pa (excl. super).

Applications close: Monday 1 October 2007.

Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative

Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate III Position

This position is to be based at the Aboriginal Health Service Medical Centre, 37-53 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale. The role of the Health Worker is to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians through health promotion, prevention, early intervention, and ongoing care. In addition there is a requirement to promote good health through education, and support and encourage community members to take responsibility for their own health.

Required Qualifications:

- Certificate 3 Aboriginal Health or equivalent desirable;
- Possession of a current First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain a certificate within 6 months of commencement; and
- Current and ongoing Victorian or National Drivers Licence.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply. This position is subject to ongoing funding, and there is a requirement to possess and retain a current driver's licence.

Interested persons should contact GEGAC reception on 03 5150-0700 for position description and application information. Applicants will need to address the Key Selection Criteria in their application.

Applications should be marked "Private & Confidential" and addressed to: Operations Manager, Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative, PO Box 634, BAINBRIDGE 3875.

Applications for this position close at 5:00pm on Friday September 28th.

Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative reserves the right not to appoint.

Queanbeyan City Council

CHILD CARE WORKER TEACHER - QUALIFIED

FIXED-TERM

Queanbeyan is ideally located on the border with the ACT and enjoys all the benefits associated with Canberra being the national capital. Queanbeyan is well served with good educational facilities, sporting activities and a major commercial centre. The South Coast & the snowfields are only 2 hours away. A great job in a fantastic place.

Council seeks the services of a suitably experienced Qualified Child Care Worker at South Queanbeyan Children's Centre. The successful applicant will be willing to work with children aged 0-6 years. The City is only hours from the ocean and snow field.

The person that we seek must possess a Diploma in Children's Services or Bachelor of Education or equivalent and be willing to undertake studies in a approved Early Childhood Teaching Course. They must also have experience working in Long Day Care or Occasional Care in Children's Services, with knowledge of the legislative requirements and the Accreditation System. They must possess a current NSW Class C driver's licence (or equivalent), a First Aid Certificate, have people skills with an ability to communicate effectively to problem solve, and act independently.

This Grade 10 position has a starting salary of \$802.00 per 38 hour week.

It is a fixed term position for 12 months with a possibility of a permanent position, if studies meet the Department of Community Services Regulations.

Work will be offered subject to meeting all requirements relevant to the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 and NPSA (Notional Agreement Preserving the Local Government (State) Award) conditions apply.

Intending applicants for all positions can obtain an information package from Councils website at www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/positions/vacant or by email to: recruit@qcc.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively from the Human Resources section, at 263 Crawford Street, or by contacting the 24 hour answering service on (02) 6298 4504. NPSA (Notional Agreement Preserving the Local Government (State) Award) conditions apply. Further information can be obtained Denise Hook on 62971128 or Cheryl Rule on 6298 4522. **Applications close at 5pm Monday 24 September 2007.**

Gary 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 healthy working environment.



Koorie Heritage Trust Inc

"Gnakan Danna Murra Korki"

Premier Aboriginal Cultural Centre Seeks Rising Marketing Star

The award-winning Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne is seeking an ambitious person who enjoys challenges and traveling to join its team in the new role of Marketing Cadet.

The cadetship runs over a three-year period during which the successful applicant will receive hands on as well as academic training in marketing.

This position includes a salary of \$27,000 (plus 9% superannuation), all HECS and training fees and a book allowance.

Enquiries: Sara Jones, Marketing & Development Manager on 03 8622 2600.

To obtain a position description please

contact reception on 03 8622 2600 or email reception@koorieheritagetrust.com

Applications should be addressed to: Private & Confidential, Marketing Cadet Vacancy, Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON:
28 September 2007 AT 4PM.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE
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SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (GENERALIST)

Clerk Grade 5/6
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Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.

GAIL THORNTON

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
EPM15938	Approx. 116 km N from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.19°37'S Long.141°50'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area: 161 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3071 g, r, v, w 3142 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 3143 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM15939	Approx. 85 km NNE from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.19°57'S Long.142°03'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area: 322 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 49 c, d, e 50 a, b, c, d, e 51 a Normanton 3359 u, z 3360 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3361 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3362 v 3431 c, k, p 3432 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 3433 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 3434 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 3435 v	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM15940	Approx. 100 km N from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.19°46'S Long.141°55'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area: 322 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3214 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, u, z 3215 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 3286 e, k 3287 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 3288 i, q, r, v, w, x, y 3359 c, d, e, j, k, p 3360 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 3361 f, g, h, i, m, n, o	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017

* 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.

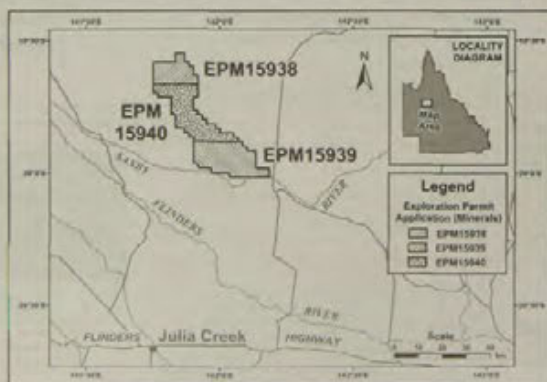
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 3 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER COUNTER MANAGEMENT

Clerk Grade 5/6
Greater Western Sydney Division
Liverpool
Permanent Full-Time
Position No. DOH-07-07674

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: This role is responsible for the daily management of the front counter. The role undertakes the provision of housing services to clients seeking assistance from a range of products and services that meet individual and community needs.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Capacity to deal with clients with complex and special needs such as: people with a mental illness, drug and alcohol problems and victims of domestic violence.
- Ability to work in a high volume client service area as part of a team dealing with clients in housing stress.
- Capacity to undertake training & staff development programs.
- Capacity to undertake community consultation.
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- Ability to communicate information orally or written in a style appropriate to the intended audience. Interviewing, negotiation & conflict resolution skills.
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Job Notes: An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and may be used to fill other permanent and temporary vacancies for this role within the Division. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full text version of the advertisement and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DIVISION

Applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria'. They are Equal Employment Opportunities, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

REGIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

EPO Class 9, Griffith, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-351. Total remuneration package valued to: \$93,479 p.a. (\$76,042-\$84,711) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

The position provides expert cultural heritage support, advice & direction to the Regional Managers & Project Managers of individual regional Return & Renewal Program conservation projects including teams from across the region, Division & DECC. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, and detailed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures and Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues. Well developed understanding of the workings of Government at State and Local level, and knowledge of relevant legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection in NSW. Demonstrated extensive project management & financial management experience & computer skills, including demonstrated ability to utilise & access information from databases & analyse data to interpret trends & make recommendations for improvements. Demonstrated experience in undertaking targeted research, assessment and planning for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values. Superior written and verbal communication skills, liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills. Experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated effective analytical skills and ability to produce high quality written material, policy and management recommendations. Current Drivers Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Gary Currey (02) 9585 6111 0417 270 415 Email: gary.currey@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6605 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 28 September 2007.

THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

A unique opportunity has arisen to join The Foundation for Young Australians, a national grant making organisation committed to developing initiatives that support and empower young Australians.

We are seeking a Team Leader to manage the delivery of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (a national scholarship and leadership programme for young Indigenous people undertaking secondary and tertiary studies), manage grant rounds, grant partnerships and support funded initiatives.

This full time position requires team and people management skills, a collaborative approach to working with Indigenous young people and their communities plus knowledge and experience working in secondary or tertiary

Team Leader

(Indigenous youth leadership & other grant programs)

education sector. Frequent interstate travel is also a requirement of this position.

Application has been made for a grant of exemption from the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 to enable the appointment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to this position.

Position descriptions and application information is available on www.youngaustrians.org or call (03) 9670 5436.

Team Leader salary range depending on experience: \$58,000 - 65,000pa (excl. super).

Applications close: Monday 1 October 2007.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

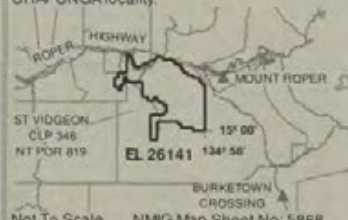
Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

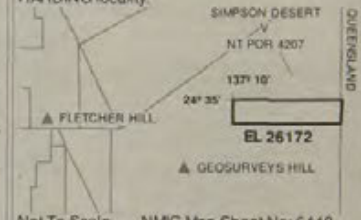
Exploration Licence 26056 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 493 Blocks (1589 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CORELLA CREEK locality.



Exploration Licence 26141 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 420 Blocks (1349 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the URAPUNGA locality.



Exploration Licence 26172 sought by G E RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 096 473 737 over an area of 500 Blocks (1559 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the HARDING locality.



Exploration Licence 26226 sought by NUPOWER RESOURCES LTD, ACN 120 787 859 over an area of 322 Blocks (919 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NUMAGALONG locality.



Exploration Licence 26227 sought by NUPOWER RESOURCES LTD, ACN 120 787 859 over an area of 500 Blocks (1525 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TAYLOR locality.



Exploration Licence 26228 sought by NUPOWER RESOURCES LTD, ACN 120 787 859 over an area of 500 Blocks (1503 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WAUCHOPE locality.



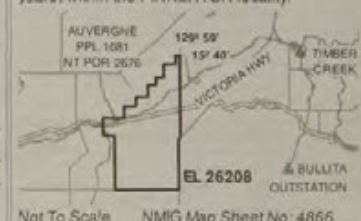
Exploration Licence 26194 sought by QUASAR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 101 227 070 over an area of 483 Blocks (1495 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KULGERA locality.



Exploration Licence 26197 sought by QUASAR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 101 227 070 over an area of 498 Blocks (1534 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORY locality.



Exploration Licence 26208 sought by SWANCOVE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD, ACN 076 507 849 over an area of 398 Blocks (1299 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the PINKERTON locality.



Exploration Licence 26210 sought by SWANCOVE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD, ACN 076 507 849 over an area of 465 Blocks (1539 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the PINKERTON locality.



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Exploration Licence 26216 sought by SWANCOVE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD, ACN 076 507 849 over an area of 194 Blocks (612 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the LEGUNE 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.

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Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 12 September 2007

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
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15/4303 Peter Michael Johnson 5.71ha 21km Ely of Bawellon Lat 33°41' Long 113°34' Duncraig

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: 12 September 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 **12 December 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. **12 January 2008**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the exploration licence.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/4303	Southern Pty Ltd	123.10ha	30km Ely of Wodgina	Lat 31°33' Long 121°53'	Coogee
15/4304	Peter Thomas Gann	5.81ha	2km Ely of Coogee	Lat 30°59' Long 121°11'	Coogee
15/4305	Miner Resources NL	108.62ha	9km SEly of Wodgina	Lat 31°34' Long 121°58'	Coogee
15/4306	Miner Resources NL	8.29ha	19km SEly of Wodgina	Lat 31°38' Long 121°59'	Coogee
15/4307	Avoca Mining Ltd	2.16ha	18km SEly of Wodgina	Lat 31°38' Long 121°59'	Coogee
15/4308	Hampton Hill Mining NL	559.00ha	22km Nly of Coogee	Lat 30°45' Long 121°07'	Coogee
15/4309	Focus Minerals Ltd	601.74ha	22km Sly of Coogee	Lat 31°05' Long 121°04'	Coogee
15/4310	Focus Minerals Ltd	655.6ha	27km Sly of Coogee	Lat 31°11' Long 121°04'	Coogee
15/4311	St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	981.49ha	14km SEly of Wodgina	Lat 31°32' Long 121°43'	Coogee
15/4312	Focus Minerals Ltd	17.99ha	19km SWly of Coogee	Lat 31°04' Long 121°01'	Coogee
15/4313	Mining Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	71.5ha	44km SEly of Wodgina	Lat 31°47' Long 121°52'	Coogee
15/4314	Mining Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	20.55ha	37km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 121°31'	Coogee
15/4315	Mining Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	123.47ha	47km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 121°31'	Coogee
15/4316	Raymond Jack Ward	6.63ha	67km Ely of Wodgina	Lat 31°47' Long 121°59'	Coogee
15/4317	Coastal Resources Ltd	122.04ha	27km Nly of Coogee	Lat 30°42' Long 121°06'	Coogee
15/4318	Coastal Resources Ltd	121.41ha	26km Nly of Coogee	Lat 30°43' Long 121°06'	Coogee
15/4319	Coastal Resources Ltd	120.99ha	26km Nly of Coogee	Lat 30°43' Long 121°06'	Coogee
15/4320	Michael Ashley Gale	198.22ha	36km Nly of Coogee	Lat 30°38' Long 121°01'	Coogee
15/4321	Toro Mining Pty Ltd	222.8ha	57km NWly of Coogee	Lat 30°29' Long 120°54'	Coogee
15/4322	Hyson Mining Pty Ltd	212.90ha	27km Nly of Coogee	Lat 30°42' Long 121°06'	Coogee
15/4323	Heron Resources Ltd	294.90ha	74km NWly of Coogee	Lat 30°21' Long 120°48'	Coogee
15/4324	Heron Resources Ltd	167.14ha	73km NWly of Coogee	Lat 30°21' Long 120°48'	Coogee
15/4325	Western Resources Pty Ltd	184.58ha	30km Wly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°10'	Coogee
15/4326	Western Resources Pty Ltd	194.10ha	30km Nly of Coogee	Lat 30°36' Long 121°04'	Coogee
15/4327	Western Resources Pty Ltd	157.46ha	38km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°06'	Coogee
15/4328	Western Resources Pty Ltd	399.36ha	49km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°04'	Coogee
15/4329	Michael Ashley Gale	84.92ha	9km NEly of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 117°54'	Cue
15/4330	Scholar Resources Ltd	53.34ha	40km Nly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4331	Scholar Resources Ltd	139.42ha	44km Nly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°22' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4332	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	134.23ha	47km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4333	Alexander Luigi Gu	54.97ha	22km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4334	Black Mountain Gold NL	114.82ha	17km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4335	Len South Edward Paul	122.09ha	18km Sly of Marcella	Lat 30°17' Long 120°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4336	Heron Resources Ltd	177.24ha	73km NWly of Coogee	Lat 30°21' Long 120°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4337	Desta Corporation Ltd	371.58ha	37km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4338	Impress Energy Ltd	91.29ha	52km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°39' Long 122°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4339	Impress Energy Ltd	100.80ha	52km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 31°00' Long 122°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4340	Savvy Resources Pty Ltd	124.86ha	72km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4341	Avoca Mining Ltd	130.6ha	24km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4342	Desta Corporation Ltd	561.25ha	39km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4343	Impress Energy Ltd	15.37ha	13km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°21'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4344	Black Mountain Gold NL	383.25ha	94km Wly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°22'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4345	Black Mountain Gold NL	278.52ha	12km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°22'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4346	Black Mountain Gold NL	862.49ha	94km NWly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°22'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4347	Woolloona Gold Pty Ltd	9.7ha	25km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4348	Reiter Jonathan Van Der Borch	4.89ha	31km NEly of Kalbarrie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4349	Reiter William Allen	70.15ha	26km Wly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°52' Long 124°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4350	Western Resources Pty Ltd	43.69ha	84km Ely of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°42' Long 122°21'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/4351	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	340.53ha	58km SWly of Norseman	Lat 30°06' Long 120°39'	Merredith
15/4352	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	866.8ha	59km SWly of Norseman	Lat 30°05' Long 120°38'	Merredith
15/4353	Pleasant Iron Pty Ltd	200ha	10km NWly of Norseman	Lat 22°47' Long 119°25'	East Pilbara
15/4354	Troy Resources NL	21.58ha	13km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°55' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
15/4355	Troy Resources NL	25.8ha	13km SEly of Sandstone	Lat 28°55' Long 119°22'	Sandstone
15/4356	Wendimere Gold NL	85.38ha	47km SEly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°42' Long 119°58'	Yalgoo
15/4357	Reptor Exploration Pty Ltd	110.45ha	68km NWly of Balladonia	Lat 32°05' Long 123°01'	Dundas
15/4358	Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd	237.45ha	8km SWly of Norseman	Lat 32°13' Long 121°43'	Dundas
15/4359	Heron Resources Ltd	399.28ha	15km Sly of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 121°43'	Dundas
15/4360	Solent Minerals Pty Ltd	107.98ha	24km NWly of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°35'	Dundas
15/4361	Harold Kennedy	12.1ha	31km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°55' Long 121°40'	Dundas
15/4362	Trant Stelm	571.61ha	11km Sly of Norseman	Lat 32°17' Long 121°47'	Dundas
15/4363	ASB Resources Operations Pty Ltd	1194.62ha	11km Wly of Norseman	Lat 32°22' Long 120°37'	Dundas
15/4364	Corona Metals Ltd	601.29ha	31km NWly of Norseman	Lat 32°01' Long 121°31'	Dundas
15/4365	Select Minerals Pty Ltd	1502.11ha	26km NWly of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°30'	Dundas
15/4366	Select Minerals Pty Ltd	121.12ha	38km NWly of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°35'	Dundas
15/4367	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	11.56ha	8km SEly of Norseman	Lat 32°14' Long 121°46'	Dundas
15/4368	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	2144.08ha	14km SEly of Norseman	Lat 32°18' Long 121°50'	Dundas
15/4369	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	76.49ha	14km Sly of Norseman	Lat 32°15' Long 121°45'	Dundas
15/4370	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	104.82ha	22km NEly of Norseman	Lat 32°01' Long 121°33'	Dundas
15/4371	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	71.37ha	20km NEly of Norseman	Lat 32°02' Long 121°34'	Dundas
15/4372	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	18.52ha	22km NWly of Norseman	Lat 32°02' Long 121°37'	Dundas
15/4373	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	137.66ha	19km Nly of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°43'	Dundas
15/4374	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	73.59ha	18km NEly of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°52'	Dundas
15/4375	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	162.71ha	15km NEly of Norseman	Lat 32°05' Long 121°53'	Dundas
15/4376	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	2033.62ha	33km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°54' Long 121°42'	Dundas
15/4377	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	674.96ha	24km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°59' Long 121°42'	Dundas
15/4378	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	1039.07ha	29km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°58' Long 121°46'	Dundas
15/4379	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	199.69ha	19km NEly of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°53'	Dundas
15/4380	Mining Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	67.73ha	33km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 121°49'	Dundas
15/4381	Mining Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	9.62ha	35km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 121°50'	Dundas
15/4382	Mining Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	77.99ha	39km Nly of Norseman	Lat 31°53' Long 121°55'	Dundas
15/4383	Accord Resources NL	6.84ha	7km SEly of Norseman	Lat 32°15' Long 121°48'	Dundas
15/4384	PMR Quames Pty Ltd	323.83ha	19km Wly of Warrana	Lat 32°52' Long 119°43'	Warrana
15/4385	Tyko Resources Limited	26.40ha	27km Ely of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°36' Long 120°20'	Ravensthorpe
15/4386	Tyko Resources Limited	115.8ha	33km Nly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°17' Long 119°56'	Lake Grace/Ravensthorpe

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 12 September 2007

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **12 December 2007**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **12 January 2008**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Yarra City Council

COMMUNITY PLANNER ABORIGINAL PARTNERSHIPS

Permanent Full Time

\$54,450 - \$62,020* + RDO + Super

*Note Subject to ratification of Enterprise Agreement

Yarra City Council is seeking to appoint an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to guide the implementation of Council's Aboriginal Partnerships Plan. The City has made a strong commitment to Reconciliation, Social Justice, Celebrating Culture and Strengthen Services through the plan.

The Council requires a dynamic person to undertake projects and activities related to Aboriginal Affairs in the City of Yarra. You will be responsible for ensuring the organisation delivers on key actions within the Partnerships Plan. You will have strong administrative skills to resource committees and the other responsibilities of the position.

Further information contact Isha Scott on 9205 5160.

TO APPLY:

A position description is available on Council's web site. Applicants must include a covering letter and address the Key Selection Criteria in the application. You can email your application to employment@yarracity.vic.gov.au or forward to Recruitment and Selection Officer, City of Yarra PO Box 168 Richmond 3121 marked "Confidential" by no later than 5.00pm Friday 21 September 2007.

www.yarracity.vic.gov.au



Australian Government

Department of Education,
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Business Manager (South-West)

- Indigenous Education Division, Queensland
- DEST Level 3 (APS 6) - \$60,721 - \$67,812
- Reference No: 07-265

DEST Queensland is looking for people who have initiative, a commitment to excellence, strong analytical and problem solving capabilities, an ability to think conceptually as well as creatively, the capacity to communicate effectively with stakeholders, and to work within a team environment.

The Business Manager will work in a whole-of-government context with other Australian, State and local government agencies in working with, and administering DEST's Indigenous Education Programmes and whole-of-government activities to Indigenous communities and individuals in the south-west region.

In particular, the position will establish a productive working arrangement with the Roma ICC Manager and staff from other agencies in the ICC to progress overall DEST portfolio objectives.

The individual will have sound negotiation and liaison skills, be highly organised and be able to work independently.

The individual will be required to work in partnership and liaise directly with the Deputy State Manager, the Strategic Interventions Manager for the region, the Indigenous Education Manager in State Office, and other DEST Indigenous Education Division managers across Queensland.

The individual should have a good knowledge of all DEST's policies and programmes and an understanding of issues impacting on the education, training and transitional outcomes for Indigenous students.

An understanding of the needs and priorities of communities within the Roma Indigenous Coordination Centre's geographical area would be an advantage.

The successful applicant will be located in a DEST Office or the Indigenous Coordination Centre in the south-west region.

This is an Identified Position and the duties of this position will involve the development of policy or programmes relating to Indigenous Australian people, and/or involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities. You will need an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and have an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

Contact Officer: Shane Williams on (07) 3223 1001.

Applications close: 20 September 2007.

How to Apply

The selection documentation is available on our website at www.dest.gov.au/recruitment, or by 24 hour answering service on (02) 6240 9154.

Applications addressing the selection criteria may be emailed to recruitment@dest.gov.au, faxed to (02) 6123 5111 or mailed to:

The Recruitment Officer – Location 758
Department of Education, Science and Training
GPO Box 9880, CANBERRA ACT 2601

General Information

- These positions are a security assessed positions.
- Successful applicants for DEST Executive Level 2 jobs will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA) based on individual skills and experience.

www.dest.gov.au

DEST prides itself on being an 'employer of choice'. We offer a work environment where Caring for Our People is a priority, social and cultural diversity are valued and applications from Indigenous and disabled people are encouraged.

Community Awareness, Education and Training Project Officer

HeadSpace, Mid North Coast Community of Youth Services, seeks a dynamic, innovative and resourceful person to collaboratively plan, develop, implement and review community awareness, education and training programs.

People with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

An attractive salary package up to \$93,000 p.a. including private use of a vehicle is negotiable commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Closing Date: COB Friday, 28th September 2007.

For enquiries about the position ring Bruce Mercer on 0265687777 or 0437966526. Applicants can obtain an Information Package through www.headspace.org.au or by ringing Vicki Moncrieff on 0265687777.

Department of Sustainability and Environment

Indigenous Facilitator – The Living Murray, Barmah/Milewa

\$58,550 - \$66,431 + 9% Super

Position No: DSE 802805

The Department of Sustainability and Environment is seeking a highly motivated person to join the Living Murray Indigenous Partnerships Project to assist partner governments and the Murray Darling Basin Commission meet their consultation and communication responsibilities under The Living Murray Business Plan.

This fixed term position will work to enhance the relationship and understanding between Aboriginal communities, the Department and the MDBC and ensure that Indigenous involvement in planning and management is undertaken in a culturally appropriate manner.

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.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Friday, 28 September 2007

www.dse.vic.gov.au

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Tirkandi Inaburra
Cultural and Development Centre Inc

www.tirkandi.org.au

VACANCIES

Community Liaison Officer

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, have established links with ATSI communities across Tirkandi Inaburra's catchment area, and have a proven ability to liaise, consult and negotiate sensitively and effectively with ATSI peoples. Applicants will also be required to demonstrate that they possess good written skills and experience in the use of computers, a sound knowledge of the agencies and networks providing services and support to Indigenous youth and a strong work ethic with the ability to work within a team with minimal supervision to meet deadlines is essential.

Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre Inc consider that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) for this position.

Aftercare Co-ordinator

Applicants for this position must demonstrate an ability to establish effective communications and linkages with the ATSI communities in order to foster strengthen and maintain an ongoing and co-operative relationship. Applicants will also be required to demonstrate an ability to work collaboratively with schools, community agencies, generalist and specialist youth support agencies and culturally specific services to form and maintain relationships which will enhance the capacity of Tirkandi Inaburra to maximise access for our graduates to a broad range of educational, vocational and personal aftercare support services and transitioning programs. A strong work ethic and an ability to work within a team with minimal supervision to meet deadlines is essential.

Service Co-ordinator (Residential)

Applicants for this position must have a proven ability to lead and motivate staff, an ability to embrace and foster change and have proven management experience with highly developed organisational skills. Previous case management experience is desirable but not essential.

Case Work Manager

Applicants for this position must have tertiary qualification in a relevant field, or equivalent experience as a manager within a youth work/residential setting. Applicants must also possess excellent written/oral communication skills, an ability to develop and implement programs for Indigenous clients and stakeholders. The successful applicant must be flexible and have the ability to undertake a diverse range of tasks associated with supporting participants at this Centre to achieve their goals.

PLEASE NOTE ALL TIRKANDI INABURRA STAFF MUST POSSESS A CURRENT AND VALID DRIVERS LICENSE AT ALL TIMES AND OBTAIN A SNR FIRST AID CERTIFICATE WITHIN 2 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT

To request Applicant Packages which contain position descriptions and employment criteria please contact Liz Carroll on (02) 6954 4800 or email admin@tirkandi.org.au

Inquiries should be directed to the Assistant Manager Michelle Kilgower on (02) 6954 4800. Applications should be marked "Confidential" to the Executive Officer PO Box 134 Coleambally NSW 2707 or email emurray@tirkandi.org.au by the due date.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5pm FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2007.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Dept. of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/964-S	Lennard Shelf Pty Ltd	1626.5ha	28km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°23' Long 125°44'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/430	Lennard Shelf Pty Ltd	996.13ha	29km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°17' Long 125°50'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/431	Lennard Shelf Pty Ltd	231.32ha	23km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°18' Long 125°45'	Derby-West Kimberley
45/1123	MR Milwood Pty Ltd	29.59ha	16m E of Marble Bar	Lat 21°10' Long 119°45'	East Pilbara
52/779-82	Pulcor Operations Ltd	3569.51ha	14km N of Wiluna	Lat 25°20' Long 119°51'	Meekathana
57/464	Galeway Mining NL	609.50ha	81km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°16' Long 119°30'	Sandstone
59/582	Western Star Enterprises Pty Ltd	7.28ha	33km SE of Yalgoo	Lat 28°35' Long 116°51'	Yalgoo

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: 12 September 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 **12 December 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) 9226 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day **(i.e. 12 January 2008)**, there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE 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
04/1647	Jonathan Lindsay Bakeman	38.9km²	98km SW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°47' Long 124°54'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1656	Bina Diamonds NL	176.11km²	86km NW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°44' Long 124°55'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1661	King Leopold Diamonds Ltd	26.15km²	104km NW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°20' Long 125°09'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1662	King Leopold Diamonds Ltd	146.82km²	115km NW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°36' Long 121°41'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1544	Pitara Stone Pty Ltd	129.68km²	118km SE of Onslow	Lat 22°33' Long 115°38'	Ashburton
09/1787	Paul Winston Askins	6.3km²	164km S of Onslow	Lat 23°04' Long 115°31'	Ashburton
09/1441	Hooceine Ltd	185.2km²	96km E of Denham	Lat 25°52' Long 114°31'	Camaron
09/1442	Hooceine Ltd	215.67km²	50km E of Denham	Lat 25°59' Long 114°27'	Camaron/Shark Bay
09/1444	Ramton Pty Ltd	261.58km²	136km SW of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°16' Long 117°00'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1445	Wormal Camaron Pty Ltd	46.69km²	12km SE of Camaron	Lat 24°56' Long 113°44'	Camaron
15/502	Avoca Mining Ltd	43.8km²	19km SE of Widgemoor	Lat 31°38' Long 121°40'	Coongie
15/506	Bulaway Anomaly Mining Ltd	156.61km²	42km W of Widgemoor	Lat 31°33' Long 121°08'	Coongie
15/537	Bulaway Anomaly Mining Ltd	56.61km²	44km S of Coongie	Lat 31°21' Long 121°10'	Coongie
15/540	Mardon Mining Ltd	11.79km²	34km W of Coongie	Lat 30°51' Long 120°40'	Coongie
15/542	Heron Resources Ltd	23.49km²	28km SW of Coongie	Lat 31°08' Long 120°57'	Coongie
15/543	Danny Smith	11.75km²	27km SE of Coongie	Lat 31°07' Long 120°58'	Coongie
15/546	Anggodj Advent Australia Ltd	264.08km²	67km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°47' Long 122°18'	Coongie/Gundee
15/549	Avoca Resources Ltd	8.75km²	26km SE of Widgemoor	Lat 31°40' Long 121°40'	Coongie
15/561	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.91km²	37km SE of Widgemoor	Lat 31°41' Long 121°53'	Coongie
15/562	Charles George Chiffy	11.75km²	26km W of Coongie	Lat 31°07' Long 120°58'	Coongie
15/1000-1	Resapoint Exploration Pty Ltd	365.89km²	88km E of Koolberrong	Lat 30°58' Long 120°06'	Coongie
15/1004	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	123.76km²	42km E of Widgemoor	Lat 31°29' Long 122°01'	Coongie
15/1007	Lorson Resources Ltd	2.95km²	33km S of Widgemoor	Lat 31°45' Long 121°40'	Coongie
15/1008	Lorson Resources Ltd	5.83km²	31km SE of Widgemoor	Lat 31°46' Long 121°42'	Coongie
15/1016	Anggodj Advent Australia Ltd	11.85km²	67km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°50' Long 122°18'	Coongie
15/1017	Mico Resources NL	227.69km²	10km SW of Widgemoor	Lat 31°44' Long 121°57'	Coongie
15/1021	Alepis Ltd	82.78km²	52km NW of Coongie	Lat 30°52' Long 120°50'	Coongie
16/036	Royal William Allen	5.9km²	54km NW of Coongie	Lat 30°55' Long 120°47'	Coongie
16/046	Silver Mining Corporation Ltd	8.87km²	63km NW of Coongie	Lat 30°28' Long 120°50'	Coongie
16/047	Silver Mining Corporation Ltd	2.96km²	78km SW of Coongie	Lat 30°16' Long 120°29'	Coongie
16/048	Resapoint Exploration Pty Ltd	188.87km²	87km NE of Koolberrong	Lat 30°23' Long 120°18'	Coongie
20/864	Sublime Resources Pty Ltd	57.94km²	53km NW of Cue	Lat 27°07' Long 117°30'	Cue
25/343	Integra Mining Ltd	2.93km²	53km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°59' Long 120°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/350	Royal William Allen	29.4km²	64km NE of Kambalda	Lat 30°57' Long 122°16'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1679	Devent Pty Ltd	5.89km²	37km W of Kambalda	Lat 30°59' Long 124°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
36/581	Yedine Minerals Pty Ltd	213.51km²	73km NW of Laverton	Lat 27°22' Long 128°12'	Lorson/Sandstone
36/591	Yedine Minerals Pty Ltd	36.59km²	75km NW of Laverton	Lat 27°19' Long 128°14'	Lorson/Sandstone
36/617	Agnew Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	57.58km²	103km NW of Laverton	Lat 27°57' Long 130°36'	Lorson
36/644	Pocoddy Resources Pty Ltd	400.75km²	42km NW of Laverton	Lat 27°44' Long 128°18'	Lorson
36/646	Pocoddy Resources Pty Ltd	204.51km²	149km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°01' Long 121°51'	Lorson/Wiluna
36/678	Pocoddy Resources Pty Ltd	213.36km²	128km NW of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°11' Long 121°57'	Laverton
45/3069-65	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	6137.1km²	209km SW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°46' Long 124°04'	East Pilbara
45/3085	Pindall Pty Ltd	226.35km²	124km NE of Shy Gap	Lat 19°48' Long 121°03'	East Pilbara
47/1599	Yilgarn Mining (WA) Pty Ltd	1.45km²	16km N of Newman	Lat 28°13' Long 118°43'	East Pilbara
51/1225	Alchemy Resources (Marchionni) Pty Ltd	87.27km²	28km S of Meekathana	Lat 28°51' Long 118°28'	Meekathana
51/1226	Alchemy Resources (Marchionni) Pty Ltd	12.24km²	14km S of Meekathana	Lat 28°43' Long 118°28'	Meekathana
50/1343-4	Pocoddy Resources Pty Ltd	411.68km²	68km E of Wiluna	Lat 28°31' Long 120°14'	Wiluna
57/110	Malco Minerals Pty Ltd	123.91km²	41km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°14' Long 118°59'	Sandstone
57/124	Pocoddy Resources Pty Ltd	665.57km²	32km S of Sandstone	Lat 28°16' Long 119°21'	Sandstone
57/125	Pocoddy Resources Pty Ltd	193.12km²	48km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°23' Long 119°05'	Sandstone
57/127	Pocoddy Resources Pty Ltd	90.56km²	46km S of Sandstone	Lat 28°24' Long 119°25'	Sandstone
59/1207	Carlings Mining Pty Ltd	3.03km²	68km NE of Mulawa	Lat 29°00' Long 119°53'	Mulawa
69/1299	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	208.23km²	58km E of Morawa	Lat 29°18' Long 116°34'	Perenjori
69/1127	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	20.35km²	21km NE of Norseman	Lat 32°02' Long 121°53'	Dundas
69/1128	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	2.9km²	25km NE of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°54'	Dundas
69/1129	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	35.11km²	11km SE of Norseman	Lat 32°15' Long 121°52'	Dundas
69/1130	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	14.55km²	30km N of Norseman	Lat 31°55' Long 121°45'	Dundas
69/1131	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	20.37km²	22km N of Norseman	Lat 31°56' Long 121°45'	Dundas
69/1132	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	581.53km²	22km NW of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°27'	Dundas
69/1150	Maddison Resources Pty Ltd	100.87km²	100km E of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°50' Long 122°42'	Esperance
69/1165	Avoca Resources Ltd	203.73km²	48km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°56' Long 118°16'	Coongie/Gundee
70/3004	Pulcor Resources Ltd	452.02km²	39km S of Bencubbin	Lat 31°07' Long 117°36'	Nyngan/Trogon
70/3006	Sweeney Enterprises Pty Ltd	366.87km²	19km SE of Manjimup	Lat 34°22' Long 116°16'	Manjimup
70/3009	Pulcor Resources Ltd	265.75km²	23km SW of Koolberrong	Lat 34°01' Long 117°01'	Koolberrong
77/1367	Golden State Resources Ltd	36.65km²	96km NW of Koolberrong	Lat 33°02' Long 119°07'	Yilgarn
77/1368	Golden State Resources Ltd	36.73km²	123km N of Koolberrong	Lat 32°44' Long 119°13'	Yilgarn
77/1369	Golden State Resources Ltd	23.71km²	109km N of Koolberrong	Lat 32°53' Long 119°08'	Yilgarn
77/1390	Western Assets NL	25.54km²	33km N of Bulbin	Lat 30°53' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn

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: 12 September 2007

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **12 December 2007**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9226 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day **(i.e. 12 January 2008)**, 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, 230 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9975, Perth, WA 6001, telephone (08) 9260 9170.

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.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ELDER'S SERVICES (ACES)

A&TSI CACPs
(Community Aged Care Packages)

Program Co-ordinator

\$55,016 salary per annum including attractive salary packaging
The successful applicant will possess:

Ability to relate to older and disabled people with a caring and respectful approach, in an equal and non-judgemental manner.

Case management experience.

Ability to liaise with carers, aged care service providers and other relevant service providers within the continuum of care.

Team leadership skills.

PAG (Planned Activity Group)

Program Co-ordinator

\$55,016 salary per annum including attractive salary packaging
The successful applicant will possess:

Demonstrated ability to coordinate projects and programs including the ability to be positive, organised and flexible.

Ability to relate to older and disabled people with a caring and respectful approach, in an equal and non-judgemental manner.

High level of interpersonal skills and conflict resolution skills.

Skills in risk management, continuous improvement and quality management.

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 yvonnec@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: 19 September 2007.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Birrang Enterprise Development Company Ltd (Birrang), wishes to advise members that the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2006/2007 financial year will be held on Thursday 4th October 2007.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Birrang's premises at Orange:

Venue: 9 Colliers Ave, Orange, NSW, 2800

Time: 9.30 a.m.

The following business shall be transacted at the AGM:

- Confirmation of minutes of the last annual general meeting, and any other meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.
- Chairperson's Report of the company's activities during the year.
- Tabling of Birrang's Financial Report.
- Election of new Board Members.
- Election of new Directors to the Board.
- Election of Chairperson.
- Election of an Executive Committee by the Board.
- Appointment of an auditor.
- Any other business on the agenda for the AGM.

Any Member who wishes to bring any other business before this meeting must, in accordance with the Constitution give notice in writing of that business to the Chairperson not less than (1) week prior to the date of the meeting

Greg Murray

Chairperson

Birrang Enterprise Development Company Limited.

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



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

GRADE 1

Grosvenor Centre
Metro South Region
Summer Hill

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-07-07530

Total remuneration package is valued at up to \$71,537 per annum (Salary \$46,320 pa to \$64,827 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide direct Physiotherapy services to clients with complex needs, across all age groups in a large residential and group home settings.

Selection Criteria:

- Recognised Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy and eligibility for membership of Australian Association of Physiotherapists.
- A minimum of three years post graduate experience.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the management of physiotherapy interventions for people with high medical support needs with an intellectual and physical disability.
- Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to liaise within the Department, with families and carers and with relevant outside agencies.
- Demonstrated computer skills including Microsoft applications.
- Knowledge of the Disability Services Act 1993.
- Current Driver's licence.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and MUST complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Tracy Murray or Yvonne Turiano (02) 9797 8133

Information Package: Gina Giannini or Dianne Haggerty (02) 9797 8133

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 21 September 2007.

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16061	Part 1: Approx. 14 km NE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°18'S Long.139°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 3 km E from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°21'S Long.139°54'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 48 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1104 h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1105 f, l, q 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 1103 y 1175 d, j, o, t	Mt Dockerell Mining Pty Ltd 009 242 997
EPM16209	Approx. 57 km SW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.21°0'S Long.140°04'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 61 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 817 a, p, t, u, x, y, z 889 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u	CNW Pty Ltd 009 669 836 (50%) Brian Keith Altholson (50%)

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

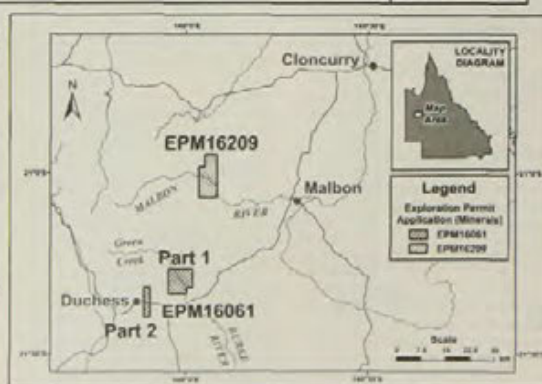
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 3 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Indigenous Cadetship Program Commencing in 2007

Stockland, one of Australia's largest diversified property groups, is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to join our Indigenous Cadetship Program in 2007.

Applicants must:

- be enrolled in full-time study at a TAFE college or university in Australia, and
- be enrolled in a diploma, advanced diploma or undergraduate degree course

Stockland was founded in 1952 and listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) in 1957. Today, Stockland is one of the largest and most diversified property groups in Australia with interests in retail, commercial, industrial and residential property investment and development, and unlisted property funds. Stockland currently has total assets in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom of over \$10 billion and a market capitalisation in excess of \$11 billion.

As a recognised employer of choice and winner of the Hewitt 2006/07 Best Employer Award as well as being named the Federal Government's 2007 Employer of Choice for Women, Stockland regards its people as its most valuable asset. Stockland nurtures a culture of mutual respect and an environment which is inclusive, allowing employees to develop both personally and professionally.

If you have an interest in building your career within the exciting world of property, then we would like to hear from you.

We are looking for students who are studying in one of the following disciplines: Accounting, Commerce, Finance, Economics, Business, Combined Law, Property Management or Marketing. Ideally, you will also have solid academic results, be a good team worker and a good communicator.

Cadetship Program: provides two successful candidates with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and learn more about Stockland, and property investment and development. The successful candidates will be assigned to one of the divisions in our Sydney office for ten weeks over the summer break commencing in 2007/08.

Financial Assistance: will be provided to successful candidates living out of Sydney to cover relocation costs. All cadets will receive a living allowance and paid work placement.

Application Process: to apply, please send a copy of your CV and academic results to: Ian Martin, General Manager, Indigenous Success Australia, PO Box 6090, Phillip ACT 2606 or fax to 02 6299 3225. Applications close 21 September 2007.

For Further Information: for an application kit or further enquiries about the program, please contact Ian Martin or John Jeffery from Indigenous Success Australia on Ph: 02 6299 3223 or email: imartin@isagroup.com.au or jjeffery@isagroup.com.au. For more information about Stockland please visit our website: www.stockland.com.au



Exciting new job opportunities

Total Remuneration
Branch Manager \$68,051-81,383
Service Coordinator \$51,784 - 63,114 pa
(Including leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.)

The NSW Department of Ageing Disability & Home Care is committed to improving outcomes and helping Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders communities meet their goals. In our work with older people, people with a disability and their families and carers, we work with Indigenous communities to develop and deliver better services.

DADHC operates eight Aboriginal Branches of Home Care Service and we are offering three exciting opportunities to help us achieve these objectives. The positions are located in the Hunter and the Northern regions.

The Aboriginal Home Care branches provide culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal clients and are a referral point for other home and community care services.

Branch Manager Positions x 2

The successful applicants must be Aboriginal and will be required to work within the allocated Branch budget, while still delivering a quality service that meets the customers' needs. The Branch Manager will have the capacity to build relationships and partnerships and have the ability to lead and manage staff. The Branch Manager is accountable for the planning, delivery and monitoring of services to some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

There is one position at the Daramul Branch, which can be located at Newcastle or Gosford, and one position at the Bundjalung Branch, which can be located either at a DADHC office in the Far North Coast or Coffs Harbour.

Service Co-ordinator

The successful applicant must be Aboriginal and provide case management of HACC clients to enable Aboriginal frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to live independently in their own homes. The position is based in Maitland within the Daramul Branch.

Inquiries:

Daramul Branch: Rob Watkins (02) 4908 5200.

Bundjalung Branch: Alison Schultz (02) 6774 8900.

Closing date: 28 September 2007

Inquiries: Robert Watkins (02) 4908 5200.

Information Package: Lisa Leslie on 02 4904 5007.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': to: Apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to: HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160 Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing Date: 28 September 2007.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

DADHC 00000

Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative

Located in Bairnsdale, Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative Limited (GEGAC) is the largest Aboriginal organisation in the Gippsland area.

GEGAC is committed to the delivery of high quality services to the Aboriginal community from Sale East to the NSW border to improve economic, social and cultural well being for this generation and future generations.

The following challenging positions are available within GEGAC's Elders, HACC & Disability Division.

HACC Service Coordinator & Case Manager

Part-time (0.6) Position

The HACC Service Coordinator position is responsible for providing ongoing care and review of registered clients, case management and service coordination. The development of care plans are the cornerstone of our service to the frail and aged elders, indigenous people with a disability and their carers in the Gippsland region. Applicants will need to demonstrate a sound knowledge of HACC services, have an interest in, and commitment to working with the Indigenous community, and have completed a Human Services or Community Development course of study, and/or relevant experience. Experience and competence in research, reporting and organisational procedures is required.

Aboriginal HACC Liaison Officer

Part-time (0.4) Position

The role of the worker will be to improve access to, and the quality of Home and Community Care (HACC) services, for members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities within the East Gippsland, local government area. Applicants will need to demonstrate a sound knowledge of HACC services, have an interest in, and commitment to working with the Indigenous community, and have completed a Human Services or Community Development course of study, and/or relevant experience.

Experience and competence in basic research, reporting and organisational procedures would also be an advantage.

Community Aged Care Packages Case Worker

Full-time Position

GEGAC is the recipient of 31 federally funded, Community Aged Care Packages (CACP's). Community Aged Care Packages are a key element in ensuring that staying at home rather than entering residential care is a real option for those older Australians who choose to do so and offer an integrated package of services for frail older people, providing for example, home help, laundry, shopping, assistance with meals and bathing.

The CACP's Case Worker has the primary role of ensuring that vulnerable and dependent frail aged people, whose needs cannot be adequately addressed through the existing service system, are provided with appropriate, flexible and co-ordinated support and assistance.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply. All the above positions are subject to ongoing funding, and there is a requirement to possess and retain a current driver's licence.

All interested persons should contact GEGAC reception on 5150-0700 for position description and application information. Applicants will need to address the Key Selection Criteria in their application.

Applications should be marked "Private & Confidential" and addressed to: Operations Manager, Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative, PO Box 634, BAIRNSDALE 3875.

Applications for this position close at 5:00pm on Friday September 21st.

Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative reserves the right not to appoint.

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1110	Approx. 75 km WSW from Taroom Centred at approximate Lat.25°40'S Long.149°03'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Taroom and Bungil	Area: 739 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 238 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1357 c, k, p 1358 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 1428 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 1429 i, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1430 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 1500 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 1501 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 1502 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1572 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 1573 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 1574 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	Tilox Resources Pty Ltd 122 837 503
EPC1118	Approx. 27 km SSE from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat.26°21'S Long.150°03'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Taroom and Murilla	Area: 81 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 27 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1945 q, v, w 2017 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	Cougar Energy UGC Pty Ltd 104 226 431

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

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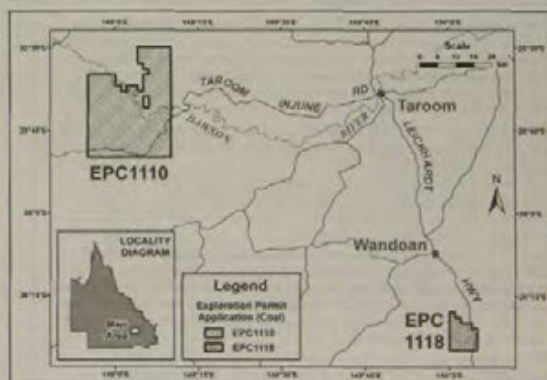
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Notification Day: 3 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer - Creative Writing

Position No.: 18079

Fixed term appointment for 3 years commencing October 2007 - Alice Springs, NT

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 for 6 months commencing October 2007 - Batchelor, NT

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.

Desktop Publisher

Position No.: 18566

Fixed term appointment for 1 year commencing ASAP Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Administration Officer Level 361
\$43,594 - \$46,996

This position provides high level desktop publishing in a range of areas of publication within the Institute, adhering to policies, standards and procedures.

Applications close Friday 21 September 2007.

For further information, the Selection Criteria's and the information for applicants sheet are all 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.

Fancy a job in Cairns?

Brand new mental health service
model for Queensland

Several positions

Pathways

Pathways Rehabilitation and Support Services Inc. is the major provider of community based psychosocial rehabilitation support services to people with mental health issues in the Barwon Region of Victoria. In collaboration with Cairns and Hinterland Mental Health Service the organisation is about to provide a number of programs in Cairns.

Pathways is now seeking energetic individuals to assist with independent living skills, social skills, self-management strategies such as problem-solving, goal-setting/planning and stress management, community involvement, financial management and emotional support, within two settings.

PARC (Prevention and Recovery Care) Support Workers

The PARC Support Worker provides rehabilitation and support services to participants with complex issues in a short term residential setting.

CRRS (Community Rehabilitation and Reintegration Service) Support Workers

The CRRS support worker provides rehabilitation and support services on an outreach model to participants living in the community.

Preferred applicants will have qualifications and/or experience in mental health settings. SACS Award applies with generous terms and conditions and substantial salary packaging.

Enquiries to Jennifer Black on (03) 5229 8295. More information and to apply, visit www.pathways.org.au by 26th September or send to PO Box 7168, Geelong West, Victoria 3218.

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EPM16036	Approx. 91 km WNW from Emerald Centred at approximate Lat.23°09'S Long.147°21'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Belyando and Peak Downs	Area: 306 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 97 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2632 p, u, z 2633 f, l, m, q, r, v, w, x 2704 d, e, j, k, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2705 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2706 q, r, v, w 2776 d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 2777 a, h, e, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2778 a, b, c, f, g, h 2849 a, h, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM16040	Approx. 19 km W from Emerald Centred at approximate Lat.23°31'S Long.147°59'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Peak Downs and Emerald	Area: 108 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 34 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3000 o, p, l, u, y, z 3001 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3072 d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3073 a, f	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017

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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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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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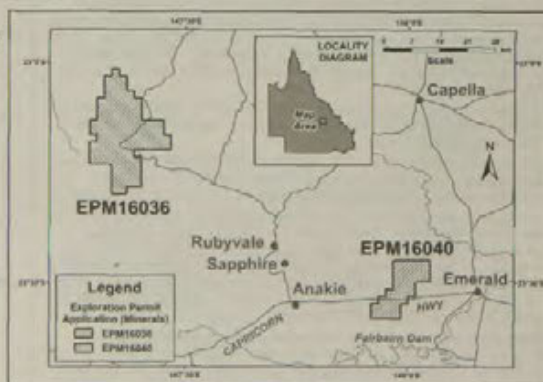
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1160 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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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.

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Notification Day: 3 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

CASE MANAGER FAMILY SUPPORT

Australian Red Cross (ARC) is part of the world's largest humanitarian network. Our vision - to improve the lives of vulnerable people in Australia and internationally by mobilising the power of humanity - is shared by members, volunteers and employees.

Are you passionate about improving the lives of vulnerable people? The Australian Red Cross Referral for Active Intervention (RAI) Service will enable you to do just that.

The RAI service provides intensive support to Indigenous 'at risk' families by assisting them with a variety of different parenting techniques to improve their safety and wellbeing. This position is responsible for working with these families through a flexible case management approach to meet mutually agreed goals and sustainable outcomes.

To find out more about the Family Support Services currently run by Australian Red Cross at other sites, visit www.redcross.org.au/qld/services_youth_parenting.htm

Full Time position Townsville based
Remuneration Package: \$46,953 - \$49,212pa. (incl. super)
Generous Salary Packaging options available

Australian Red Cross is committed to increasing the number of Indigenous people employed in programs across the organisation. Applicants from Indigenous backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply. Red Cross is a child safe organisation, requiring all candidates to be screened for suitability to work with children, youth and vulnerable people. Visit www.redcross.org.au/qld for an application pack or phone 07 3367 7222 during business hours.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 21 September 2007.



Australian Red Cross



Centacare NT

Centacare NT is a Social Service Agency of the Catholic Diocese of Darwin. Centacare NT provides a range of family focused alcohol services, family services, employment and community development programs. Centacare NT has the following employment opportunities available:

TEAM LEADER MONEY BUSINESS PROGRAM (Tennant Creek)

Centacare Tennant Creek is seeking a full time Team leader to oversee and assist in the management of the Indigenous Financial Management program. The program is designed to develop the capacity of Indigenous individuals and families to effectively manage income to achieve improved living standards.

Applicants who have previous supervisory experience, knowledge of financial literacy issues and the ability to work well within a team, will be highly regarded.

FAMILY SUPPORT COUNSELLOR (Tennant Creek)

We are seeking a full time Counsellor to work within our Family Support Program.

To be considered, you require a degree in psychology, social work or equivalent. Relevant experience working with family and relationship counselling would be an advantage.

Proven commitment to working with Aboriginal people and willingness to undertake a criminal history check is required.

If these positions interest you, please forward a resume with covering letter to Human Resources by Friday 21 September 2007.

Leila Pankhurst
Human Resources Coordinator
Ph: (08) 8944 2033 Fax: (08) 8947 4222
Email: lpankhurst@centacare-nt.org.au
PO Box 132, Berrimah NT 0828.

Calendar

To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

Ongoing: Free Aboriginal Karate Classes. The Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council and Seido Karate Kazoku Dojo would like to invite you to join our program. Bus leaves The Settlement at 5 pm sharp every Monday and will return after class from Strathfield Girls High at 7pm. All participants should be home before 8pm. Ages 5-18 with uniform supplied. All welcome. Details call Linda Crawford on (02) 9228 8106 or Strathfield Girls High School on (0401) 988 409 or (02) 9629 6538.

Until 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

Until 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.

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'Aso on (07) 3840 7239 or email Elizabeth.Faaso@slq.qld.gov.au or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

Until 22 September: The Story of the Miracles at Cookie's Table by Wesley Enoch is a powerful family saga spanning four generations on Stradbroke Island. Featuring Roxanne McDonald, Leah Purcell and Russell Smith. Held at SBW Stables Theatre, Kings Cross, NSW. Time Monday at 6:30pm. Tuesday to Saturday at 8pm. Cost involved. Details call 1300 306 776 or visit www.griffintheatre.com.au

Until 26 September: Referees wanted for the 17th 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 28 September: Housing NSW Youth Scholarship. Housing NSW is awarding a number of scholarships to students living in social housing and planning to study years 11 or 12 of the HSC in 2008. To be eligible you should be doing well in your studies and have a good attendance record. Social housing covers public, community and Aboriginal housing. Details call 1800 629 212 or email melisa.nikolas@housing.nsw.gov.au or visit www.housing.nsw.gov.au

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. Co-ordinating Mentor provided. Details: Sara Hamilton on

Until 18 November: The 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards. Visit www.darwinfestival.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/birruing

Until 27 December: Koori Line Dancing Classes. Come and join in the fun, have a laugh and get fit all at the same time. Held at Redfern Town Hall from 5.30 - 6.30pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Details call Laurel on (02) 9319 5823 or visit www.julietalbot.com

Until 31 December: Men and Family Centre. Dads and Kids Playgroup is a child friendly and fun environment providing a unique opportunity for Dads to play with their children and connect with other dads or male carers. Held at the YWCA, Goonellabah, Monday's and Thursday's from 10am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details call Michael Webb on (02) 6622 6116 or email events@nor.com.au

15 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

15 September: Darebin Music Feast Indigenous Program. Blak Cab. Centered around their identity as Aboriginal men from south-eastern Australia, Blak Cab offers an intimate night of story telling about culture, community and Aboriginal survival. Held in Thornbury. All welcome with free entry. Details call Claire Franklin on (03) 9481 4155 mobile (0411) 099 681 or visit www.darebin.vic.gov.au/dmf

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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
EPC1083	Approx. 13 km SSW from Yarraman Centred at approximate Lat.26°56'S Long.151°54'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Nanango, Rosalie and Crows Nest	Area: 651 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 213 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2326 s, t, x, y, z 2327 e, k, p, u 2328 f, l, q, v, w, x 2398 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2399 a, f, g, l, m, q 2400 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y 2470 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2471 g, h, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2472 b, c, d, h, j, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2473 q, v 2542 c, d, e 2543 a, b, c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 2544 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w 2545 a, f, l, v, w 2615 e, k, p, u, z 2616 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2617 a, b 2687 e, k, p, u, z 2688 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2689 f, g, h, l, m, n, q, v 2760 a, h, c, f, g, h	Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095

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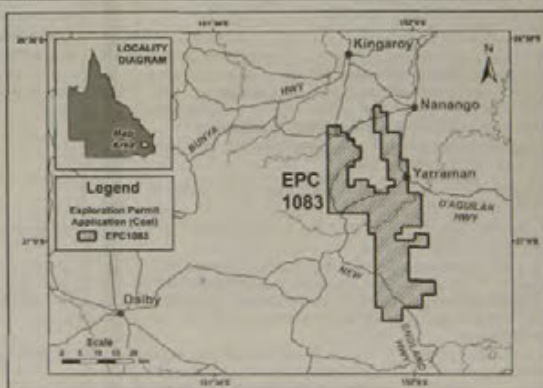
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Notification Day: 3 October 2007



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15-24 September: Heading Home-To Sing About Country. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see and meet an amazing singer songwriter Rhubee Neale and Band members Kenneth Smith and Zac Lambert who are heading home to performing at the Alice Desert Festival. Held on the Main Stage at the Hub Space, Alice Springs between 4-5pm. Details call Rhubee on (0403) 294 890 or email Rhubee_ken@yahoo.com.au or visit www.musicforte/member/rhubee

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

18 September: Close the Gap Day. Join the 75,000 Australians who have already

shown their support for a long-term solution to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health crisis. Details call (03) 9289 9444 or toll free 1800 088 110 or visit www.oxfam.org.au/national-day

18-19 September: Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place. Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians from Melbourne's Eastern Metropolitan Region will commemorate 40 years since the 1967 Referendum. "Stepping Up! Walking Together! 40 Years as 'Citizens'", will address the real

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NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF WATER & ENERGY

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

The ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY (NSW) has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE for:

1 x 150MM SUBMERSIBLE PUMP within Lot 20/753335 in the Parish of CUMBORROONA, County of GOULBURN.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6024 8859.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 10th October, 2007. Please quote the application number 50WA506111 on all correspondence.

Clare Purdie, Senior Licensing Officer
MURRAY REGION
Department of Water & Energy
PO BOX 829, ALBURY NSW 2640

Commencement Date: 12th September, 2007.
Closing Date: 10th October, 2007. (043304791)

PASQUALE NAPOLI and MARY NAPOLI have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 103/751703 in the Parish of GOGELDRIE, County of COOPER or at adjacent to Lot 152/751703 in the Parish of GOGELDRIE, County of COOPER.

For Irrigation at/adjacent to Lots 70, 102, 103, 106, 148, 152, 159 & 199 /751703 in the Parish of GOGELDRIE, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 10/10/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404903 on all correspondence.

Steven Webb, Licensing Manager
MURRUMBIDGE REGION
Department of Water and Energy
PO BOX 156, LEETON, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 12/09/2007.
Closing Date: 10/10/2007. (04233048)

DAVID ANTHONY STAR, GREGORY FRANCIS STAR and MICHAEL GERARD STAR have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 8/225796 in the Parish of MORTON, County of TOWNSEND

For Irrigation at/adjacent to Lot 8/225796 in the Parish of MORTON, County of TOWNSEND

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530700.

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 10/10/2007. Please quote the application number 1115 on all correspondence.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager
MURRUMBIDGE REGION
Department of Water and Energy
P O BOX 156, LEETON, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 12/09/2007.
Closing Date: 10/10/2007. (04233048)

GIUSEPPE FERDINANDO PUNTORIERO and YVONNE PUNTORIERO have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, for a BORE at/adjacent to Lot 280/704439 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE, County of COOPER for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 280/704439 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE, County of COOPER.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 25/09/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404880 on all correspondence.

Steve Webb, Licensing Manager
MURRUMBIDGE REGION
Department of Water and Energy
PO Box 156, LEETON, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 28/08/2007.
Closing Date: 25/09/2007. (042 100796)

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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EPM15434	Approx. 140 km WSW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°48'S Long.142°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon	Area: 505 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 156 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2283 m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2284 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2285 l, m, q, r, v, w 2355 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 2356 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 2357 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2427 d, c, j, k, p 2428 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2429 a, b, f, l, q, v 2499 k 2500 e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2501 a, f, l, q, v 2572 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2573 a, f, l, q, v	Independence Group NL 092 786 304
EPM16120	Approx. 109 km WSW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°51'S Long.142°37'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon	Area: 97 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 30 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2431 o, p, t, u, z 2432 l, q, v 2503 e 2504 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z	King Eagle Resources Pty Limited 094 888 687
EPM16123	Approx. 54 km SW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°49'S Long.143°10'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge	Area: 32 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2438 s, t, u, x, y, z 2439 q, r, v, w	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195
EPM16182	Part 1: Approx. 26 km SW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°41'S Long.143°23'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge Part 2: Approx. 41 km SSW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°53'S Long.143°23'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge Part 3: Approx. 35 km SSW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°54'S Long.143°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge	Area of Part 1: 113 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 35 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2296 r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2297 q, v, w 2369 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, t, w 2370 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2441 b Area of Part 2: 32 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2513 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u Area of Part 3: 13 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2515 n, s, w, x	Eastern Prospector Pty Ltd 122 557 082
EPM16195	Approx. 78 km WSW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°51'S Long.142°55'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Croydon and Etheridge	Area: 324 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2434 f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2435 q, r, v, w, x, y, z 2437 v, w 2506 a, b, c, d, e, j, k 2507 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, p, u 2508 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 2509 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2580 e 2581 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Nottum Pty Ltd 123 515 560

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code e.g. 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(a), 22nd August, 2001.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3696 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.

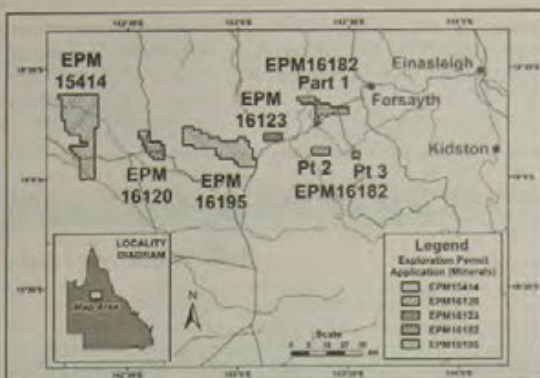
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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, 219 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, 219 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 3 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that GINGERTOM RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 116 348 915) of 32 Beulah Road, Norwood South Australia 5067, registered holder and mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3373)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 50 km east of Kingoonya, referred to as **Pyramid Bore Area** and is the land bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°40'S and longitude 135°41'E, thence east to longitude 135°50'E, south to latitude 30°48'S, east to longitude 135°57'E, south to latitude 30°56'S, west to longitude 135°48'E, north to latitude 30°54'S, west to longitude 135°41'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA of the land: approximately 548 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3377)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 100 km southwest of Whyalla, referred to as **Wild Horse Plain Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Area A
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°38'S and longitude 136°27'E, thence east to longitude 136°28'E, south to latitude 33°39'S, west to longitude 136°27'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area B
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°23'S and longitude 136°45'E, thence east to longitude 136°52'E, south to latitude 33°29'S, west to longitude 136°49'E, north to latitude 33°25'S, west to longitude 136°47'E, south to latitude 33°31'S, east to longitude 136°51'E, south to latitude 33°35'S, west to longitude 136°48'E, north to latitude 33°34'S, west to longitude 136°47'E, north to latitude 33°33'S, west to longitude 136°46'E, south to latitude 33°34'S, west to longitude 136°45'E, south to latitude 33°35'S, west to longitude 136°44'E, south to latitude 33°36'S, west to longitude 136°43'E, south to latitude 33°37'S, west to longitude 136°42'E, south to latitude 33°39'S, east to longitude 136°43'E, south to latitude 33°40'S, west to longitude 136°42'E, south to latitude 33°41'S, west to longitude 136°41'E, south to latitude 33°42'S, east to longitude 136°45'E, south to latitude 33°45'S, west to longitude 136°30'E, north to latitude 33°41'S, east to longitude 136°29'E, north to latitude 33°38'S, east to longitude 136°30'E, north to latitude 33°37'S, west to longitude 136°23'E, north to latitude 33°35'S, east to longitude 136°25'E, north to latitude 33°33'S, east to longitude 136°28'E, north to latitude 33°30'S, east to longitude 136°45'E, north to the southern boundary of Sheoak Hill Conservation Park, thence generally easterly, northerly and westerly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to longitude 136°45'E, and north to the point of commencement but excluding Sheoak Hill Conservation Park and Yelduknie Conservation Park.

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA of the land: approximately 816 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3438)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 60 km northeast of Tarcoola, referred to as **Muckanipple Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°06'S and longitude 134°09'E, thence east to longitude 134°18'E, south to latitude 30°07'S, east to longitude 134°19'E, south to latitude 30°13'S, east to longitude 134°20'E, south to latitude 30°16'S, west to longitude 134°16'E, south to latitude 30°20'S, west to longitude 134°05'E, north to latitude 30°17'S, west to longitude 134°03'E, north to latitude 30°09'S, east to longitude 134°06'E, north to latitude 30°08'S, east to longitude 134°09'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 of the land: approximately 572 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3628)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 40 km north northeast of Port Lincoln, referred to as **Tumby Bay Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 34°20'S and longitude 136°06'E, thence east to a line parallel to, and 800 metres inland from highwater mark, Tumby Bay, thence generally southerly and westerly along the said parallel line to longitude 135°57'E, north to latitude 34°25'S, east to longitude 135°59'E, north to latitude 34°23'S, east to longitude 136°00'E, north to latitude 34°22'S, east to longitude 136°01'E, north to latitude 34°21'S, east to longitude 136°06'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 of the land: approximately 185 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3652)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 80 km southwest of Port Augusta, referred to as **Mullaquana Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°51'S and longitude 137°28'E, thence east to longitude 137°31'E, south to latitude 32°55'S, east to a western boundary of Gultana Army Land, thence generally southeasterly along the boundary of the said Land to a line parallel to, and 800 metres inland from highwater mark, False Bay, thence generally northwesterly along the said parallel line to an eastern boundary of BHP Indenture Act 1937 Land, thence generally westerly along the boundary of the said Land to an eastern boundary of Whyalla Conservation Park, thence generally northwesterly, southwesterly and southeasterly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to a western boundary of BHP Indenture Act Land, thence generally southeasterly along the boundary of the said Land to a line parallel to, and 800 metres inland from highwater mark, Spencer Gulf (western side), thence generally southwesterly along the said parallel line to latitude 33°15'S, west to longitude 137°21'E, south to the northern boundary of Munyaroo Conservation Park, thence generally westerly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to longitude 137°20'E, north to latitude 33°15'S, west to longitude 137°15'E, north to latitude 33°09'S, east to longitude 137°21'E, north to latitude 33°01'S, east to longitude 137°28'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area A
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°53'S and longitude 134°54'E, thence east to longitude 135°02'E, south to latitude 30°50'S, west to longitude 135°01'E, south to latitude 30°51'S, west to longitude 135°00'E, north to latitude 30°49'S, west to longitude 134°52'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area B
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°50'S and longitude 134°57'E, thence east to longitude 134°58'E, south to latitude 30°51'S, west to longitude 134°57'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area C
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°53'S and longitude 134°54'E, thence east to longitude 134°56'E, south to latitude 30°55'S, west to longitude 134°54'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area D
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°52'S and longitude 135°01'E, thence east to longitude 135°03'E, south to latitude 30°55'S, west to longitude 135°02'E, south to latitude 30°56'S, east to longitude 135°03'E, south to latitude 30°57'S, west to longitude 135°02'E, south to latitude 30°58'S, west to longitude 134°58'E, north to latitude 30°57'S, east to longitude 135°00'E, north to latitude 30°53'S, east to longitude 135°01'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area E
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°51'S and longitude 135°13'E, thence east to longitude 135°15'E, south to latitude 30°52'S, east to longitude 135°24'E, south to latitude 30°56'S, east to longitude 135°26'E, south to latitude 31°00'S, west to longitude 135°31'E, south to latitude 31°01'S, east to longitude 135°22'E, north to latitude 31°00'S, west to

Area B
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°30'S and longitude 137°15'E, thence north to the southern boundary of Munyaroo Conservation Park, thence generally easterly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to a line parallel to, and 800 metres inland from highwater mark, Spencer Gulf (western side), thence generally southwesterly along the said parallel line to latitude 33°30'S, and west to the point of commencement.

Area C
All that portion of land bounded by a southern boundary of Gultana Army Land and a line parallel to, and 800 metres inland from highwater mark, Spencer Gulf (western side).

Area D
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°19'S and longitude 137°12'E, thence east to longitude 137°15'E, south to the northern boundary of Munyaroo Conservation Park, thence generally southwesterly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to longitude 137°12'S, and north to the point of commencement.

Area E
All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA of the land: approximately 666 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3655)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 70 km southeast of Tarcoola, referred to as **Kingoonya Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Area A
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°48'S and longitude 134°52'E, thence east to longitude 135°02'E, south to latitude 30°50'S, west to longitude 135°01'E, south to latitude 30°51'S, west to longitude 135°00'E, north to latitude 30°49'S, west to longitude 134°52'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area B
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°50'S and longitude 134°57'E, thence east to longitude 134°58'E, south to latitude 30°51'S, west to longitude 134°57'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area C
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°53'S and longitude 134°54'E, thence east to longitude 134°56'E, south to latitude 30°55'S, west to longitude 134°54'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area D
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°52'S and longitude 135°01'E, thence east to longitude 135°03'E, south to latitude 30°55'S, west to longitude 135°02'E, south to latitude 30°56'S, east to longitude 135°03'E, south to latitude 30°57'S, west to longitude 135°02'E, south to latitude 30°58'S, west to longitude 134°58'E, north to latitude 30°57'S, east to longitude 135°00'E, north to latitude 30°53'S, east to longitude 135°01'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area E
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°51'S and longitude 135°13'E, thence east to longitude 135°15'E, south to latitude 30°52'S, east to longitude 135°24'E, south to latitude 30°56'S, east to longitude 135°26'E, south to latitude 31°00'S, west to longitude 135°31'E, south to latitude 31°01'S, east to longitude 135°22'E, north to latitude 31°00'S, west to

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issues affecting Victorian Indigenous Australians today. Held at Hawthorn Town Hall. Details call Julie Saunders on (03) 9725 2166 or email jsaunders@mmigp.com.au or Trevor Pearce on (0408) 979 346 or visit www.mmigp.org.au

19 September: Driver Licensing Program. This is a workshop for Aboriginal people to gain skills and knowledge to help get a drivers licence. Held at the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, Airds from 9.30am-12.30pm. Details call Maureen or Hilda on (02) 4628 4837.

19 September: Indigenous Elders, archives and culture survival in remote Australia. Don't miss this opportunity to discover a unique part of Australia's past. The collection contains photographs and recordings from the 1920s of Indigenous communities in Arnhem Land. A rare opportunity to see the splendours of this collection and hear a Yolngu Elder explain its significance to traditional cultural survival. From 11am-12.30pm. All welcome and is a free event. Details call Deborah McBurnie on (02) 9273 1768 or (0400) 020 896 or email dmcburnie@sl.nsw.gov.au

19 September – 13 October: Lincoln Austin – Still Moving Exhibition. Details call Andrew Baker on (07) 3252 2292 or mobile (0412) 990 356 or visit www.andrew-baker.com

20 September: Bush Biodiversity Launch Night. Mark Olive aka The Black Olive will be doing an indigenous cooking demonstration at the Romy Theatre in Bingara, Northern Slopes NSW. All

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welcome. Details call Rachel Gleeson on (02) 6724 2036 or (0427) 291 073.

21 September: Marty Gordon Memorial NAIDOC Golf Day. Prizes include Men's, Women's, Mixed Winners and runners up, longest drive, nearest to pins, Bradmans and best dressed individual. Cost \$30 per person including golf and meals or \$50 per person including golf, meals, embroidered shirt/souvenir golf ball. Held at Dubbo Golf Club from 9.30-11am with a light breakfast and lunch provided. Details call Roslyn Gordon on (02) 6841 2123 or email roslyn.gordon@det.nsw.edu.au

21 September: Darebin Music Feast Indigenous Program, Blak Nite Out. Some of Australia's finest Indigenous songwriters come together in an evening of top-notch musical entertainment. All welcome with free entry. Held in Preston. Details call Claire Franklin on (03) 9481 4155 mobile (0411) 099 681 or visit www.darebin.vic.gov.au/dmf

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.com.au 132 849 or visit acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

22 September: True Colours Exhibition. Miroma 2007 Exhibition; The Stone Gallery. Held at Paddington Uniting Church at Paddington Markets from 10am-3pm. All welcome. Details call Kim Topoki on (02) 9337 5167 or mobile (0412) 134 621 or email ktpoki@miroma.org

23 September: Cathy Peachey Indigenous Athletics Carnival. The Indigenous Sport Program, NSW Sport and Recreation are holding an Indigenous youth athletics carnival to improve opportunities for country kids to be able to participate in sport and develop sport and recreation skills. Held at Barden Park, Dubbo from 7am for breakfast and starts at 8am. Ages 6 - 18 years. Free entry, all welcome. Details call Ronny Gibbs on (02) 6884 9815 mobile (0417) 663 730 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

25 September: Koori Job Ready Course Information Session. Held at Yaama Training Centre, Darlinghurst from 10am onwards. Details call Terry Kelly on (02) 9202 9100 mobile (0423) 414 643 or Rohan Tobler on (02) 9749 0400 mobile (0414) 137 816.

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.com.au 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

26 September: UWS Neon Aboriginal Careers and Tertiary Education Expo. The aim of the expo is to familiarise, engage and connect the Unemployed, Students and those considering leaving studies to an array of employment, educational and vocational training opportunities that are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across all age groups. Stall registration due by 15 September. Held at the University of Western Sydney, Kingswood Campus. Details call Mark Spinks on (02) 9243 3546 or mobile (0411) 282 917 or email mark.mv.spinks@centrelink.gov.au

27 September: Will and Toby Live. Cost \$12-\$15 per person. Time 10-11pm. Held at Darlinghurst, Sydney. For more details call (02) 9331 7073 or visit www.willandtobys.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

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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
EPM15737	Approx. 78 km E from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°53'S Long.140°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 109 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2265 k 2266 f, l, q, v 2337 e, k, p, u, z 2338 a, f, l, q, v 2409 e, k, p, u, z 2410 a, f, l, q, v 2481 e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 2482 a, f 2552 e, k, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y 2553 a, b, f, g, l 2623 k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2624 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, q, r, v, w 2695 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2696 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2767 d, e 2768 a, b	Intermin Resources Limited 007 761 186
EPM16130	Approx. 86 km E from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°04'S Long.140°44'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Boulia and Diamantina	Area: 315 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2624 d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2625 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 2626 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2696 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2697 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2698 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, r	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890
EPM16131	Approx. 116 km SE from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°42'S Long.140°39'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 314 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3128 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 3129 a, f, l, q, r, v, w 3200 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 3201 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 3272 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 3273 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890
EPM16133	Approx. 94 km ESE from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°11'S Long.140°47'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Boulia, Diamantina and Winton	Area: 315 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2698 n, o, p, q, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2699 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2768 c, d, h, j, o, p, t, u, z 2769 e, k, l, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2770 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 2771 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 2772 a, f, l	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890
EPM16134	Approx. 51 km E from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°05'S Long.140°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 315 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2476 y, z 2477 v, w, x, y, z 2478 v 2548 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2549 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 2550 a, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w 2620 e 2621 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, z 2622 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, z, s, t, v, w, x, y 2694 a, b, c, d	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890
EPM16139	Approx. 41 km SSE from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°15'S Long.140°04'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Boulia	Area: 315 km ² Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2760 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2761 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2762 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2832 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y 2833 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t 2834 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, l, m	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890

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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 2, 14th March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2007.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

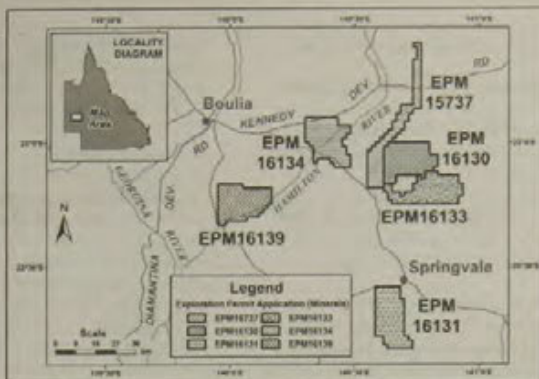
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 3 October 2007



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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that HILTABA GOLD PTY LTD (ACN 099 086 683) Level 7, 530 Little Collins Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, registered holder and mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3089)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, is referred to as **Tarcoola Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°27'S and longitude 134°45'E, thence east to longitude 134°50'E, south to latitude 30°43'S, east to longitude 135°00'E, south to latitude 30°48'S, west to longitude 134°37'E, north to latitude 30°45'S, west to longitude 134°23'E, north to latitude 30°38'S, east to longitude 134°35'E, north to latitude 30°29'S, east to longitude 134°45'E, and north to the point of commencement, but excluding Tarcoola - Alice Springs Railway (see GG 13.11.1975), 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 of the land: approximately 1249 square kilometres.

Excluding from that land and area any of that land that falls within the Antakirinja Area Minerals Exploration ILUA registered with the National Native Title Tribunal on 14 June 2005.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3205)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 30 km west southwest of Tarcoola, referred to as **Pinding Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°40'S and longitude 134°15'E, thence east to longitude 134°23'E, south to latitude 30°45'S, east to longitude 134°37'E, south to latitude 30°48'S, west to longitude 134°30'E, south to latitude 30°50'S, west to a northern boundary of Yellabinnia Regional Reserve, thence generally westerly along the boundary of the said Regional Reserve to longitude 134°05'E, north to latitude 30°45'S, east to longitude 134°15'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 of the land: approximately 500 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3253)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 30 km southwest of Tarcoola, referred to as **Mt Finke Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°50'S and longitude 134°00'E, thence east to longitude 134°05'E, north to a northern boundary of Yellabinnia Regional Reserve, thence generally southeasterly along the boundary of the said Regional Reserve to latitude 30°50'S, west to longitude 134°15'E, south to latitude 31°00'S, west to longitude 134°03'E, north to latitude 30°53'S, west to longitude 134°00'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 of the land: approximately 427 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3500)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 35 km west of Tarcoola, referred to as **Kyehering Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°40'S and longitude 134°10'E, thence east to longitude 134°15'E, south to latitude 30°45'S, west to longitude 134°07'E, north to latitude 30°43'S, east to longitude 134°10'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 of the land: approximately 91 square kilometres.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralization, which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; downhole probing.

The proposed operations are authorized by the following exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971:

Exploration Licences 3089, 3205, 3253 and 3500 of which HILTABA GOLD PTY LTD is the registered holder.

HILTABA GOLD PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

IF, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), 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, HILTABA GOLD PTY LTD may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. On such an application, that Court must make a determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent HILTABA GOLD PTY LTD as follows:

HILTABA GOLD PTY LTD
c/- FINLAYSON

81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8235 7452
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944
Contact: Mr George McKenzie

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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 14th September. Held at Blair Oval, Magellan Street, Lismore from 9.30am-12pm. Details call (02) 6618 0400.

29 September: Black Pearls. Live entertainment from 7pm till late. Presented by The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Gay, Lesbian, Transgender/Sistergirl and HIV Positive Peoples' Social Support Group. Held in Redfern. Details call (02) 9690 0610 or visit www.myspace.com/mrmayr or www.mrmayr.com

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30 September: Parramatta Filmmakers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email liys@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. Sâmi 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

4-5 October: Meridian Health Care Eye Clinic. How long since you had your eyes checked? Free Eye test for Indigenous clients only. If you need glasses they will be supplied at no cost. Held in Goonellabah. Details call (02) 6624 1411.

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 chanais@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

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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.libijerri.org.au

8-12 October: Girls Cricket Camp. This program is perfect for girls of all levels of cricketing ability. Registration at 12:30pm on Monday. Camp concludes at 12 noon Friday. Held at Borembola Sport and Recreation Centre, 25 km East Wagga Wagga. Age 10 - 17 years, all welcome. Details call (02) 6928 4300 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

9-12 October: 2nd National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference. (Caring for Country, our People, our Nation, our Responsibility.) Themes include Governance, Traditional Knowledge, Heritage, Youth, Partnerships and many more. Held in Cardwell. All welcome. Details: Phil Rist (07) 4066 8300 or email eo@girringun.com.au

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. Held at Mackay Showgrounds. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 132 849 or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

11 October: The Brass Monkey. Cost \$15-\$17 per person. Time 10-11pm. Details call (02) 9540 9969 or visit www.brassmonkey.com.au

11 October: Rabbit - Kids at the House Session. Buzz Dance is Australia's only professional dance theatre company creating programs solely for young people. Rabbit engages students through a creative mix of dance, physical theatre and storytelling. Ages 4 and up. Tickets \$5. Details call Eva Kaufman on (02) 9698 3775 or (02) 9698 9569 or call Sveta Gilerman on (02) 9250 7812 or email openhouse@sydneyoperahouse.com

12 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at Rockhampton Bowl, Rockhampton. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call Box Office Pilbeam Theatre on (07) 4927 4111 or www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au or visit www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

13-14 October: The Great Australian Corroboree - The Girringun Cultural Fest. 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.greataustraliaancorroboree.com.au

13-14 October: Girringun Cultural Festival. The Great Australian Corroboree following the conference. All welcome. Details: Phil Rist on (07) 4066 8300 or email eo@girringun.com.au

14 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at USQ University Oval, Toowoomba. Tickets \$89.90. All welcome. Details call 1300 762 545 or visit

www.acrossthegreatdivide.oztix.com.au

15 October: Koori Job Ready Course. This course gives you a real chance to be placed in construction jobs in the Redfern-Waterloo Area. This course is for 8 weeks full time and starts at 8am-2.30pm. Must be registered with job network agency. Details call Terry Kelly on (02) 9202 9100 mobile (0423) 414 643 or Rohan Tobler on (02) 9749 0400 mobile (0414) 137 816.

15-16 October: Native Title. Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Engagement. This is a two day course examining ever evolving

developments, changes and strategies for achieving both cultural harmony and business growth. All welcome. Details call (02) 9080 4050 or visit www.iired.com.au

16-18 October: Croc Festival. The event aims to inspire and motivate Indigenous and non-Indigenous young Australians in rural and remote communities to take pride in themselves and their culture. Held in Shepparton, Vic. Details: Leah Boonthanom (02) 9417 4122 or Mobile (0411) 860 741 or web www.crocfestival.org.au

17 October - 10 November: Kim Westcott and Robert Hirschmann - North by North East

Exhibition. Details call Andrew Baker on (07) 3252 2292 or mobile (0412) 990 356 or visit www.andrew-baker.com

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

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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
EPM15772	Approx. 62 km E from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat.18°46'S Long.139°50'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Burke and Carpentaria	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2255 v, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2256 a, b, c, f, g, i, m, q, r, v 2326 p, i, u, x, y, z 2327 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w 2328 a, f 2398 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 2469 e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2470 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, v 2541 d, e, j, k 2542 u, f	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM15774	Approx. 83 km ENE from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat.18°26'S Long.140°0'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Carpentaria	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1968 l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2040 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 2041 f, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2112 d, e, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2113 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, i, q, v 2183 p, u, z 2184 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2185 a	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM15961	Approx. 95 km NE from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat.18°17'S Long.140°04'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Carpentaria	Area: 253 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 78 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1896 p, u, z 1897 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1898 v 1968 e, k, p, u 1969 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 1970 a, b, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2041 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, p 2042 a, b, c, f, g, i	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM15962	Approx. 76 km NE from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat.18°22'S Long.139°54'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Burke and Carpentaria	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1895 y, z 1896 r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1967 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1968 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j 2039 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2040 l, q, r, v, w, x 2110 c, j, k 2111 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2112 a, b, c, f, g, h, v 2183 c, d, e, h, j, k	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM15963	Approx. 55 km E from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat.18°36'S Long.139°46'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Burke and Carpentaria	Area: 325 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2109 u, y, z 2110 m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2111 l, q, v 2181 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2182 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, i, m, q, r, v, w 2253 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2254 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 2325 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2326 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 2397 d, e 2398 a	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017

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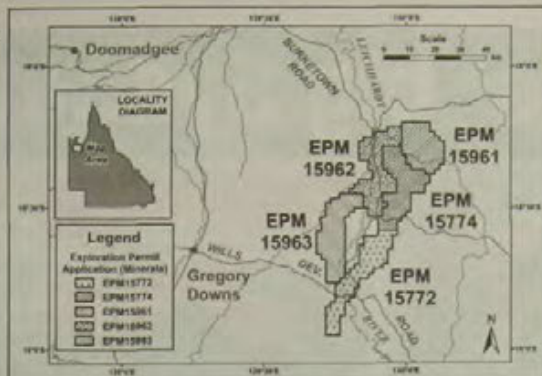
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Notification Day: 3 October 2007



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DEPARTMENT OF WATER & ENERGY

MURRAY VALLEY

Anthony Raymond MENEGAZZO and Carmela MENEGAZZO have submitted an application for Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Edward River).

Works: 1 x 50 mm Centrifugal Pump
Location: Lot 6 DP602148, Parish North Deniliquin, County Townsend

Purpose: Domestic Water Supply

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 10/10/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1119 on all correspondence.

(042 484730)

Brett Leslie SHAW, Grant Anthony SHAW, Scott Warren SHAW and Irene Thelma SHAW 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 84/756353, Parish Yalgadoodi, County Townsend

Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 10/10/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1127 on all correspondence.

(042 484730)

ARTHUR ALLAN AITKEN BROWN has submitted an application to amend an existing 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 166/753728, Parish Burya, County Hume
Purpose: Industrial (QAF Piggery)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 10/10/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50WVA505857 on all correspondence.

Rex Patrick SCHOLTE & Margaret Ann SCHOLTE have submitted an application to amend an existing 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 149/756353, Parish Yalgadoodi, County Townsend

Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 10/10/2007. Please quote the Application No. 417 on all correspondence.

(042 484730)

FGW NOMINEES Pty Ltd and COLEBERG Pty Ltd have submitted an application to amend an existing 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 100 DP1061446, Parish South Deniliquin, County Townsend

Purpose: Industrial (Caravan Park)

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 10/10/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1051 on all correspondence.

(042 484730)

Kenneth Stanley BATES, Jennifer Ann BATES, John David SYMONS and Pamela Mary SYMONS have submitted an application for a Joint Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Edward River).

Works: 1 x 75 mm Pump
Location: Lot 524 DP1074513, Parish South Deniliquin, County Townsend

Purpose: Domestic Water Supply

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 10/10/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1130 on all correspondence.

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

MURRAY VALLEY

MOAMA RESORT PTY LTD has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot 238 DP751152, Parish Moama, County Cadell
Purpose: Industrial (Caravan Park)

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 10/10/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1132 on all correspondence.

(042 484730)

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that MARATHON RESOURCES LIMITED (ACN 107 531 822) of 235 Port Road, Hindmarsh South Australia 5007, registered holder and mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3211)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 90 km southeast of Tarcutta, referred to as **Mulga Well Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Area A
Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°43'S and longitude 135°22'E, thence east to longitude 135°25'E, south to latitude 30°45'S, east to longitude 135°30'E, south to latitude 30°47'S, east to longitude 135°38'E, south to latitude 30°50'S, east to longitude 135°41'E, south to latitude 30°54'S, east to longitude 135°48'E, south to latitude 30°56'S, east to longitude 135°52'E, south to latitude 31°01'S, east to longitude 135°54'E, south to latitude 31°08'S, west to longitude 135°51'E, north to latitude 30°57'S, west to longitude 135°41'E, south to latitude 31°03'S, west to longitude 135°40'E, north to latitude 30°59'S, west to longitude 135°39'E, north to latitude 30°55'S, west to longitude 135°30'E, north to latitude 30°52'E, west to longitude 135°23'E, north to latitude 30°47'S, west to longitude 135°22'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area B
Commencing at a point being the intersection of the latitude 31°05'S and longitude 135°35'E, thence east to longitude 135°40'E, south to latitude 31°08'S, west to longitude 135°35'E, and north to the point of commencement.

All within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

AREA of the land: approximately 609 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3474)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 70 km northwest of Woomera, referred to as **Lake Younghusband Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°38'S and longitude 136°10'E, thence east to longitude 135°19'E, south to latitude 30°40'S, west to longitude 136°18'E, south to latitude 30°41'S, west to longitude 136°17'E, south to latitude 30°42'S, west to longitude 136°15'E, south to latitude 30°43'S, west to longitude 136°14'E, south to latitude 30°44'S, west to longitude 135°13'E, south to latitude 30°45'S, west to longitude 136°12'E, south to latitude 30°51'S, west to longitude 136°10'E, south to latitude 30°50'S, west to longitude 136°09'E, south to latitude 30°58'S, west to longitude 136°02'E, north to latitude 30°57'S, west to longitude 136°01'E, north to latitude 30°56'S, west to longitude 136°00'E, north to latitude 30°54'S, west to longitude 135°57'E, north to latitude 30°48'S, west to longitude 135°54'E, north to latitude 30°47'S, east to longitude 135°56'E, north to latitude 30°46'S, east to longitude 135°58'E, south to latitude 30°47'S, east to longitude 136°00'E, south to latitude 30°48'S, east to longitude 136°04'E, north to latitude 30°47'S, east to longitude 136°05'E, north to latitude 30°46'S, east to longitude 136°07'E, north to latitude 30°43'S, east to longitude 136°09'E, north to latitude 30°41'S, east to longitude 136°10'E, and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in

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AREA of the land: approximately 577 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 3540)

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 130 km northwest of Woomera, referred to as **Orwell Well Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°25'S and longitude 135°31'E, thence east to longitude 135°40'E, south to latitude 30°30'S, west to longitude 135°38'E, south to latitude 30°47'S, west to longitude 135°30'E, north to latitude 30°35'S, west to longitude 135°29'E, north to latitude 30°32'S, east to longitude 135°31'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 of the land: approximately 537 square kilometres.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralization, which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; downhole probing.

The proposed operations are authorized by the following exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971:

Exploration Licences 3211, 3474 and 3540 of which MARATHON RESOURCES LIMITED is the registered holder.

MARATHON RESOURCES LIMITED seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

IF, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971* (SA), 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, MARATHON RESOURCES LIMITED may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. On such an application, that Court must make a determination authorizing entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent MARATHON RESOURCES LIMITED as follows:

MARATHON RESOURCES LIMITED
c/- FINLAYSONS
81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8235 7452
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944
Contact: Mr George McKenzie

Ti Tree kids' big Sydney adventure

Michael O'Loughlin writes in his column on Page 111 about the children from the remote central Australian community of Ti Tree – and their exciting excursion to Sydney. These pictures are proof of the fun the children had.



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
EPC1120	Approx. 124 km WNW from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.20°50'S Long.146°18'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Dalrymple	Area: 959 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1 lat x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 603 j, k, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 604 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 605 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 606 f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 674 k, p, t, u, y, z 675 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 676 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 677 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 678 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 746 d, e, j, k, o, p 747 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 748 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 749 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 750 a, b, f, g, j, q 819 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u 820 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 821 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s	Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095
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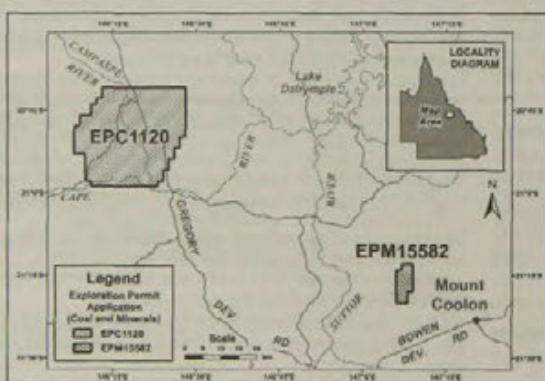
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They're Cowboys fans... and proud of it

By ALF WILSON



COWBOYS fever has hit north Queensland amongst the thousands of Indigenous men, women and children who support their side, which has had its best season ever, finishing third on the NRL ladder.

The Cowboys finished with 15 wins and earned a double chance in the NRL finals series with their first game against the Sydney

Bulldogs at their home Dairy Farmers Stadium in Townsville last Saturday.

We walked through Townsville's Flinders Mall in the lead-up to the game, with Aboriginal and Islanders declaring the Cowboys could go all the way.

To reach the grand final, the Cowboys would have to win three games, which many of the Murri supporters feel is on the cards.

The night before the Koori Mail talked to supporters on 5 September, Cowboys superstar Jonathan Thurston won his

second Daily M Medal in three seasons.

The 24-year-old is regarded as the world's best rugby league player and is a favourite with Cowboys supporters, along with Hopevale-born Matt Bowen, who was named the competition's best fullback.

Indigenous stars Thurston, Bowen, forward Carl Webb and winger Ty Williams will play a major role in the Cowboys' finals campaign.

● This is what fans said about their chances:



Christine Pompey, 22, was in a Cowboys jumper with Les Nugent, 19, outside the Cowboys League's Club in the Mall.

"I am tipping the Cowboys to meet the Melbourne Storm in the grand final and Carl Webb, Aaron Payne, Matty Bowen and Jonathan Thurston to lead the way," Christine said. "Matty Bowen is a real champion and inspires us all and the Cowboys are hot," Les said.



Loretta Wilson, 35, from Palm Island: "I feel the Cowboys can reach the grand final and maybe even win it because they have Matty Bowen. They are our team."



Peter James, 16: "The Cowboys are the best and I love them and so do my mates. They can win the final and I will be watching every game on television."



Lincoln Poynter, 16: "Matty Bowen has been starring and I also like Paul Bowman who played his 200th game in the last fixture. Go the Cowboys."



Ursula Fulford, 24: "The Cowboys will go a long way in the finals because Thurston and Bowen are the best in the world."

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26015 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 489 Blocks (1561 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the AVON locality.



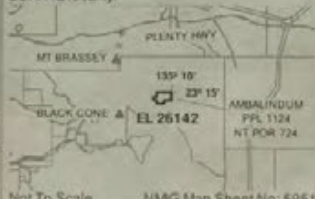
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Exploration Licence 26016 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 423 Blocks (1362 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SHAKESPEARE locality.



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Exploration Licence 26142 sought by CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED, ACN 077 371 165 over an area of 11 Blocks (35 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



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Exploration Licence 26105 sought by DUNMARRA URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 037 612 over an area of 77 Blocks (251 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MUNKADERRY locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 5860

Exploration Licence 26108 sought by DUNMARRA URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 037 612 over an area of 110 Blocks (360 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SHANDON DOWNS locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 5862

Exploration Licence 26131 sought by FINCHING PTY LTD, ACN 009 297 901 and MUNDENA HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 065 497 994 over an area of 250 Blocks (827 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MAHYFIELD locality.



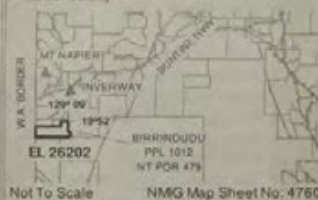
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Exploration Licence 26200 sought by FRONTIER URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 125 538 374 over an area of 497 Blocks (1620 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NONGRA locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 4861

Exploration Licence 26202 sought by FRONTIER URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 125 538 374 over an area of 482 Blocks (1564 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PHIBBS locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 4760

Exploration Licence 26791 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT PTY LTD, ACN 122 645 103 over an area of 8 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BUSHY PARK locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 5652

Exploration Licence 26047 sought by NEWERA URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 118 554 359 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 5951

Exploration Licence 26096 sought by SPINIFEX URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 125 036 491 over an area of 289 Blocks (926 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GEORGE CREEK locality.



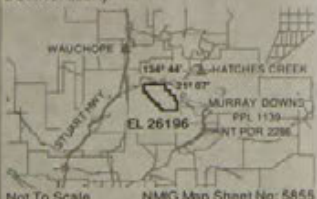
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Exploration Licence 26102 sought by SPINIFEX URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 125 036 491 over an area of 496 Blocks (1560 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MURRAY DOWNS locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 5855

Exploration Licence 26196 sought by SPINIFEX URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 125 036 491 over an area of 329 Blocks (1053 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MURRAY DOWNS locality.



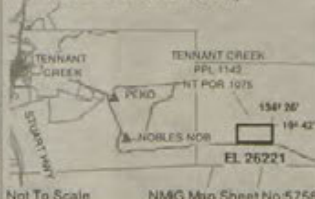
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Exploration Licence 26036 sought by ST BARBARA LIMITED, ACN 009 165 056 over an area of 96 Blocks (287 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 6058

Exploration Licence 26221 sought by TRUSCOTT MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 116 420 378 over an area of 2 Blocks (6 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 26034 sought by WESTGOLD RESOURCES NL, ACN 009 260 306 over an area of 19 Blocks (58 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SHORT RANGE locality.



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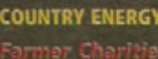
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Kids listening to the players.



Steve Southern with Kyomi Ludwick, of Yarrabah.

Kids idolise Cowboys

QLD
SOUTH Sydney rugby league star and Koori Mail columnist Dean Widders reported in our previous edition that the Townsville

NASCA Challenge had been an enormous success, with more than 150 kids travelling from 30 schools all over north Queensland to participate.

Widders said the North Queensland Cowboys had influenced a future generation of champions through the NASCA Challenge for Indigenous communities.

The children came from communities as far away as Thursday Island, Hughenden and Weipa.

The top two teams were North West and Torres Strait, who played the final at Dairy Farmers Stadium, with North West winning 12-6.

Both teams ran 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.

The North West side was made up of children from 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.

Badu Island teacher David Bell said the event 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.

"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".

● Here are some pictorial highlights of the NASCA Challenge.



Steve Southern with Dorel Aiten, of Kowanyama.



Aaron Payne with kids from Western Cape.



Jacob Lillyman with kids from Yarrabah.



Ty Williams with kids from Western Cape.

Burgoyne brilliance

Having achieved his 200 AFL game milestone, Port Adelaide champion Peter Burgoyne gives the Koori Mail's Peter Argent a rare interview, delving into the critical issues of an 11-year career.



WATCHING
Peter Burgoyne sweeping across the half back

line, mopping up opposition forward thrusts and creating opportunities for team mates ahead of him during his 200th game against Melbourne, many would not comprehend the physical barriers he went through to achieve this special milestone.

Playing with chronic hamstring problems for up to three years previously he nearly gave the game away in frustration during 2006, but pleasingly after an operation to repair a snapped tendon and an abundance of scar tissue, this quicksilver smooth mover is now in equal career best form.

"With support from my partner Anne-Mare, I did the rehabilitation from the surgery and this pre-season was the quickest in the club over 20 metres," Burgoyne explained.

"I'm pretty proud to play 200 games at one club and looking back, I'm happy I stayed."

"It means a lot to me to be a one-club player and I believe this shows there is still loyalty in our game."

Regarding himself as a Darwin lad, Burgoyne started his football with St Mary's, the home of great Aboriginal greats like Michael Long and Maurice Rioli.

Adelaide move

He moved down to the Port Adelaide Magpies as a 16-year-old and made his SANFL league debut on a windy Noarlunga Oval, kicking two goals against South Adelaide in his debut match.

"I actually signed with the Power in 1995, as they thought they'd be in the AFL the next year," he said.

One of only three Port Adelaide footballers still playing who was a

Peter Burgoyne in attack.



nearly telepathic understanding between the brothers has been building since the days they kicked a football around as kids. "It's instinctive, we know each other's moves and strengths," he said. "While it just seems to happen, like the Krakouer brothers and the Cornes boys at the club. Growing up together has a big influence on your understanding of each other."

Father, Peter Snr, a star country footballer on the Eyre Peninsula, is a regular patron at home games these days.

Two coaches

Having only two coaches at the top level, John 'Jack' Cahill and Mark Williams, Burgoyne believes they were important influences.

"Jack was a players' coach, who was a good motivator and kept the game plan pretty simple," he said.

"Mark is young and fresh, always coming up with cutting-edge ideas on the game."

"While he may be portrayed in the media as grumpy and moody, he is a very funny, quick-witted bloke."

On what's happened to AFL at the top level, Burgoyne suggested the game has changed dramatically over the decade since he started, with its speed being the most notable, especially the past couple of years.

He also believes that with players like Aaron and Alwyn 'Froggy' Davey leading the way, the small forward has come back into vogue.

Playing football because it was all he wanted to do, Burgoyne has no aspirations of being involved in the media or coaching after his competition days are over.

"I like to just take a back seat and be an ordinary person - the closest I want to get to the game is watching my kids play," he said.

For the football purists, after his stunning return from injury this year, the prospect of Peter Burgoyne, now 29, playing for another three or four years is a prime reason to come through the gate.

member of this AFL franchise's inaugural squad, he also played in the Power's first ever game against Collingwood, when he kicked a goal as well.

Key ingredient

He was also a key ingredient and a part of an Aboriginal quartet who also performed strongly in the 2004 AFL premiership victory.

"A premiership is what every team plays for and grand finals aren't easy to come by," he said.

"Winning was the ultimate feeling."

"While all the boys are humble about it, Gavin (Wanganeen), Byron (Pickett), Shaun (Burgoyne) and myself knew deep down to beat Brisbane we all had to play at our best."

All four of the Indigenous contingent was high in the Power's best as the Cup was taken back to Port Adelaide's spiritual homeland, Alberton Oval, for the first time after a comprehensive 40-point win.

Burgoyne also enjoys playing with younger sibling Shaun, explaining the

Boxing team named, but no money to go overseas



AN appeal has gone out to financially support an Australian Indigenous boxing team that has been chosen to tour Fiji.

The team was chosen after an Indigenous tournament in

Brisbane.

According to the team's cultural ambassador, Michael Connolly, there is no official support for the team.

He says the team is 'fully sanctioned' by Boxing Australia, but that does not convert into financial support.

He says the plan is for the team to tour Fiji in October as a lead-up to the national boxing trials for the Beijing Olympics.

But unless \$40,000 can be found quickly, the tour will be called off.

The \$40,000 would cover travel, uniforms, equipment and accommodation for 12 boxers and eight officials.

Mr Connolly's plan is to ask 40,000 people to each donate \$1.

"We (Indigenous Australians) represent two per cent of the Australian population which equates to approximately 500,000 Aboriginal and TSI people - which is \$500,000. So surely we can make our target of \$40,000," he said.

"This is our Australian team. Let's show them we care and can help them."

"This opportunity will give them the confidence and experience to be a real contender for the Olympic team. This will be the stepping stone to the world stage and I will do my deadly best to help them there."

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Mr Connolly said that if he did not raise enough money and the trip was cancelled, all fundraising would go to the Australian Indigenous Amateur Boxing Association for further development.

"If you do not wish this to happen to your donation, please advise and we will return your donation to you. If you require a receipt, please advise," he said.

"I will put a fundraising tally on my website so you can see how we are going - www.dreamtime.az.net.au"

Penrith sign Tighe for three years



PENRITH have bolstered their backline stocks for next season after agreeing to a three-year deal with Indigenous Newcastle rugby league centre Brad Tighe (pictured).

Tighe will compete for a spot in the three-quarter line with incumbent centres Luke Lewis and Michael Jennings.

His arrival could also see Lewis make a permanent switch to five-eighth, with current pivot Peter Wallace headed to Brisbane in 2008.

"He's quick and has a lot of talent," Panthers General Manager Michael Leary said of Tighe.

"He fits well into our plans, which include a new outside back."

Moree-born Tighe, 23, played his junior football with West Tamworth and made his first-grade debut for the Knights in 2002.



Dragons stung by Normanton

By ALF WILSON



NORMANTON Stingers took out their first Mid West Queensland rugby league grand final when they beat Doomadgee Dragons

30-12 at Doomadgee on 25 August.

The competition is famous for the long distances players have to travel between remote communities.

At the end of the fixtures, Normanton and Doomadgee led the table with 30 points, from Hughenden 16, Richmond 14, Cloncurry 10, and Julia Creek -4.

Doomadgee had won the previous three grand finals since the competition was rejuvenated in 2004 and narrowly beat Normanton in the 2006 decider.

Normanton spokesman Paul Stephens said it was hard to pick a genuine man-of-the-match as everybody played really well.

"The award was given to Davin Crampton, but other blokes who could have won it were Kerry Grieve, Joshua Grieve, Lance Rapson, Sorren Owens, Wade Richardson, or Gene Murray," Stephens said.

"A few of the boys' families originate from Mapoon and Conrad Thomas, our winger, is from Mornington Island," Stephens said.

Stephens said it was the Stingers' defence that won the game.

"We made a few positional changes to our back line to combat Doomadgee's very good attacking backs. We moved Davin Crampton into the centres and went with two big defensive wingers in Chris Sachlikidis and Joshua Grieve. It



Normanton players and officials with local Federal MP Bob Katter, crouching at front left.

must have worked as they threw everything at us in the second half and were unable to score."

The home ground advantage at Doomadgee is enormous.

Both teams exchanged solid hits, with Doomadgee front rower and captain Craig Logan leading the way.

But Normanton remained patient and stuck to their game plan, allowing QRL Outback centre Gene Murray to put the first points on the board in the fourth minute.

It was a tough first half and Normanton went to the break leading 14-12.

The Stingers then raced to a 30-12 lead, but no further points were scored in the final 16 minutes.

Scores: Normanton Stingers 30 (Gene Murray, Chris Sachlikidis, Davin Crampton, Marcus George, Wade Richardson, Les Henry tries; L Henry 3 goals) d Doomadgee 12 (Chris Ned, Denley Foster, Chris Logan tries).



Some of the grand final action.



● ABOVE: A Doomadgee player carries the ball up to the Stingers' defence.

● LEFT: From left, Politician Bob Katter, QRL development officer Matthew Walkom, Normanton players Les Henry (captain), and Davin Crampton. Mr Katter is presenting Crampton with the player of the match award.

Academy widens project



THE NSW North Coast Academy of Sport (NCAS) has announced an extension of its Aboriginal coach mentor project for 2007/8.

The project aims to enhance the qualifications, coaching experience, and similar skills of Aboriginal coaches from the north coast region.

The project is in response to NSW Sport and Recreation's 'Respect and Responsibility' initiative which aims to strengthen NSW communities through sport by encouraging appropriate sporting behaviour in players, coaches, officials, spectators and parents.

"Through this project we aim to improve the skills of North Coast coaches who have an Aboriginal background, who will then return their gained knowledge and experience back to their athletes at their local club and association level,"

said NCAS executive director Tony Clarke.

"An Aboriginal basketball player from Kempsey who was keen to become a coach has already been accepted.

"We are now looking for a few more coaches, hopefully from other towns and from other sports to also take up the offer."

Funding is provided to cover coaching course fees and any related travel and accommodation expenses.

People from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads who are interested in gaining a coaching qualification in their sport as well as becoming an NCAS satellite coach are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) background.

● Anyone wishing to apply should obtain an information kit and application form available from www.ncas.org.au or by phoning (02) 6620 3073.

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Jonathan Thurston may well be one of the most evasive players on the field, but his form over the past five weeks of the National Rugby League competition that led to him winning his second Dally M Player of the Year award has meant that he has been unable to avoid the spotlight.

At the glittering awards ceremony at Sydney Town Hall, Thurston, along with his partner in crime, Matt Bowen, tried to sneak in unnoticed, but the task proved impossible.

I spoke to them briefly before the ceremonies began and both were more excited about the Cowboys' opportunities in the finals series than they were about any individual honours.

In fact, they admitted that they may have cancelled each other out in terms of winning any of the major awards.

It was felt that Bowen may well have made Thurston's task impossible, given Matt's own great performances, but Jonathan's late surge of irresistible form secured a second Dally M Player of the Year award for the Cowboys halfback as Tigers hooker Robbie Farah was stunningly overtaken by the Queensland maestro.

Hot favourite

Holding an enormous lead before voting went behind closed doors after round 16, Farah was the hot favourite for the award, but a hip injury hampered him from claiming the one vote in the final round that would have won him the crown.

He was named hooker of the year.

Thurston, who has been instrumental in the Cowboys' late season revival, polled heavily over the closing rounds to edge to a narrow victory in the 27th Dally M awards, and matched his effort of 2005 when he won the same honour.

Thurston joins illustrious company in having won the Dally M medal more than once, alongside Peter Sterling, Michael Cronin and Dennis Pittard.

Andrew Johns the only player to have claimed three medals.

Not surprisingly, the Cowboys captain also won the halfback of the year award, while team-mate Matt Bowen captured the

fullback honour to further push his claims for a Test jumper.

After finishing the regular season as the joint-leading try scorer (21) with Melbourne's Israel Folau – who waltzed through as rookie of the year – Bowen continued to press his claims to be selected for the Kangaroos with Brisbane's Karmichael Hunt injured.

However, he may be overlooked again for the bigger Justin Hodges, who claimed the best centre award, but is playing fullback for the Broncos in Hunt's absence.

This would be the final insult for Bowen.

Hodges, as the best centre in the competition, deserves to be selected in that position, and even though he could handle the change of position, it would deprive all fans of seeing Bowen join Thurston in an Australian side for the first time.

There is also additional speculation that Thurston may lead his country and there is no doubt captaincy has certainly added an extra dimension to Thurston and on Tuesday night it may have helped earn him his second Dally M Medal in three years.

Amazingly, Thurston was not supposed to play against the Dogs because coach Graham Murray had offered the Australian

it was Paul Bowman's 200th game. It was something I wanted to be part of," said Thurston of the decision to play the match which ultimately got him over the line for the medal.

"They asked me if I wanted to be rested, but I said no."

Thurston starred against his former club in the final round, but with his side leading 38-10, he was dragged from the field with his side eventually prevailing 38-32 in a tense finish.

Thurston said he remembered sitting on the sideline wondering whether being benched would cost him this individual glory.

"When I got pulled off, that went through my mind and in the end I thought maybe it would have hurt me a little bit," said Thurston.

"I thought I might have got two points and that would have resulted in a tie, but in the end I got three and I'm pretty happy."

The Dally M has only added to the wider respect of the rugby league community for Thurston who was seen to be merely an attacking player in his early days.

He has surpassed any early reservations and now joins Darren Lockyer at the highest level in our game. "Johnathan Thurston is the closest

wasn't a Queenslander."

Another fact to come out on the night was that Thurston has now accumulated a staggering 88 Dally M points in the past three years – the most of any player in the NRL.

According to Matthew Johns, the talented Toowoomba product now has the ability to 'change the way all halfbacks play'.

"I can remember Joey and I watching JT in North Queensland's first game of the year against Brisbane – we both sort of went 'oh s...' because it was so obvious his game had gone up another cog," Johns said.

"In the old days, most blokes were either footballers or athletes. Now you've got Thurston who has speed, incredible footwork, durability, toughness... everything."

"And as he's matured, his abilities as a ball player have caught up. Joey and I both think he can be the most dominant player for the next seven, eight, nine years."

Working in tandem with Bowen, Thurston is now regarded as the most dangerous player in the game.

And despite protesting the notion they've transformed North Queensland into a 'two-man team', the statistics cannot deny the skipper's importance.

When JT wears the No 7 jersey the Cowboys win 60 per cent of their matches. Without him, that number drops to a paltry 27 per cent.

Kangaroo coach Ricky Stuart – who first taught Thurston in a Bulldogs Jersey Flegg side – is another amazed by the progression.

"Johnathan used to be this quiet teenager who stood back and waited for things to happen," Stuart said.

"But not anymore. Now he wants ownership of the game. Wants the ball in his hands. He goes out on to the field and grabs games by the scruff of the neck."

Kenny agrees, adding: "I get bored watching footy these days because we've got too many robots who are more worried about not losing a game than winning it."

"But then you watch Thurston and you realise he really is a footballer."

"Most blokes have to go through their A-B-C routine in attack. But when Joey or Thurston are at A, if they think C is on they just go for it."

"Johnathan Thurston has basically dragged North Queensland into the finals this year," Johns added.

"It's been a long season with all the representative footy. Like the best players do, he's really stood up to be counted as the finals have approached."

Like all true fans of the game, I can't wait to see what he may produce over the next few weeks.

Bring it on!



Jonathan Thurston slips past the outstretched Newcastle star Danny Buderus in an NRL match. AAP Image

Test halfback the chance to sit out the clash as the result could not affect the Cowboys' third place finish on the NRL table.

Thurston, having gained club captaincy earlier in the year, refused the offer, wanting to help club stalwart Paul Bowman celebrate his 200th NRL game.

"It was a big occasion for the Cowboys,

thing we've got to Andrew Johns, no doubt," Parramatta great and my former team-mate Brett Kenny said.

"Just watching him play for the Cowboys, it's like somebody has cut the pair of them from the same mould."

"And Thurston certainly has the potential to go as far as Joey did in all levels of the game. I only wish he

Top of the tree

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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Sport, with all its drama and stories of overcoming the odds, is often used as a source of inspiration for many people – and for a whole host of reasons.

Yet, in the week preparing for the finals series, when the Swans are searching for all sorts of inspiration, I want to relate a simple story of a teacher in the remote Northern Territory community of Ti Tree, who, with the support of the community and the hard work of her students, achieved a shared dream of travelling to Sydney.

It is a simple story, but one that has made the Swans' season of ups and downs look mundane by comparison.

Erin Greenhalgh is 24 years old and in not only her first year of teaching, but also her first year in the Northern Territory.

She is the middle years teacher at Ti Tree School, which is on Anmatjere Country in remote central Australia.

The school services two communities – Pmara Jutunta and Nturiya – and the students generally speak English as their third or fourth language.

The main languages in Ti Tree are Warlpiri and Anmatjere. Rather than be daunted by her assignment when she first arrived at the school, Erin Greenhalgh was informed that the senior secondary class (which no longer exists at the

school due to a lack of numbers in students that age) had previously taken an interstate trip to Perth.

After speaking with the community, she realised that they were still keen for an interstate trip to happen, even with younger students, so I took the project on board – probably naively at the time.

Before realising how much hard work, long hours and weekends would be involved in the organisation of such a trip, she let the students vote between Melbourne and Sydney and they all voted for Sydney!

None of the students had been to Sydney before – most had never been further than Alice Springs!

The main purpose of the 'Big Trip' was to give students from a remote community an experience outside their own community and to extend themselves in an unfamiliar cultural setting.

To qualify for the trip, students had to show a marked improvement in school attendance and the immediate success of the trip can be gauged by the fact that the students ranged in ages from nine-14 years and all had over 80 per cent attendance from the start of the school year.

For many, this was a remarkable achievement.

Upon arrival in Sydney – and with the assistance of Jack Manning-Bancroft and his great AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) Program – the kids were given the time of their lives.

The students saw a Bangarra performance at the Opera House and were able to meet the Aboriginal cast after the performance as well as attending an Aboriginal education session at the Botanic Gardens given by Clarence Slookee.

They also attended the unique 'Animals of the Dreaming' session at Taronga Zoo, given by Paul Sinclair before they moved on to two sporting highlights.

First, they were guests of Telstra Stadium to watch Dean Widders and the Rabbitohs line up against the Roosters in the NRL.

This was particularly exciting as Deano had visited their community a couple of years ago.



The kids from Ti Tree at the entrance to Luna Park, in the shadow of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Then they came to a 'real' football game where Adam Goodes and I were privileged to have them as our special fans.

Unfortunately, we could not meet them after the game, but we will be sending a special package to the school shortly!

Centre Point Tower, the Aquarium, Collaroy Beach, Darling Harbour and dinner at Erin's family home were other highlights, as well as experiencing the not so beautiful aspects of city life – like driving down Parramatta Road which made Maria say 'this traffic makes me feel sick'.

I hear you Maria!

The trip was an unqualified success, even if, when looking directly up at the skyscrapers in the city, Tyrone Pepperill and Aston Ross were convinced that the buildings were swaying and moving!

The whole community is already planning next year's trip.

For Erin, the community involvement is her greatest memory.

"On our departure, the

community lined the Stuart highway and cheered and waved as we departed for Alice Springs," she said.

"This really showed the community and family support for the children to have an experience that will change their lives.

"On our return, the families were waiting outside and the children on the bus cheered as we beeped the horn," she concluded.

"The families were equally glad to have them home in one piece!"

Apart from the community, Erin asked me whether I could thank local businesses and organisations such as Aileron Roadhouse, Ti Tree Roadhouse and Anmatjere Council for their contributions.

Also she asked me to acknowledge in Sydney the Meriden School, Bangarra Dance Company performance, the Morning Show on 2UE, Centre Point Tower, Sydney Aquarium, Jack Manning-Bancroft and the AIME program, Clarence Slookee and

the Botanic Gardens, Telstra Stadium and the NRL, the Sydney Swans, IMAX, Dymocks, the Collaroy Centre, the Rams Union team, Luna Park and the general public of Sydney for all making this trip possible and giving their support.

Unfortunately, Erin made one glaring oversight – she forgot to acknowledge her own contribution.

For a first-year teacher, she exhibits all the qualities of a great educator – a person willing to give of herself and to live and share the personal dreams of her students.

If there is an award for such a person, you deserve it Erin.

Your students need not to look to sports people for their inspiration – all they need to do is look at the person at the front of their classroom.

You have also inspired me! Until next time – Keep Dreaming!

● More pictures of the kids' Sydney adventure – Page 104

Now's the time to nominate for First Contact Festival



FIRST Contact's big annual Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane is on again and organisers are calling for team nominations.

Nominations close on 26 October and the festival will be held at Whites Hill Sports and Recreation Reserve, Coorparoo, on 23, 24 and 25 November.

The focus is on touch football and the festival brings together the very best touch footballers. Indigenous Australia has to offer. The festival offers \$30,000 in

prizemoney and trophies.

This year will see an international clash between Indigenous Australia Mixed and New Zealand Maori Mixed.

That game will be played on Saturday, 24 November.

But the highlight will be the Saturday night games between New South Wales and Queensland in three divisions.

The festival will open on Friday 23 November with secondary schools divisions for girls' under 18, boys' under 18 and mixed under 18.

The finals of those divisions will be played the following day,

together with the international match.

The mixed open and men's open divisions will begin on Saturday 24 November and continue the following day.

The drug-and-alcohol-free festival is open to the public.

There will be free rides for the kids throughout the weekend and there also will be cultural stalls and entertainment.

For further details, call First Contact on (07) 3420 4291 or toll-free 1300 729 157, fax (07) 3849 2398 or email events@firstcontact.asn.au or go to www.firstcontact.asn.au

Call goes out for Northern Territory bush cricket super 8 carnival entries



CRICKET officials in the Northern Territory are asking Indigenous Territorians if they are prepared to represent their communities on the cricket battlefield.

Cricket Northern Territory, in association with Cricket Australia, is calling for nominations for the 2007 Larrakia Cup to

be played at the MCG No2 (that's Marrara Cricket Ground, Darwin) on 28, 29, 30 September.

The format is bush cricket super 8s style.

The winning team will pocket \$700, with \$300 going to the runners-up.

To register, contact Ian Redpath at NT Cricket on (08) 8981 1677 or Michael McGregor on 0433 908 388.

Indigenous cricket news from around Australia

Kids had a ball at Ballina

During NAIDOC Week, NSW North Coast Indigenous cricket representative Andrew Gordon ran a stall promoting cricket to people in the Ballina area.

There were giveaways such as lanyards, badges of Australian Test players, Cricket NSW posters, Milo Have-a-Go giveaways and pens. Officials said they went down exceptionally well.

Gordon, who plays Imparja Cup for NSW, also gave out information to parents and community members on what junior clubs and development programs are available in parts of the far north coast area (Casino, Lismore and Ballina areas). A lot of interested children requested information from Gordon on his experiences in cricket and how much enjoyment he gained from the sport.

A total of 35 junior cricket bats were handed out to the children during bowling competitions. To win a bat, the kids had to bowl at one stump and hit it. There were plenty of youngsters - boys and girls - lining up for a go.

There was definitely some untapped talent in the area, said Gordon.

An inter-agency competition was also conducted, with the agencies participating in the same bowling competition for three signed NSW Aboriginal cricket team 2007 Imparja Cup champions' bats which will be given to the winning organisations later this year.

The winning organisations were Yarrabee Community Aged Care at Alstonville, Ballina Centrelink and Ngunya Jarjum

Aboriginal Child and Family Network Inc (Casino).

"I even had small games of cricket in the park with the kids and community members and agency representatives participated as well," Gordon said.

"It was great to be able to get some publicity for our development of Indigenous cricket and also a good way to identify potential cricketers, volunteers and identities in the far north coast area."

"All in all, it was a very successful cricketing day at Ballina."

Cricket NSW has formed a partnership with Barker College in Sydney, which will result in a NSW Aboriginal XI v Barker 1st XI game on 3 October.


This match is part of the youth development program for young Indigenous cricketers and has the potential to identify a group of talented cricket players who can come under the eye of Cricket NSW officials.

For the first time, Cricket NSW will be sending a women's team to the nationwide Imparja Cup competition next year.

That is sure to improve the standard of women's cricket during the carnival, to be played in Alice Springs.

Cricket NSW said there were many activities gaining momentum for the development of Indigenous cricket throughout NSW.

Watch this space for further updates on the Imparja Cup 2008.



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The NSW Imparja Cup team after winning the Cup last February in Alice Springs. Andrew Gordon is in the front row at extreme left.

Just Peachey

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Hopefully, when this article is printed, the Rabbitohs will be preparing for the second week of the NRL finals series as we continue to live our dream as a team.

There will be many motivating factors if we have been successful but, whether we win or not, in the back of the minds of many of the players will be the hope that we have extended the opportunity to give David Peachey a fitting farewell at the highest level.

From the start this should not be seen as a criticism of coach Jason Taylor's selection policy – 'Peach' himself wouldn't wear that.

Indeed, in a perfect world, I am certain that 'JT' would love to give Peach that opportunity.

However, professional sport is not based on sentiment and Peach continues to press his case by playing great football in Premier League for North Sydney.

And like the true professional and great club man he is, Peach showed no sign of bitterness when I caught up with him recently.

Much has been written about his career in Sydney and his great community work so, as we chatted over breakfast, I decided to focus on the boy who became the 'Peach'.

A proud Wiradjuri man born in Dubbo, his earliest memories are moving around the country side where his Pop worked as a station hand.

"Some of my fondest memories are my holidays and weekends with Pop," he said.

"We used to travel two to three hours north-west of Dubbo and go cray-dabbing, shooting... everything a kid would love to do."

Indeed, many of Peach's memories are of growing up with a large extended family, many of whom were to have an influence on the values he carries with him today.

All the time rugby league was not too far away, with Peach learning many of his silky skills 'playing footy on Nan's front lawn'.

His nan was one of many strong

women who influenced Peach who credits his late Auntie Eunice with helping to establish a network which helps him to this day.

"Auntie Eunice worked in the hostels that were established for young Aboriginal people to go to TAFE and to pursue apprenticeships," he said.

"Most of the time there were ten to 15 bedrooms. With so many people coming through, I was able to keep in contact with so many people."

The hostels also reinforced the importance of education for Peach and he says 'school was a blast' with the Peachey surname a major feature on the North Dubbo school roll.

For a while though, school was not the favourite time when the Peachays spent some time at the local Catholic high school.

"Being the only Aboriginal kids there made it difficult at times," he said.

"Sometimes you wished that you weren't Aboriginal," he said with the words seeming strange coming from one of the proudest Aboriginal men I know.

"But you were proud to be there nevertheless."

Peach took some strong lessons from these experiences – lessons he admits that have made him wiser and smarter as he grew older.

established a lot of close friends and learned some life lessons that helped him make the transition to Sydney.

"I wasn't the brightest student, but I was determined to push through to Year 12. When I got there, there were only three of us left," he said.

"My parents always pumped it into me to make something of myself."

"In fact, I completed Year 12 twice to help me find out what I could do and because I thought I could do better."

Peachey was also being noticed for his feats on the football field, with the small school punching above its weight in the prestigious University Shield competition.

Missed out

Peach here again reflects on the many talented kids who missed out on his opportunities that school presented him with.

"Even just the opportunity to travel opened up new horizons for me," Peach said. "I may not have been noticed by Beetso (Arthur Beetson) if school had not provided me with the opportunity."

"I still think the lesson of perseverance in continuing at school helped me make the transition to the NRL."

"I also look at one of the other two Aboriginal kids who finished Year 12 and

career adviser.

He also remembers with great affection his principal, John Summers, 'a Pommy who loved our great land and appreciated Aboriginal culture'.

But when it comes to his greatest mentors, Peachey looks no further than his family.

"My pop – William 'Wyndy' Peachey – was a hard-working country man who taught me the value of work and persistence," he said.

"All my uncles taught me everything about the game I love and I like to think I play the game the way they played."

"My Aunties – particularly Auntie Eunice and Auntie Cath – gave me a sense of direction."

"Auntie Cath taught me the value of giving something back."

It is something that Peach is renowned for and will continue to do well into retirement through his Foundation and his work with Souths Cares.

But Peach reserves his greatest praise for his mum, Irene, and his late step-dad Marlo.

"They kept me on the straight and narrow," he said. "They helped me with all those little life decisions when you think you know everything."

"I credit them with who I am today. A lot of kids today miss out on that sense



David Peachey

"I realised that sport attracts people and friendships because you are competing on an even field," he said.

"I also realised how ruthless kids can be under peer pressure and how this can lead to the bullying we still see in schools today."

But perhaps the greatest lesson he learned was that of self-acceptance.

"The major lesson I learned was to realise my own identity – that you need to accept who you are and where you come from," he said.

Peachey was to finish his schooling at South Dubbo High and here he

see that he has made a successful career as a lawyer.

"The message is that if you persist and follow your dream, you can be a success in life."

"You don't have to be a 'brainiac' to succeed, but schooling is a means of getting out of the bush or providing an opportunity to travel."

"Whether you are good at sport, the arts or have any other talent education is the key to your future."

At school, Peachey credits much of his success to Gary Brown, who doubled as football coach as well as the school's

of family."

As he prepares to play his final professional game, Peachey modestly sums up his achievements in a simple statement.

"I've lived my dream," he said. "I'm looking forward to the next chapter in my life."

Rather than a chapter it should be seen as a sequel to the first novel.

And knowing the Peach, it will be another best-seller.

He has – and always will be – an inspiration to any young person who dares to dream.

Girls' chance to get serious about cricket



INDIGENOUS girls are being encouraged to enrol in a cricket skills development camp organised by NSW Sport and Recreation in conjunction with Cricket NSW and ACT Cricket.

The camp will be held at the Borambola Sport and

Recreation Centre, near Wagga Wagga, from 8-12 October.

It is open to girls from NSW and the ACT.

Organisers say the camp will be perfect for girls of all levels of cricketing ability.

Participants will have

expert coaching in all areas of the game provided by Cricket NSW and ACT coaches, together with players from the NSW Breakers women's team.

The Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre is 25km east of Wagga.

The cost of the camp is

\$249. This includes accommodation, meals, recreational activities, a hat and T-shirt.

Bus transport from Sydney (Central Station) is \$91 return or \$45.50 one-way, picking up at Liverpool, Sutton Forest, Goulburn and Yass.

NSW Sport and Recreation is looking to offer 10 places to Indigenous girls who are playing cricket.

Subsidies are available.

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Rival league KO carnival



AN Aboriginal rugby league knockout running in direct competition with the 37th NSW Annual Aboriginal Knockout Carnival in

Lismore looks set to go ahead at Kempsey, on the NSW mid-north coast.

The Kempsey carnival is scheduled to be held at the same time as the Lismore carnival - from 28 September to 1 October.

Spokesman Danny Thorne told the Koori Mail last week that so far, 22 teams had nominated for the Kempsey knockout. He said more entries were expected.

He said nominations had come from Sydney, the north coast, Newcastle, north-western NSW and central-western NSW.

Mr Thorne said that if 30 teams nominated for the carnival, prizemoney would be \$30,000 for the winners and \$10,000 for the runners-up.

The draw will be made at the Kempsey-Macleay RSL Club on 27 September.

Women, children

There also would be a women's competition and for the juniors, there would be competitions in the under 8s, under 10s, under 13s and under 15s.

All games will be played at the Verge Street Oval, where three grounds are available.

Admission will be \$5 adults, \$3 children 15-18 years. Children under 15 will be admitted free.

Mr Thorne said the Kempsey carnival had the backing of the NSW Rugby League and Country Rugby League.

He said that following the women's competition, there would be a trial between Possibles and Probables to showcase the talents of Aboriginal women footballers.



Kempsey mayor Betty Green (holding football) and Kempsey Shire Council officer Melody Booth with NSWARLSI Kempsey knockout carnival delegates and organisers, including NSWARLSI chairman Danny Thorne (kneeling, front).

Picture: Macleay Argus

Mr Thorne, who is chairman of the New South Wales Aboriginal Rugby League and Sports Incorporated (NSWARLSI), said his organisation was actively supporting the development of women's rugby league.

The carnival will open about 9am on 28 September with cultural entertainment at Verge Street Oval. This will include Aboriginal line dancing and rap dancing.

Mr Thorne said other entertainment was planned throughout the weekend, but he couldn't give details because plans had not been finalised.

The Macleay Argus newspaper has reported that thousands of players and supporters are expected to converge on Kempsey for the carnival.

It said the NSWARLSI committee tried for five months to negotiate with the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to conduct the carnival, but to no avail.

The committee decided to approach Kempsey Shire Council and, after meeting mayor Betty Green, it was decided to hold the knockout in Kempsey.

Cr Green assured NSWARLSI they

would receive all the support needed to conduct the carnival in Kempsey.

An events application was submitted to Kempsey Shire Council and negotiations were in process with local police, government, organisations and businesses.

NSWARLSI members met police and Kempsey Shire Council official plus local community groups in June.

The NSWARLSI delegates met in Newcastle last weekend in the lead-up to the Kempsey carnival.

Walgett turns on big carnival



YOUNG rugby league players and netballers from the north-west of

NSW converged on Walgett for the 15th annual Ricky Walford Shield Primary School Carnival.

The carnival this year included the George Rose Memorial Shield, given to the winner of third versus fourth place in the pointscore.

The Jenny Wright Shield for netball girls is also contested.

There were 13 primary school teams competing in the rugby league, and 12 teams in the netball. They came from towns such as Warren, Moree, Gosford, Dubbo and other north-western centres.

Both competitions were run on a round-robin basis to ensure teams played a number of games to make their long trips worthwhile.

The carnival was funded mainly by Murdi Paaki Regional Council, with additional support from a range of bodies.

The rugby league talent shown over the day highlights why the shield has seen a number of shield players such as Jamie Lyons make the big time. The carnival provides a day of football for the league-starved residents of the north and far west with the crowd being the largest seen in Walgett for 15 years.

The Ricky Walford Shield final was fought out between Bogabilla/Toomelah and

Walgett St Joseph's, with Bogabilla/Toomelah running out winners 12-6.

The best and fairest of the final was Maverick Macintosh and player of the carnival was Ned Yoemans.

In the George Rose Memorial Shield, Coonamble Public School ran out winners over Moree East Public School 24-20. Best and fairest was Braiden Burns. All teams displayed excellent skills and were a credit to their schools and communities.

The netball final was between Dubbo West Public and Nyngan Public School. The final score being 6-2 to Nyngan. The player of the final was Tayla Martin (Nyngan).

Each year a number of National Rugby League

players are flown to Walgett to meet with the kids and the community. This year Chris Beattie (Roosters), Shannon Gallant (West Tigers), Shannon McDonnell (West Tigers) and George Rose (Manly) attended as well as Ricky Walford and Ronny Gibbs.

Doug Keen, from NSWRL, and a number of referees also fly in with the players to help co-ordinate the games.

At the Wednesday night presentation, another significant event occurred: A sister city-rural metropolitan relationship between Gosford City and Walgett Shire Council was formally signed off by the Gosford Mayor Laurie Maher and Walgett Administrator Vic Smith.

League or union for Timana Tahu?

TIMANA Tahu could start his rugby career at 'home' or on the far away fields of Europe, depending on Paramatta's NRL finals fortunes.

Tahu will join the NSW Waratahs after completing his league commitments this season.

If Paramatta are eliminated in the early weeks of the finals, Tahu will play for Australian Rugby Championship team the Western Sydney Rams, who are also based at Paramatta Stadium.

However, if Parramatta advance to the grand final, Tahu would then be relying on the Rams making the ARC finals.

If that doesn't happen, Waratahs coach Ewen McKenzie has hatched a contingency plan which would see Tahu start his rugby career in Europe.

McKenzie said he was looking at placing his prize recruit with a club in either England or Ireland. -AAP

Chasing an Olympic dream



THE Australian Sports Commission last week named 17 Indigenous hockey players, including eight based in the Northern Territory, in a national talent search squad which aims to identify and develop athletes for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The 17 Indigenous hockey players will take part in the Australian Sports Commission's National Talent Identification Program which aims to identify, test and fast-track athletes in the lead-up

to London and beyond.

The Indigenous hockey players were selected following a training camp run by the national talent search program in Darwin the weekend before last, where they were put through extensive testing and development of their skills and abilities for elite competition.

Testing and development measured and analysed the athlete's grip strength, speed, acceleration and endurance levels. This included skills and ability of the athlete to make decisions and to execute skills in a game-

based scenario competing against the Northern Territory representative team.

Indigenous participants from the Northern Territory include brother and sisters Jonathon, Emily, and Brooke Peris (cousins of Olympic gold medallist Nova Peris). Other family ties from the Northern Territory included brothers Travis and Joel Carroll.

Several talented Indigenous hockey players are already competing at the State and national levels and progressing through Hockey Australia's elite athlete pathway.

Successful candidates selected in the national talent identification squad will participate in training and development sessions as part of the national hockey program based in Perth, backed by leading coaching and sports science experts. This program will contribute to the strength and depth of Australian hockey.

The Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission has invested more than \$8 million over four years in its national talent search program to find and develop Indigenous

athletes across a broad range of sports, including track and field, boxing, softball and basketball.

The ASC NTID men's squad: Desmond Abbott (NT), Travis Carroll (NT), Joel Carroll (NT), Gary Backhus (ACT), Jonathon Peris (NT), Justin Ellis (ACT), Nathan McGuire (WA), Zaan Togo (Qld), Nick Budd (Qld).

Indigenous players in the women's quad are: Emily Peris (NT), Sam Ellis (ACT), Candice Liddy (NT), Brooke Peris (NT), Samantha Pan Quee (NT), Sheldon Garlett (WA), Jordan Beard (Qld), Kelly Lewis (Qld).

\$35,000 guaranteed for Lismore carnival



A MINIMUM \$35,000 is guaranteed for the winners of the 37th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Lismore during the Labour Day long weekend.

Prizemoney is dependant on the number of teams that enter. It costs \$1500 for each team to enter and of that amount, \$1000 goes to the winners.

Another \$250 goes to the runners-up, and the other \$250 is shared by third and fourth placegetters.

Knockout carnival co-ordinator Phillip Hall said that the total

prizemoney pool would not be known until the draw was made on 26 September.

But Mr Hall told the Koori Mail that 35 teams so far had entered.

He said the Lismore carnival would be a record. Already, 40 teams had entered the junior and women's divisions.

The Knockout is being co-hosted by the Merritt-Patten (Redfern) and Northern United football clubs.

As winners of the Knockout last year, Merritt-Patten retained the right to host this year's carnival.

Mr Hall also confirmed that several Queensland teams were likely to enter this year.

To ensure that the Knockout

remains in NSW, Queensland teams must nominate under the banner of a NSW club.

Merritt-Patten club secretary Ricky Lyons said plans for the Knockout were proceeding smoothly.

"Everything is on track," he said. "We have a few loose ends to tie up and there will be talks with the police, the Lismore City Council and security but everything is proceeding smoothly," Mr Lyons said.

The Knockout will be played on Oakes Oval and the adjoining Crozier Field on 28, 29, 30 September and 1 October.

Organisers have reported heavy accommodation bookings in Lismore and surrounding towns.



● LEFT: Merritt-Patten Redfern Rugby League Football Club secretary Ricky Lyons. He said plans for the Lismore rugby league knockout were proceeding smoothly.

Rival league Knockout camps forge ahead

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successive knockout.

But that was followed by controversy, led by players and officials from northern NSW. They sat on the field for many hours to protest the fielding of a late registered international player, Nathan Merritt, who had only just returned from a Test match in Papua New Guinea.

The regional players were concerned that they had played every day of the knockout, but the international star had blown in 'fresh' off the plane to win the final.

The Echo reported that in order to deal with these concerns, NARLASI held a

meeting in Newcastle to rewrite the rules. However, the first session of the meeting became a discussion about who owned the Knockout and it was resolved that ownership 'be divested' to NARLASI.

However, it is traditional that whoever wins the knockout earns the right to host it and this was where the split was created.

Mr Lyons told the Koori Mail he was too busy organising the Lismore Knockout to be concerned about the politics of Aboriginal rugby league.

"We've got a show to run and that's what I'm doing," he said.

Mr Lyons said it was

'interesting' to note that three teams from the Macleay Valley (Kempsey) had nominated for the Lismore Knockout.

He said he expected at least 3000 people through the turnstiles during each of the four days of the Knockout at Oakes Oval and the adjoining Crozier Field.

The two factions say have no dispute with the David Peachey knockout carnival also planned for the same weekend at Dubbo. They say the Peachey carnival is for communities that don't have the resources to enter the Lismore or Kempsey knockouts.

Edgar Wymarra challenges for Australian boxing title

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are sharp and his fitness is tapering perfectly. It's been a good preparation and it will be worth tuning in for on 14 September 14.

The Indigenous community has produced a long line Australian welterweight champions, including Harry Grogan, George Kapeen, Steve Dennis, Russell Sands Jr, Gary Cowburn and the great Lawrence 'Baby Cassius' Austin.

If Wymarra is victorious, he will be only the second Torres Strait Islander boxer to win an

Australian championship, following in the footsteps of former super middleweight champion Doug Sam.

Wymarra's title shot is sponsored by Vibe Australia, a leading Aboriginal media, communications and events management agency.

"This is the first time we have worked with an individual boxer and we are thrilled to be involved," Vibe Australia Managing Director Gavin Jones said.

"At Vibe our priority is to help Indigenous community members to reach their potential and

we are happy to help Edgar reach his."

The card on Friday features a feast of Australian title action, including Shannon Briggs defending his WBF middleweight title against eclectic Congolese Australian Sonni Michael Angelo, and unbeaten rising star Junior Talipeau against Queensland middleweight champion George Livaditis for the Australian middleweight title.

● The FoxSports Big Time Boxing live broadcast starts at 7.30pm Friday 14 September on FoxSports 2.



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Split set to continue



THE split in Aboriginal rugby league in New South Wales is set to continue as plans for two

major knockout carnivals on the same weekend continue unabated.

The carnivals will be held in Lismore, on the NSW far north coast, and Kempsey, on the mid-north coast, from 28 September to 1 October.

Organisers of both carnivals are claiming they each have the legitimate right to call their events the 37th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival.

Organisers of both carnivals also say plans for the carnivals are proceeding smoothly.

The Lismore carnival is being

organised by the Merritt-Patten Redfern Rugby League Football Club in association with the Lismore-based Northern United RLFC.

Merritt-Patten won last year's knockout carnival in Sydney. The club says that as winners, it holds the right to host the following year's Knockout.

Lismore chosen

Merritt-Patten club secretary Ricky Lyons said that following discussions with Northern United RLFC after last year's Knockout, it was decided to hold the 2007 Knockout in Lismore.

The Kempsey carnival is being organised by NSW Aboriginal Rugby League and Sports Incorporated (NARLASI).

Chairman Danny Thorne said it had been decided that his

organisation should take control of the Knockout after protesters staged a sit-in on the ground at the 2006 Knockout grand final.

The NARLASI first approached Port Macquarie Council as a venue for the 2007 Knockout, but moved the event to Kempsey after receiving a more positive response from the Kempsey Council.

Northern United RLFC delegate Chris Binge told the Northern Rivers Echo newspaper he would not be drawn into any 'political games' over the competing carnivals.

He said a 'so-called split' played right into the hands of the dominant culture of divide and conquer, something he had seen played out over the past few months in various meetings with authorities.

"And once again we look like a people in disarray," he said.

"I will not play the political games taught to us by the dominant culture but will be involved with my community and my team and participate in the game that I love."

Contentious

NARLASI secretary David Fernando told the Echo he didn't want to get involved in a debate 'about who is in the right or wrong as it is a very contentious issue'.

"I would like to wish the organisers of the (Lismore) carnival all the best in their quest and hope that the feeling is mutual," Mr Fernando said.

In Redfern last year, the Merritt-Patten team won a record fourth

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Edgar 'Brown Sugar' Wymarra, "If you haven't seen Edgar in full flight, you are missing one of the great sights in Australian boxing," trainer Paul Isgro said. Wymarra is of Torres Strait Islander (Badu) and Murri (Injinoo) heritage.

'Brown Sugar' closer to championship dream



PROFESSIONAL boxer Edgar 'Brown Sugar' Wymarra has the opportunity to realise his dream

to become an Australian champion when he meets Melbourne's Eddie 'Psycho' Delic on Friday night for the Australian welterweight championship.

The silky smooth skills of Wymarra will on display across the nation as part of FoxSports' popular Friday night Big Time boxing telecast from the Cronulla Leagues Club, in Sydney's south.

Wymarra, who turned professional in 2000 and in 2004 won the vacant WBF Asia Pacific junior middleweight title, was unsuccessful in his first attempt to win the Australian title in 2005.

Wymarra's Torres Strait Islander (Badu) and Murri heritage (Injinoo) will proudly be on display on the night and he is looking forward to getting into the ring

after a two-year break.

"I took some time off to relax and pursue other parts of my life, including music. I've been boxing since I was 12 and it's a hard and unforgiving sport. Now I am back in the game on my own terms and motivated to get myself an Australian belt," Wymarra said.

"My training has been good, my weight is at the right level and my combinations are coming together. I'm fit and ready to put it all on the line."

For his upcoming title shot, Wymarra is back with his original trainer Paul Isgro from the City of Sydney PCYC in Woolloomooloo. Isgro is pleased with Edgar's training progress and offered the following:

"If you haven't seen Edgar Wymarra in full flight, you are missing one of the great sights in Australian boxing. His attitude is good, his handspeed and defence

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