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Luke's the host with the most



Actor Luke Carroll was clearly thrilled to share the 2007 Deadly Award for Outstanding

Achievement in Entertainment with former Olympian Cathy Freeman for their roles in the second series of *Going Bush*, on SBS TV.

The sharply-dressed star, who recently finished a stint on long-running Aussie soap *Home and Away*, also hosted the awards at the Sydney Opera House on 27 September.

There was plenty of glam action inside the Opera House, on the red carpet outside and at the gala event's after party. The event also honoured campaigners for the historic 1967 Referendum.

For more on one of black Australia's biggest nights and the country's most popular achievers in Indigenous music, sport, entertainment and community, see Pages 12-14.

Photo by Amanda James, courtesy of Vibe Australia.

CDEP promise

By DARREN COYNE

NT

INDIGENOUS voters are at last being given something of a choice between the Indigenous policies of the two major

political parties.

After initially giving bipartisan support for the Howard Government's radical intervention into Aboriginal communities, the Australian Labor Party (ALP) has set itself apart by now promising to reintroduce the Community Development and Employment

Projects (CDEP) program if elected.

The end of the program forms part of the Federal Government's controversial intervention in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

When it flagged scrapping CDEP in the NT in July, the government said it believed the program had become a 'destination for too many'.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has argued that CDEP positions should be replaced with 'real jobs' where possible.

But Labor, which has also promised a national apology for

the Stolen Generations and to consult Indigenous people over a new elected representative body, last week said the government's abolition of CDEP compromised the aims of its NT intervention by taking away economic security for many Indigenous families.

"CDEP is an important part of getting Indigenous Australians ready to work, into work, and assisting in the creation of businesses in remote Indigenous communities," said an ALP statement.

"Abolition of CDEP will not create the strong and stable communities needed for increased

economic opportunity.

"In fact it may do the opposite and is creating widespread confusion and uncertainty."

That confusion has prompted several organisations relying on CDEP workers to speak out against the changes.

Joe Rawson, from Aboriginal tourism venture Gunya Tourism, said the Titjikala community south of Alice Springs was reeling from a decision to close down its business in order to meet new welfare requirements.

About 60 people from Titjikala have been involved in providing accommodation and cultural

tourism over the past three years.

Mr Rawson said the move from CDEP to work-for-the-dole under the Commonwealth's intervention doesn't allow the people flexibility to keep their tourism jobs.

"What happens is if they work for the venture, they lose part of their payments for unemployment," he said. "At the moment, I've been talking to the people on the community and they're just dumbfounded."

"They don't know if we're going

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'The Man' 'legally blind'

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At back, Alf Green. Middle, from left, April Robinson, Tyson Robinson, Lavina Robinson (with painted face), Zach Green, 2, and Irene Green. Front, from left, Zoe Green, 8, and Melissa Green holding her son Caleb Green, 1.

This is me and my family at the Koori Knockout in Lismore over the October long weekend.

Alf is my husband, April is my niece, Tyson is my great grandson, Lavina is my grand niece, Melissa is my daughter and Caleb, Zach and Zoe are her children. Melissa also has another daughter Sophie Green, who is six years old, but she isn't in the photo because she was off at the one of the food stalls.

We're Bundjalung people and we live at Casino, which is part of our traditional country. We have always lived there, that's where I was born and bred.

Alf and I have been married for 19 years. Alf is from around Tabulam, like me. We met when we were growing up.

Melissa is my only child and through her I have my four lovely grandchildren.

As a family, we do things like go

swimming and watch sport. We're here at the knockout backing Northern United because my nephew Evan Hickling is in the team. And we're backing the Tabulam Turtle Divers too because that's all my mob.

I have one brother and two sisters. My sisters live at Juball and Casino and my brother lives at Woodenbong.

We all place a lot of importance on family gatherings, the usual times I suppose, times like Christmas, Easter and holidays.

In the holidays, we generally go to our family's places and spend a couple of days there. It's good because the kids get to see all of their cousins. It's important for them to know each other.

For my daughter and grandkids, I'd like them to get a good education and to know their cultural background. I tell them about their cultural background, about their

country and how they fit into it.

We'll be here at the knockout for the full four days. We love our footy and we love our people.

Share your family with our readers

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

OUR CHILDREN



Tegan Williams, 4, and Kyanne Campbell, 2, both of Alice Springs, found a cool spot in the shade last month while waiting for their mums who were attending a meeting in the Central Australian town to establish the new National Aboriginal Alliance (NAA). The tiny mates took up residence on top of an esky full of cool drinks, with Kyanne helping herself.

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Knioka keeps things cool

Knioka Gordon cools off after her team, Northern Casino, won the women's competition at the 37th NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Lismore, in northern New South Wales. The carnival was played over the October long weekend. Knioka's team triumphed over the Lower Clarence Tiddas from around Grafton. Throughout the weekend, 26 men's teams, six women's teams and four under 15s teams battled it out for the titles of knockout champions.

● For on-field action as well as social photos from around Lismore's Oakes Oval, see pages 36-38 in general news and pages 91-93 in sport.



Campaign to support our black voices



COMMUNITY groups have launched an online pledge campaign to support

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices.

The LISTENup! community campaign to re-energise the reconciliation agenda was launched in Melbourne on Thursday, coinciding with the launch of *Coercive Reconciliation, Stabilise, Normalise, Exit Aboriginal Australia*, a book edited by Jon Altman and Melinda Hinkson.

Spokesperson and Indigenous child and family services leader Muriel Bamblett launched the LISTENup! campaign as a response to what she described as the flagging of the reconciliation agenda, particularly in the face of the Federal Government's emergency intervention in Northern Territory Aboriginal

LISTENup! seeks online pledges to re-energise reconciliation agenda

communities.

"We know that taking away land, taking away control and denigrating culture will not protect Aboriginal children," said Ms Bamblett, who is the Chairperson of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

"In fact, it is those very areas of land, community control and culture which are the sources of real protection for Aboriginal children.

"The LISTENup! online pledge campaign is seeking a better approach to Indigenous and reconciliation affairs in this country.

"The campaign emphasises the importance of Land, Investments in Aboriginal and Islander culturally-based Solutions, self-determination, Treaties and agreements as

the way forward to restore the rightful place of Aboriginal and Islander communities. Evidence-based solutions and national representation to restore Aboriginal and Islander voice in national affairs.

"It all adds up to LISTEN.

"We are asking community groups, individuals and politicians to sign a pledge to commit to these principles and resurrect the process of reconciliation for the future of our children.

"It's time to LISTENup!" LISTENup! is a coalition of concerned organisations and individuals seeking a better response to Aboriginal and Islander disadvantage based on listening to Indigenous voices, communities and services. The website is www.listenupaustalia.org

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Kalkadoon sign off on Mt Isa land agreement



Old Premier Anna Bligh (second from right) at Glider Point, in Mt Isa, with Kalkadoon Elders and signatories to the land use agreement, Pat Kyle, Auntie Thelma Sullivan and Connie Craigie.

Photo Peter Wallace, Courier Mail



QUEENSLAND Premier Anna Bligh last week signed two significant Indigenous Land Use Agreements with the Kalkadoon people and the Mount Isa City Council.

Ms Bligh described the agreements as 'a vital step' in securing much-needed land for new housing and space for future industrial development in Mount Isa.

The agreements cover four locations across Mount Isa. She said the agreements opened up new opportunities for the Kalkadoon people and for the broader Mount Isa community.

"These agreements are the result of years of hard work and commitment by all sides. As a result everyone wins under these agreements," Ms Bligh said last Tuesday.

Transferred

Under the agreement, two prime freehold development sites will be transferred to the Kalkadoon people.

"This will ensure they have the opportunity to take an active part in the future of Mount Isa through the development of industrial and residential housing projects," Ms Bligh said.

"Like many cities and towns

reaping the many benefits of the resources boom, there has been a downside for Mount Isa – and that's the lack of skilled workers due to a housing shortage.

"The agreements signed today will open up badly-needed residential housing blocks.

"The agreements also allow for the development of industrial land as part of the final stage of the Government's Nordale Industrial Estate, future development of the Kalkadoon Industrial Estate and provision of a site at Mica Creek which is suitable for major industrial development.

"The Infrastructure Plan for the Northern Economic Triangle identified the need to release land for heavy and light industrial use in Mount Isa to foster the expansion of mining and encourage investment in

value-adding through mineral processing and industrial diversification."

Member for Mount Isa Betty Kiernan said the agreements would help ensure the Mount Isa community reached its full potential in the years to come.

Hard work

"These historic land use agreements are a symbol of the hard work and goodwill shown by the Kalkadoon people and the Mount Isa City Council," she said.

"Both industrial and residential space is badly needed if our city is to continue to grow and prosper.

"I want to congratulate everyone involved in the negotiation and finalisation of these vital agreements and I know the Mount Isa community as a whole will be the beneficiaries."

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New Pilbara group aims to improve quality of life



A NEW company has been formed to provide support and representation for traditional landowners in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

The company, which is called Marnda Mia Central Negotiating Committee Pty Ltd, was formed as a

result of a partnership between landowners and Rio Tinto Iron Ore.

Slim Parker, chairman of Marnda Mia, said despite the wealth being generated by mining in the Pilbara, and the flow on of some of that wealth to governments, Aboriginal people mostly continued to suffer a lower standard of living, lower life expectancy and lower education levels than other Australians.

"A consistent and frustrating experience of local Aboriginal people has been engagements with companies and government has tended to occur when we're most needed and in an unco-ordinated manner – and not to the benefit of our families and groups," Mr Parker said.

"In 2003, in an effort to change this trend, the Central Negotiating Committee was formed. In

2006, this evolved into a private company owned and controlled by 10 Pilbara traditional owner groups. Marnda Mia CNC Pty Ltd provides a powerful opportunity to influence and co-ordinate local services and activities and improve local people's quality of life."

Warwick Smith, managing director of Expansion Projects for Rio Tinto Iron Ore, said providing seed funding for the establishment and operational capacity of Marnda Mia was an important partnership for RTIO.

"RTIO fully recognises and respects the links that local Aboriginal people have to their local land and local places and Marnda Mia provides for them an active and co-ordinated body with which we can work closely on regional matters," Mr Smith said.

"It will also be a useful interaction point for the many other corporates and agencies, each of which need to seek advice and co-ordinate the delivery of services and activities.

RTIO has committed \$2 million over the next two years to assist the establishment of Marnda Mia, after which time it will be self-funding.

Captain Rodney's career is on fire



YOUNG Walgett man Rodney Thorne loves his work. And the job loves him, if his

latest promotion is anything to go by. The 22-year-old has just become the first Aboriginal firefighter to be appointed to the position of Captain of a New South Wales Fire Brigades (NSWFB) fire station.

In the process of becoming Captain of Walgett Fire Station, Rodney won some very big accolades from the 'top brass' – and all just a year after he fulfilled his lifelong dream of joining the fire service.

"Last year, I decided that I wanted to give something back to my community," said the civic-minded local.

"I'd spent my childhood watching the local firefighters at work, and always admired what they did – I thought it was the best way for me to make a positive contribution."

Since joining the NSWFB, Rodney has already attended some big fires.

"One of the first fires I attended after joining the NSWFB was in Brewarrina, where I relieved for a couple of weeks," he said.

"We were called to a huge house fire, which took six hours



Back row, Chief Supt Neil Harris, Supt Dave Felton, Inspector Greg Lewis and Captain Adam Robinson. Front, Captain Rodney Thorne (centre) and his grandparents Dorothy and Keith Thorne.

to extinguish. It was a challenging fire due to low water pressure so the Rural Fire Service had to keep us supplied with water.

"Another memorable fire occurred on the eve of Anzac Day this year – one of the banks

in Walgett caught fire around 12.55am and we were still at the scene when the Anzac Day Dawn Service march came past the following day.

"We all stopped our work as a mark of respect to the veterans before returning to the job of

cleaning up the site."

Acting Commissioner John Benson congratulated Rodney on his new position, declaring it an 'exciting day for the NSWFB, the community of Walgett and the Indigenous community'.

"Rodney is the first

Indigenous firefighter to be appointed to the position of Captain and at just 22 years of age, he is one of the youngest captains the NSWFB has ever had," he said.

NSWFB Chief Superintendent Neil Harris (Area Commander, Regional West), also was on hand to congratulate Rodney on his achievement.

"It's fantastic to see someone so young and enthusiastic take up the position of Captain," he said.

"Rodney is a great firefighter and an asset to the town of Walgett and to the NSWFB."

For his part, Rodney encouraged more people, particularly young Indigenous people, to join the NSWFB.

"Joining the NSWFB and becoming a firefighter has been a new and exciting challenge for me," he said. "I work with a fantastic team of people and although the work we do is serious, we still have a lot of fun."

"I enjoy getting out into the local community and teaching them how to protect themselves and their families from the threat of fire."

"I believe that being a firefighter is well within most people's capabilities. You just have to be prepared to work hard and give it a go."

Hearings begin for Torres Strait regional sea claim



THE Federal Court of Australia has begun hearing evidence from the traditional owners of six Torres Strait communities regarding the area's regional sea claim.

The hearings started on 26 September and will conclude tomorrow.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chairperson Toshie Kris said the Federal Court's visit to the Torres Strait was a very important occasion in the sea claim process and he encourages community members to support the Elders involved.

"Not since the historic Mabo Case of 1992, has the Federal Court travelled to the outer islands of the Torres Strait to hear evidence in a native title claim," said Mr Kris.

"The regional sea claim was originally filed by the region's traditional owners in the Federal Court in 2001 and claims approximately 42,000 square kilometres of sea in the Torres Strait."

"Mediation over several years has highlighted the important need to preserve traditional information and I thank the Federal Court for travelling to the Torres Strait to hear the evidence of our Elders."

During the visit, Federal Court Judge Justice Finn heard first-hand traditional evidence in relation to the claim.

"The evidence heard will be preserved and become part of Court record, and will also help to assist parties to either reach agreement or narrow down some of the issues to be contested," Mr Kris said.

The hearings on Boigu Island, Kubin community, Badu Island, Saibai Island, Mer Island, and Erub Island have been open to the public.

Mr Kris said the early evidence hearings were not the final hearings as more work was needed to progress the claim.

"So I encourage traditional owners to continue working and supporting each other until the case is finalised," he said.

"The regional sea claim is a priority for the TSRA's Native Title Office (NTO), which will continue to assist traditional owners to advance this claim, by working constructively together, traditional owners will be able to secure the best possible outcome for our people."



Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chairman Toshie Kris

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Mixed reaction to Yarrabah deal

Story and photos by
CHRISTINE HOWES



THE Mayor of Yarrabah says a two-year agreement signed late last month as the first stage of welfare reform in the far north Queensland community will help its residents to at last achieve 'the great Australian dream' of owning a house.

The community currently averages 13-14 people to a house.

Mayor Vince Mundraby has welcomed the two-year agreement, signed by the Federal Government, the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and the Yarrabah Community Justice Group.

The agreement commits the signatories to new arrangements aimed at contributing to long-term welfare reform in the 4000-strong community just south of Cairns, 'with a specific initial focus on improving school attendance'.

However, some residents are angry about it and say they weren't consulted properly.

The agreement aims to 'build a stronger, more resilient community based on a market economy and individual economic independence'.

"The parties to the agreement aim to change behaviour by strengthening obligations under normalised tenancy arrangements; improving the condition of existing houses; promoting participation in an Income Management Program (IMP) and introducing home ownership in Yarrabah," it says.

Similar to Hopevale

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said the Yarrabah agreement was similar to an agreement signed earlier this year by the Hopevale Aboriginal Shire Council.

He said a key element to the agreement was the provision of housing upgrades to people who 'move to normal public housing tenancy arrangements, pay market rent, uphold tenancy conditions and look after their houses'.

He also said families who committed to the Income Management Program would be eligible for additional housing upgrades.

Under the deal, the Federal Government says it will develop up to 40 new housing blocks, once the Queensland Government legislated for land tenure changes to allow for private home ownership.

Mr Mundraby said home ownership was something residents of Aboriginal communities had never been able to achieve.

"It wasn't even thought of in our community or any other Indigenous community, of getting and owning your own home - now we can achieve the great Australian dream," he said.

He said extra housing was greatly needed in the community.

"We have 4320 people and only 300 houses, that's the state of housing in our community," he said.

Mr Brough said Mr Mundraby

Yarrabah from the town lookout.



approached him after talking to Noel Pearson and seeing what was being done in Hopevale to build a better future for local Aboriginal people.

But the deal has angered some residents because of a lack of consultation, according to some reports in *The Cairns Post*.

Yarrabah elder Percy Neal told Cairns newspaper that residents would like to see what they were signing off on, while Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services CEO David Baird said a lack of consultation was a 'fundamental flaw from the start'.

Queensland Democrat Senator Andrew Bartlett welcomed the agreement, but said it was unfortunate that the Government required funding to be attached to ideologically motivated conditions.

"It is also a tribute to the determination of the community at Yarrabah that they have been able to pursue and develop their own housing and funding models," Mr Bartlett said.

"This gives them the prospect of a greater degree of control over the process compared with what the Federal Government has imposed on some other Aboriginal communities."

"This long overdue funding for housing at Yarrabah is a welcome start, but it's a shame that politics and ideology, rather than a coherent evidence based policy appears to be driving the Federal Government's funding decisions when it comes to Indigenous affairs and housing."

- Additional reporting by AAP



Yarrabah Mayor Vince Mundraby: "Now we can achieve the great Australian dream."



The Pluto development site identified by Woodside, where at least 150 pieces of rock art will have to be removed or destroyed.

Turnbull targeted in Burrup rock art row

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



PERTH lobby group Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) has taken the fight to save ancient rock art in the Pilbara to the Sydney electorate of Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

FARA took out a half-page colour advertisement in local newspaper *The Wentworth Courier* to outline the issues and strengthen the call for a full inquiry into the value of Aboriginal heritage on the Burrup Peninsula on Western Australia's northern coast.

One of the traditional owner groups, the Wong Goo Ttoo, made the call for an inquiry through local Elder Wilfred Hicks, who said that energy giant Woodside's plans to develop an on-shore gas processing plant on the Burrup would destroy hundreds of pieces of valuable rock art.

"The intrusion of Woodside's planned development area B on the Burrup must rank as one of the worst incidents of the destruction of Aboriginal heritage and world class rock art in Australia," Mr Hicks said.

"The destruction of our country is now out of control, with Woodside preparing, with the active assistance of the WA State Government, for the wholesale destruction of hundreds of ancient carvings that link us spiritually with our ancestors."

FARA spokesman Robin Chapple said the issue of heritage protection for ancient Aboriginal rock art in the Pilbara was set to become an election issue in Wentworth to help force Mr Turnbull to act on proper heritage protection.

"If he does the right thing we'll support him whole heartedly, so we're not actually taking a political role in trying to knock him off, but we're hoping that the advertising that we're doing will bring to fruition a proper inquiry into the values of the place."

Mr Chapple said the advertisement was designed to give the people of Wentworth the correct information about what is happening on the Burrup, as well as ways to take action to support the FARA campaign.



FARA spokesman Robin Chapple.

"The ad gives people the information to visit the number of websites, to see what the values are, to explain the values, and to say to the electorate that this is a major issue facing Australia."

"We would be encouraging the electorate in Wentworth to put pressure on Mr Turnbull to indeed have a proper in-depth inquiry."

The ALP candidate for Wentworth in the up-coming Federal election, George Newhouse, said he supported FARA's stand on the Burrup rock art, as well as independent lobby group Getup which also was running a campaign for the Federal election.

"The Environment Minister, Malcolm Turnbull has been putting it about that he has protected the Burrup Peninsula - but the Friends of Australian Rock Art Inc has exposed the lie," Mr Newhouse said.

"Australia's oldest rock carvings are under threat of destruction and require immediate protection."

"The Howard Government's initial stance on this goes to show how out of touch they are with everyday Australians."

And the FARA and Getup campaigns have some high-profile supporters, including former Liberal prime Minister Malcolm Fraser who said that industrial development in the

Pilbara should never have been placed on the Burrup in the first place.

"It is a mistake to think that the industrial development of the North West depends on using The Burrup/Murujug," Mr Fraser said.

"The peninsula is so rugged and precipitous that it is hard to understand how it ever came to be used for industrial development."

WA Businessman and well-known Broome identity Lord Alistair McAlpine said the destruction of rock art on the Burrup was an international disgrace and Australia was acting as a 'cultural vandal on an international scale'.

Palyku (Pilbara) academic and author Sally Morgan said Australia did not seem capable of caring for or even appreciating the value of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

"Heritage is in a mess in Western Australia. If Stonehenge were in the Pilbara, it would no longer exist."

Mr Turnbull announced in July that '99 per cent of the Burrup would be placed on the National Heritage Register, with the remaining area set aside for development by Woodside'.

A spokesperson said the Minister 'takes his responsibilities very seriously and like all issues that come before him, the Pluto proposal will be given careful consideration and a decision will be made which is informed by the relevant facts and within the law'.



Wong Goo Ttoo Elder Wilfred Hicks wants a full inquiry into heritage values on the Burrup Peninsula in WA's Pilbara region.

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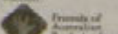
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Act now - contact Malcolm Turnbull! The Wong Goo Ttoo people, a group of local Aboriginal descendants, have recently asked Commonwealth Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull to establish an inquiry into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1973 and the impact of rock art on Woodside's Pluto B lease on the Burrup/Murujuga.

Please act now by asking Malcolm Turnbull to use his ministerial power and request the Wong Goo Ttoo's request for an inquiry. Ph: 016 95221 Fax: 016 95225 Email: Malcolm.Turnbull.MP@aph.gov.au

For further information look at our website: burrupheritage.com.au and while you're there have a look at our online art section.

Malcolm Turnbull The world is watching!



A copy of the FARA advertisement placed in a local newspaper in Malcolm Turnbull's electorate of Wentworth in Sydney.

ALP promises to bring back CDEP

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to keep things going or if we're going to close it down for good."

Meanwhile, Labor said CDEP payments to people within the prescribed NT communities would be eligible for income quarantining.

The party's statement said CDEP would be reformed nationally to put more emphasis on making people work-ready by providing literacy, numeracy, IT and driver education.

It would also improve on-the-job training opportunities in industries such as mining, tourism, forestry, arts, horticulture, pastoral and construction.

Labor also announced it would create positions for up to 300 new rangers to work on the environment.

The rangers would undertake environmental services specialising in noxious weed and feral pest eradication, fire management, fencing and vegetation restoration and the protection of endangered species.

Labor also would provide opportunities for Indigenous participation in fledgling carbon markets and increase funding to expand the successful Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) program within the national reserve system.

Brough bites back

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough lashed out at Labor's policy announcement, saying it was just another in a series of Federal Labor backdowns on the NT Emergency Response.

"It shows that they will water down the essential elements to protect children by taking easy



Labor leader Kevin Rudd had offered bipartisan support for the Federal Government's NT intervention measures, but is now offering alternate policies such as bringing back the CDEP work program.

politically-motivated options," Mr Brough said.

Mr Brough accused Federal Labor of saying it supported the intervention, but then staying silent while 'the NT Labor Government does its best to undermine it and pays for full

page advertisements. He said Labor had previously supported the abolition of CDEP but now wanted it re-established.

He said the ALP was prepared to jeopardise the 'crucial' policy of cash management through quarantining.

"Despite what they say, you can't quarantine people's wages under CDEP unless it's voluntary.

"So for a few votes Labor would leave cash in these communities for gambling and grog during the emergency period," the Minister said.

"They will lead Aboriginal people back down the road of passive welfare just when they are beginning to embrace the Howard Government's reforms. We cannot allow another catastrophic failure under Labor. The women and children of the NT have the right to expect much more than that."

"Respected NT Aboriginal leader Mr Galarrwuy Yunupingu who originally opposed the NT reforms, said, after it was explained to him, that CDEP must go. Labor must listen to people like Mr Yunupingu who believe in a real economy rather than make work job creation programs that go nowhere."

Despite those Ministerial sentiments, Federal Labor's new Indigenous plan is being well received by at least one of east Arnhem Land's Indigenous service providers.

The Laynhapuy Homelands Association's Susan Sandry told ABC radio that Labor's plan offered some real hope for thousands of Aboriginal people who wanted to live and work in remote communities.

"Well you know, we would hope there would be support there for particularly CDEP workers in the arts industry," she said.

"That's a huge industry that really needs some support and definitely rangers as well, that's great, it enables people to live and work on country as well."

Ms Sandry said Labor's push for mining companies to play a bigger role in employing Aboriginal people was also welcome.

"That's great if it's offering up the chance of employment in unsubsidised jobs off CDEP," she said.

Election stunt

National Aboriginal Alliance (NAA) spokesman Michael Mansell said that after three

months, Canberra's emergency efforts in the NT had come to nothing and were little more than an election stunt.

"Three months after the Prime Minister declared a state of emergency in NT Aboriginal communities over 'rampant child sex abuse' no paedophile rings have been found and not a single charge has been laid," he said.

"The Prime Minister was all huff and puff. It was, and remains, an election stunt. Armed with troops, extra police, doctors and bureaucrats from interstate and a \$1.3 billion budget, the least people could expect was a raft of criminal charges against those the Prime Minister insisted he was hunting. If there were all these sex abusers running around then where are the results to support the invasive government action?"

"If there was such a crisis why have there been so little results?"

"Minister Mal Brough is busy hunting up ways to justify the over-the-top actions against Aboriginal communities."

"Mr Brough emphasises agreements with people like Mr Yunupingu or that some



National Aboriginal Alliance (NAA) spokesman Michael Mansell

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The Walk for Strong Communities was organised by the Intervention Reform Coalition, a group of Darwin residents supporting Aboriginal concerns over the intervention.

Hundreds protest in Darwin over NT laws



MORE than 200 people walked through Darwin recently to support Indigenous rights and protest the NT intervention.

Braving the first rains of the wet season, they walked from central Darwin to Mindil Beach, carrying placards and handing out

fact sheets to onlookers.

Called the Walk for Strong Communities, it was organised by the Intervention Reform Coalition, a group of people who have come together to support Aboriginal concerns over the intervention.

The group includes people working in the areas of law, medicine, the arts, and the environment who after hearing

from speakers Chris Howse (Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Committee), Tony Fitzgerald (Anti Discrimination Commission), barrister Pat McIntyre, Dr Paul Burgess and Olga Havnen (Combined Aboriginal Organisations and Women for Wik) at a public meeting, felt they needed to make a stand.

IRC spokesperson Rob Wesley

Smith said the walk was organised to give Darwin people an opportunity to express support for rights of Indigenous people affected by the Federal Government's NT intervention in the NT.

"The Federal Government intervention is heavy-handed and inappropriate," Mr Wesley Smith said.

"It cannot be denied that decades of neglect and centuries of occupation have created dysfunction and deep-rooted problems in Indigenous communities.

"However, the IRC believes that a community development approach, based on decades of reports and recommendations, should be the way forward.

Labor promises to bring back CDEP

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communities have welcomed the officials. That emphasis diverts attention away from Canberra's failure to get the results promised."

"Closing down CDEP looks like creating 6,000 unemployed Aborigines throughout the NT. Community businesses like Gunya are now in jeopardy despite these operations training local people when CDEP was operating.

"Taking income off families will make them more, not less, dependent on government for the basic necessities of life."

Mr Mansell said the NAA wanted greater responsibility for the running of Aboriginal communities vested in the people.

"The position of Canberra is at odds with that approach," he said.

"We want Aboriginal leadership at the local level honoured, whether through traditional laws or otherwise. Canberra's position is at odds with that approach because Canberra is determined to destroy traditional Aboriginal structures and reliance on Aboriginal ways.

"Canberra wants more police. The

NAA wants more responsibility and authority handed to local leaders.

"We want investment in our people, not white officials."

Labor's decision to announce that it would re-introduce the CDEP scheme followed calls last week for the head of the intervention taskforce, Major General Dave Chalmers to be replaced with a civilian.

The calls came from the Australian Defence Association (ADA), which is a lobby group based in Canberra.

In its latest Defence Brief bulletin, the group said despite the intervention having bipartisan support, it had attracted wider political and social controversy. That had drawn the Australian Defence Force (ADF) into the controversy, despite long defence involvement with remote Aboriginal communities.

"Because of the attendant and growing controversy about the federal intervention in Aboriginal communities, it would be better if this long-term operation, emergency or not, was now headed by a civilian official, say, a senior physician, rather than a military officer," ADA said.

"This government has often relied on the professional can-do approach of the

ADF to overcome bureaucratic and other obstacles.

"But leaving Major General Chalmers in the position is now inappropriate on a range of constitutional, professional and community-unity grounds."

Meanwhile, ten police officers from New South Wales, arrived in Darwin on Saturday to take part in the intervention.

They'll be spread across the Territory to remote communities where they will stay for four months, enforcing alcohol bans and tackling domestic violence.

Chief Inspector Ken Sorensen will be leading the NSW team and says the level of commitment shows the officers are going for the right reasons.

"They'll be missing out on Christmas with family and friends purely for the reason that they want to make a difference, they want to assist up here," he said.

Critics of the Federal Government intervention say alcohol bans are impossible to enforce and many areas are without police presence.

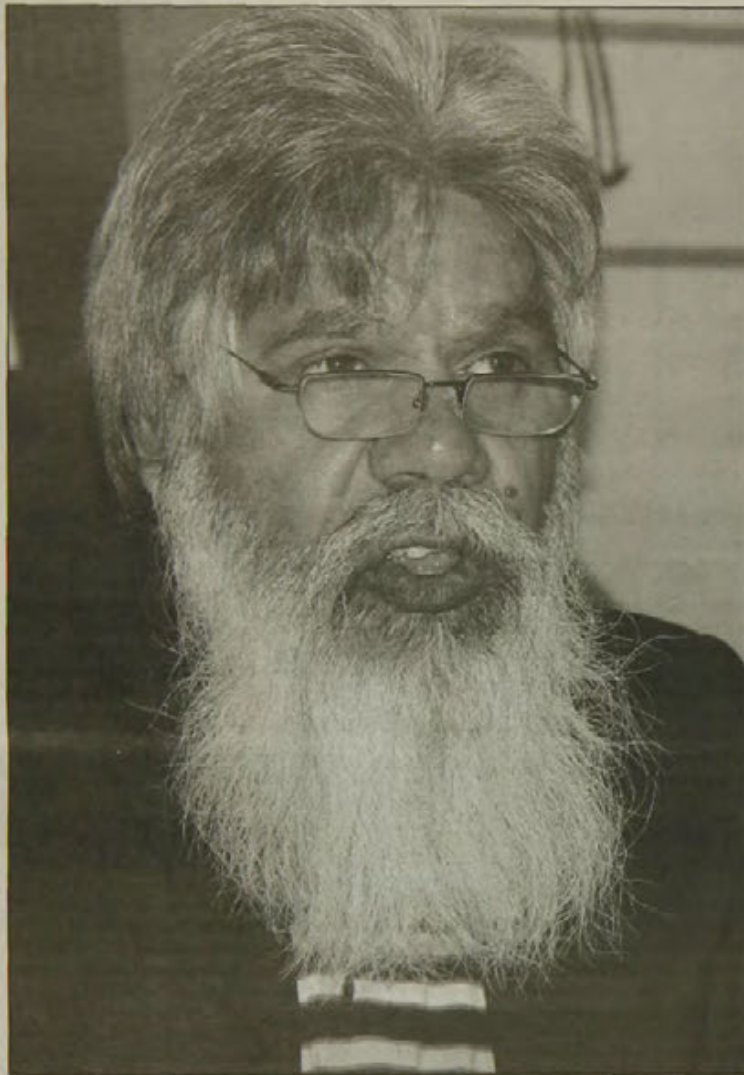
But Mr Sorensen says progress has been made and officers are being welcomed by communities.

— With AAP



The Australian Defence Association has called for the head of the Government's intervention, Major General Dave Chalmers, pictured, to be replaced with a civilian

WA reparation call for stolen wages victims



Nyoongar Elder Ted Wilkes gave the Welcome to Country: "I saw an uncle of mine working on a farm down in the south-west and he went to pick up his wages and for a week's work, he was given a pig."



ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington: "Most Australians think we're a drain on the economy but the history that is seldom told is the great contribution that Aboriginal people made to building Australia."

Govt accused of using delaying tactics

Story and photos by Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



ADVOCATES for victims of the stolen wages era have called on the WA and Federal governments to urgently repay money owed instead of churning out an endless number of reports as a delaying tactic for proper reparation.

WA Greens Senator Rachael Siewert and WA Aboriginal Legal Service Executive Officer Dennis Eggington made the call at the recent WA launch of the *Hard Labour, Stolen Wages* report by Queensland academic Dr Rosalind Kidd.

The national report contains many of the case histories into stolen wages and entitlements detailed during the 2005 Senate Inquiry, which found that WA was one of the worst offenders between the early 1900s and the early 1970s.

The WA Government announced on 20 September that its taskforce set up to investigate the issue had been put in place and people wishing to make submissions had only until 30 November to contact the taskforce through the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs.

Legacy of history

Giving the Welcome to Country address at the launch of the national report at the ALS in Perth, Nyoongar Elder Ted Wilkes said reparations for those whose wages were withheld was a way to change the legacy of history caused by colonisation.

"A lot of our people won't benefit from this because a lot of the stories about stolen wages won't actually come out, and I can only relate some of the stories from the history of my family," Mr Wilkes said.

"I saw an uncle of mine working on a farm down in the south-west and he went to pick up his wages and for a week's work, he was given a pig. That's how we survived and white people still have the control over the economy which we work in."

Mr Eggington said the ALS would fight hard to ensure that people who were defrauded of their wages and other entitlements would be repaid in full.

"It's part of the unfinished business along with issues like reconciliation, native title and the Stolen Generations and, as well as the legal obligations to get the money back to people that it's owed to, we want to show the Aboriginal input into the building of this nation," Mr Eggington said.

"Most Australians think we're a drain on the



WA Greens Senator Rachael Siewert holding a copy of the national stolen wages report by Dr Rosalind Kidd.

"Aboriginal people would not be suffering the poverty they face today if they were paid the wages and entitlements that were due to them," the Senator said.

economy, but the history that is seldom told is the great contribution that Aboriginal people made to building Australia."

Senator Siewert said Dr Kidd's report was 'an important contribution to exposing what went on in this country and the further travesties that were perpetrated on Aboriginal people throughout Australia'.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this country's strong economy was born on the backs of Aboriginal labour," Senator Siewert said.

"The WA Government has announced that it will investigate the issue, but there should be no time wasted deciding whether reparations are due. There should be reparation and we should not be wasting time on that issue."

"Aboriginal people would not be suffering the poverty they face today if they were paid the wages and entitlements that were due to them."

'Blame game'

"State governments have to act, but the Commonwealth Government seems to be playing a blame game that it was the States, but child endowment and pensions also were not paid and the Commonwealth knew because there is recorded correspondence to that effect."

There have been no official estimates of how much money in total was withheld from Aboriginal people in WA but advocates claim that the figure would be at least \$150 million.

"The offer of \$4000 by the Queensland Government for reparation, there is totally inadequate when you think of some of the evidence that we saw during the inquiry," said Senator Siewert.

"There was one case where a worker was owed nearly 700 pounds from the early 20th Century and we got expert advice to say that would now be worth about \$38,000, so governments need to do a lot better than the tokenistic offer by Queensland."

Indigenous doctors prescribe some rights and respect



THE lessons, success and failures of the 40 years since the 1967 Referendum were key topics for discussion at the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association's annual Symposium in Adelaide last week.

About 200 delegates attended the event, including senior public service officials, representatives from Indigenous health and medical education, Indigenous Elders and healers, as well as Indigenous doctors and students.

AIDA's outgoing President, Dr Mark Wenitong, said the symposium's theme of *Referendum, Rights and Respect* was particularly timely given recent events on the Australian political landscape.

"Out of the three - Referendum, Rights and Respect - we've only achieved one so far: The Referendum," he said in his parting speech.

"And it's questionable how much impact this has for the improvement of Indigenous people."

'Use wisdom'

Dr Wenitong called on all Australians to use their wisdom in assessing the impact of the Northern Territory intervention on their fellow Indigenous countrymen.

"Against an inspiring background showcasing Indigenous culture, knowledge and science, the AIDA calls on the Government to use best knowledge and best evidence in its approach and implementation," he said.

The failure of the 1967 Referendum to bring real equality to Indigenous people was again highlighted by Professor Larissa Behrendt who also spoke, along with renowned activist Dr Charles 'Chicka' Dixon, CEO of Adelaide's Nunkuwarrin Yunti Aboriginal Health Service Ms Polly Sumner-Dodd, and Professor Kerin O'Dea from St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne.

The common theme in many presentations was the pervasive racism in Australia and the need to tackle it at an individual and institutional level.

Seventy-nine-year-old retired activist Chicka Dixon, who was integral to the 1967 Referendum campaign, shared his philosophy with delegates.

"I believe every woman on this planet is my sister. Every man on this planet is my brother. Like all Indigenous people, I know the Earth is my mother. I share and care with those three," he said.

"If the rest of the world could adopt this philosophy, there would be no wars. There will be no starving children."

Symposium participants included Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Lowitja O'Donoghue, guests from remote Australia, and Te ORA - the Maori Medical Practitioners Association.

A new AIDA Board, to be led by incoming President Dr Tamara Mackean, was elected. It consists of Australia's only Indigenous surgeon, its only Indigenous psychiatrist, its only obstetrician and a number of other well-respected Indigenous practitioners.



● ABOVE: Indigenous cultural consultant Margaret Nelson and registered nurse Jill Hall, who spoke about the Adelaide Family Home Visiting Program and the importance of a respectful partnership approach between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in their program.



● LEFT: AIDA CEO Romlie Mokak and Dr Stephanie Trust, who spoke about her pathway into medicine.



● BELOW: Mr Stevie Goldsmith, from the Tai Kurti Nna Dance Group.



Professor Larissa Behrendt.



AIDA's incoming president Dr Tamara Mackean, Dr Chicka Dixon, Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue, AIDA past president Dr Mark Wenitong and AIDA student representative Lose Pouvalu.



A performer from the Kurruru Dance Group.

Glamour and glitz



On stage at the Sydney Opera House, the musical finale of the 2007 Deadly Awards.

Red carpet for champions of 1967 Referendum

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ESTABLISHED stars of the black community shared the stage with some of Australia's most promising new talent at the 2007 Deadly Awards held at the Sydney Opera House on 27 September.

Every year, the Deadlys shine a very bright and public spotlight on Indigenous achievement and excellence in the areas of music, sport, entertainment and community awards and this year the event also rolled out the red carpet for champions of the 1967 Referendum.

The 12th annual awards gave people an excuse to bring their sharpest threads out of storage and glam it up like few other occasions except, perhaps, for NAIDOC balls.

The Opera House concert hall was abuzz with good vibes, great music, laughs and bucket loads pride for the gala awards, which were hosted by charismatic actor and soapie star Luke Carroll, who threw a few cheeky verbal darts at politicians and the Government's Indigenous agenda.

"The state of Australian politics is a bit like an episode of *Home and Away*," he quipped. "The plot is predictable, the actors need a bit of work, (you wonder) didn't they say that yesterday? And there's a bloke who seems to have been on the show forever."

Fans of the 2006 Australian Idol runner-

up, Jessica Mauboy, decided she deserved first place, voting her Artist of the Year.

Wearing a cream satin dress reminiscent of Marilyn Monroe, Mauboy opened the awards ceremony with a performance of Liza Minnelli's hit, *Gypsy in My Soul*, backed up by five attentive tuxedoed dancers.

"Oh my god, I didn't expect this," said the 18-year-old songstress upon receiving her award, adding that it meant a lot to her.

Favourite 'country cousin' Troy Cassar-Daley won APRA Song of the Year for his song *Going Back Home* and sent a 'big shout out to the Goories and the Bundjalung mob back home'.

Jimmy Little tribute

Aboriginal music pioneer Jimmy Little was chuffed to receive the award named in his honour, the Jimmy Little Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music.

Host Carroll later shared the Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment award with Cathy Freeman for their roles on the second series of *Going Bush*, on SBS.

But he was pipped by *City Homicide* regular Aaron Pederson for Male Actor of the Year. Deb Mailman won the Female Actor of the Year Award.

In the sport categories, there were some repeat honours for the likes of Johnathan Thurston and super middleweight boxing champion Anthony 'Choc' Mundine who won Outstanding Achievement in Rugby League

and Male Sportsperson of the Year respectively.

Hawthorn's Lance Franklin won for Outstanding Achievement in AFL and basketball sensation Rohanee Cox won Female Sportsperson of the Year.

The biggest applause of the night was reserved for Indigenous members of the South Sydney Rabbitohs who were chuffed to hear that retiring team-mate David Peachey had won the Ella Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport.

Guests were welcomed to Gadigal country by Allan Madden and his son Desmond. The first performer for the night was Victoria's Herb Patten, who blew a mean version of *My Island Home* on the gumleaf while resplendent in a red, black and yellow jacket.

Comedian Shaun Choolburra delivered a side-splitting routine, followed by the tongue-in-cheek Bigotbri Ladies 'Mrs Coral Henderson and Mrs Beryl Myers' who shared their vision for 'Australians for Re-colonisation'.

There were also performances by Warren H Williams first with *Narbarlek*, and then supported by cousins Casey Donovan and Emma Donovan, the Baiwa Dancers and Billal Dance Troupe, and the Gumbaynggirr Elders Choir from Nambucca Heads.

The event's finale saw *Narbarlek*. Mauboy, Williams and the Donovan cousins return to the stage with Lou Bennett, Troy

Cassar-Daley, Jimmy Little, and Michael Tuahine.

Presenters included 14-year-old whale conservationist Skye Bortoli, with Torres Strait Islander actor Aaron Fa'aoso, *Living Black* presenter Karla Grant with sprinter Josh Ross, and Sydney Swans footballers Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin.

Dr Anita Heiss topped Miles Franklin Award winner Alexis Wright to win the Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Literature for her popular chick-lit novel *Not meeting Mr Right*.

Dedicated to women

The versatile author dedicated her award to 'all the sexy, sassy, smart, single black women in the house', but declared that her book's romantically-hapless central character Alice Aigner was not based upon her own experiences.

"I have never been on a yum cha date with a moon-walking hula dancer," she said. "There seems to be some confusion about that."

"If Alice was here right now, she would say 'I don't need a man because I have a Deadly award'."

Cape York's Tania Major topped off her 2007 Australian of the Year award with the Deadly for Young Leader of the Year Award.

'Newbies' included Dubbo singer Sharon-Lee Lane named Most Promising New Talent in Music and gun surfer Dale Richards named Most Promising New Talent in Sport.



Sharing the love: Some of the presenters for the 2007 Deadly Awards fronted up for an afternoon media conference against a backdrop of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Sharp-dressed men, from left, Patrick Wasiu, actor Aaron Fa'aoso, Francis Williams and Michael Warusam from Saibal Island in the Torres Strait.



Presenting the Ella Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport were, from left, Marcia Ella-Duncan, Jackie Puckeridge, Karen Ella-Bird, Ros Field (partly obscured), Gary Ella and Vivienne Mason.



Sydney Swans AFL stars Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin presented awards.



Country singer Troy Cassar-Daley, Nathan Ramsay, Jimmy Little and Warren H Williams backstage.



Jessica Mauboy



Honoured: Campaigners for the 1967 Referendum, from left, John Moriarty, Hazel Wilson, Chirstin Mumbler, Harriett Ellis and Euphemia Bostock with Phillip Orcher. Absent from the photo was fellow campaigner Lester Bostock.



The Gumbaynggirr Elders Choir from Nambucca Heads performed. They're shown here in rehearsal on the afternoon before the big night.



Sprinter Josh Ross and host of SBS TV's *Living Black* program Karla Grant presented an award.



From left, Dorothy Smith, Bimbo Smallwood, Marilyn Smith, comedian Shaun Choolburra and health worker Gracelyn Smallwood.



● LEFT: Emily Roberts, 13, Juliette Morse, 10 and Jessica Ah-chee, 14.

● RIGHT: Mates Melissa Gibson and Sonja Stewart enjoyed themselves at the after party.



Good things comes in threes for Townsville mob

Rugby League's man of the moment Johnathan Thurston couldn't make it to the Sydney Opera House to accept his award for Outstanding Achievement in Rugby League because he was recovering from shoulder reconstruction. But the lethal dual Dally M medal winner took time last week to catch up with two other

talented Townsville locals who also scored at the Deadlys. He's shown with basketball player Rohanee Cox, who won the Female Sportsman of the Year, and Gracelyn Smallwood, who won for Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

— Photo by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



And the Deadly goes to...

Music

Most Promising New Talent in Music – Sharon-Lee Lane

Single Release of the Year – *Your Love is like a Song* – Dan Sultan

Album Release of the Year – *Cannot Buy My Soul* – Kev Carmody

Band of the Year – Black Image

Artist of the Year – Jessica Mauboy

Jimmy Little Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music – Jimmy Little

APRA Song of the Year – *Going Back Home* – Troy Cassar-Daley

Sport

Most Promising New Talent in Sport – Dale Richards

Outstanding Achievement in AFL – Lance Franklin

Outstanding Achievement in Rugby League – Johnathan Thurston

Male Sportsperson of the Year – Anthony Mundine

Female Sportsperson of the Year – Rohanee Cox

The Ella Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport – David Peachey

The Arts

Dancer of the Year – Elma Kris

Outstanding Achievement in Film, Television or Theatre – Richard Frankland – Director, *The Circuit*

Outstanding Achievement in Literature – Dr Anita Heiss – *Not Meeting Mr Right*

Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment – Luke Carroll and Catherine Freeman – *Going Bush*

Male Actor of the Year – Aaron Pedersen

Female Actor of the Year – Deborah Mailman

Visual Artist of the Year – Dennis Nona

Community

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education – Gavin Khan

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health – Gracelyn Smallwood

Broadcaster of the Year – Sandy Dann

Apprentice of Trainee of the Year – Margaret Ross

Young Leader of the Year – Tania Major



Singer Shauntali with her husband Rob Batzke on the red carpet.



South Sydney Rabbitohs, from left, David Peachey, Joe Williams, Germaine Paulson and Yileen 'Buddy' Gordon.



Pat Singe and Munnalita Kyrimis from Channel Ten's *Biggest Loser* program with Mark 'The Black Olive' Olive on the red carpet.



Whale conservationist and Deadlys presenter, Skye Bortoli, 14



Singer Christine Anu looked radiant in sequins.



Artist Dennis Nona with his date Sharka Bosakova



Filmmaker and 1967 Referendum campaigner Lester Bostock with his wife Maureen Logan.



Winner of the Deadly for Best Single, Dan Sultan, was in a cheeky mood on the red carpet.



Actor Tammy Clarkson and SBS Radio broadcaster Lola Forester



From left, Koori Mail Editor Kirstie Parker, Josh Phoenix Parker and Diat Alferink



Actor Ursula Yovich and Stewart O'Connell

NAISDA strike ends

By DARREN COYNE



THE 'majority' of students at the National Indigenous dance school have returned to classes following a strike by students that involved an appeal to Prime Minister John Howard on YouTube.

The sacking of a staff member and claims of mismanagement prompted the strike, which started in mid-August at the National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA).

According to Graham Mooney, president of the NAISDA Action Group, only ten students were left at the school.

"NAISDA Action Group has now withdrawn from the strike as most of the students who were involved have been dismissed, or have relocated, or finished up completely to get back into their lives," he said.

Mr Mooney said the \$2.4 million cost to DCITA (Department of Community, Information, Technology and the Arts) of NAISDA's budget had to be justified with only 10 students.

A DCITA spokesperson confirmed DCITA provided funding to a number of independent elite arts training organisations, including NAISDA, and was satisfied that those conditions were being met.

"The funding agreements with each

organisation impose strict accountability requirements on all the organisations, including requiring them to meet specified conditions and milestones, the spokesperson said.

"DCITA monitors each organisation closely to ensure that public money is properly spent but direct intervention in the management of such agencies would not be appropriate.

"DCITA has worked closely with the NAISDA board since it learned of the student action in mid-August and continues to monitor the situation closely.

"The NAISDA board has taken a number of steps to resolve matters of concern to students and as a result the

majority of students have returned to classes."

In a message to the PM, students had demanded the removal of NAISDA's acting director Fay Nelson.

At the time, Ms Nelson rejected those demands and maintained that the students had no right to demand her resignation.

She said a small number of students had bullied others into the strike, and that they had become disgruntled when she cracked down on broken rules and unpaid fees.

Ms Nelson said NAISDA would continue to go from strength to strength.

Mr Mooney said however that NAISDA was on the verge of collapse.

Magic boost for lookout café



A BRISBANE Aboriginal organisation has secured crucial funding to proceed with its plan for an Indigenous-themed café, playground and public amenities on top of the

city's landmark Mount Gravatt Lookout. First Contact Development Corporation Ltd last week received a Federal Government grant of \$437,000 for the first building stage of its Echidna Magic Café on the popular spot, which overlooks the Brisbane CBD and has clear views of North Stradbroke Island, Brisbane River to Moreton Bay and the airport.

\$437,000 cheque

The Federal Member for Bonner, Ross Vasta, handed over a cheque for \$437,000 under the Department of Transport and Regional Services' Regional Partnership Program.

The funded work will include construction of a kitchen fit-out, amenities, disabled access, landscaping of the immediate parklands and implementation of eco-friendly amenities through efficient water management strategies.

First Contact Director Trish Williams



First Contact Director Trish Williams says the construction phase should be completed by June next year.

Robbie Williams surveys the view from Mt Gravatt Lookout in Brisbane, where First Contact will soon build its Echidna Magic café.

told the Koori Mail that construction would start before Christmas, with the kiosk expected to be open by the end of June next year.

The organisation's Chairperson, Robbie Williams, welcomed the new funding, saying the development of the lookout would provide much-needed training and employment for local young people and an economic boost to the local area.

"The Indigenous element to our development will also be highly attractive to international visitors to Queensland that will be a financial boost for the southside area," he said.

"Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous partnerships will be developed through a training and hospitality facility with a strong emphasis on environment and economic sustainability for future generations."

Desolate place

Currently at night Mt Gravatt becomes a fairly desolate place, attracting the clandestine activities of noisy car hoons and other bored young people.

First Contact got the go-ahead for the kiosk from Brisbane City Council in May last year. The organisation runs a variety of sporting, health and community programs, many of them with a focus on youth, including night street patrols around designated hot spots or zones and an annual sports and cultural festival, to be held this year at Whites Hill Sport and Recreational Reserve at Coorparoo from 23-25 November.

Mr Williams said First Contact was

considering block-training options for Indigenous people from remote areas as part of their employment, training and development strategy.

He said Echidna Magic would be a working model of active partnerships between local, State and Federal Government.

"The Greater Brisbane Area Consultative Committee has also been instrumental in working with our local community to support our idea", he said.

"The active development of the project will have broader community and social outcomes which will deliver benefits to the community well into the future through higher levels of economic activity and improved social impact and changes.

"I am very pleased with the funding outcome for First Contact and it is important for the Southside community.

"This is the combination of over ten years of planning for First Contact, especially the commitment of my fellow directors Trish Williams, Clinton Mohr and Michael Sunderland.

"We are going into this project with eyes wide open and after numerous community consultations. This is the model designed by our local community. We are providing the vehicle and the community will drive it from 2007 and beyond."

The 45-year-old businessman and former ATSIC Commissioner recently announced his plans to run as a Labor Party candidate for the ward of Wishart in the March 2008 Brisbane City Council elections.



AMA

Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund 2008

For the assistance and encouragement of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders studying for a medical degree at an Australian University.

Applications are now sought for the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship for 2008. Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Applicants must be eligible for ABSTUDY. A scholarship will not be awarded to an applicant who already holds any other substantial scholarship. To be eligible, the applicant must be currently enrolled at an Australian Medical School and completing at least their first year of medicine.

Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of an advisory committee appointed by the AMA Board of Trustees.

The value of any scholarship given in 2008 will be \$9,000 per annum.

One scholarship will be available in 2008. Scholarship will be awarded for a full course of study, subject to review at the end of each year. A scholarship may be awarded part-way through a year to apply to the remainder of the year's study.

Applications close Friday 16 November 2007.

To receive further information and an applications package, please contact Ms Ester Mijoc, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5447 or by e-mail emijoc@ama.com.au. An application package can also be downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au.

The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund has been established with a contribution from the Australian Government. The Trust is administered by the Australian Medical Association, with the help of an advisory committee appointed by the Board of Trustees.

The Australian Medical Association would like to acknowledge our new sponsor, the Reuben Peierman Benevolent Foundation for their support of the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund.



Lessons to be learned from NHM repatriation

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aborigines have organised a national seminar in Sydney at the end of the month to highlight issues and share knowledge with other Aboriginal communities fighting to bring their ancestors' remains home.

London lawyer Mark Stephens, who played an integral role in the battle to force the British Natural History Museum to return – without invasive testing – the remains of 17 Tasmanian Aboriginal people earlier this year, will speak at the event.

"We're bringing Mark Stephens to Australia to give his words of wisdom so other communities can also benefit from his legal advice," said Caroline Spotswood, who has organised the seminar and has been involved in international repatriation missions since the 1990s.

The seminar, to be held at the Redfern Community Centre on Monday 29 October, will be facilitated by Michael Mansell, Legal Adviser to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC).

Mr Mansell has been a spearhead of the repatriation campaign since it began in the 1970s and it was he, along with the TAC, who took on the National History Museum earlier this year. That museum alone continues to hold the remains of hundreds more Aboriginal people.

"We recommend community people with an interest attend, as well as lawyers and professionals interested in taking advantage of this rare opportunity to hear from such an accomplished lawyer with a commitment to social justice," Mr Mansell said.

"The war for repatriation is far from won. It remains to be seen whether Aboriginal victory in the case of the 17 Tasmanian dead will open doors for other Aboriginal groups."

Despite no legal precedent being set when the recent case against the NHM was resolved with mediation, Mr Mansell said lessons could be learned from the battle.

Ms Spotswood said the seminar was aimed at advancing the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to determine and control repatriation of ancestral remains as stated in Article 12 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"We would like to have as many Aboriginal organisations as possible have the opportunity to attend the national seminar. It will assist communities to effectively repatriate their own people," she said.

Ms Spotswood was critical of the

Office of Indigenous Policy Co-ordination (OIPC) which she said would not assist with transport costs for the seminar, share any contacts for Aboriginal communities or identify the museums it had talked to, claiming consultation was its responsibility.

"I am absolutely offended that the Government would want to control such a sensitive issue as repatriation," Ms Spotswood said.

"We need to take control out of the Government's hands and back into community control. It's community business."

• For further information about the seminar, contact the TAC on 1800 132 260 or email caroline.s@tacinc.com.au



Caroline Spotswood on repatriation of her ancestors remains: "Knowing how badly our people were treated makes it all the more significant, it makes you fight harder."



Mark Stephens, on the far right, and Caroline Spotswood, second from the left, in London in May, this year, following a successful mediation to have Tasmanian ancestral remains returned from the British Natural History Museum.



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Inquiry looks into Aboriginal deaths



A CORONIAL inquiry began last Thursday in Western Australia's north into alcohol and drug-related deaths in Aboriginal

communities, amid claims the number of those affected is ten times higher than official figures.

State Coroner Alistair Hope opened the inquiry in the Kimberley town of Derby, before moving to Fitzroy Crossing this week with plans to move on to Broome and Kununurra.

Mr Hope will investigate the link between alcohol and substance abuse and the deaths of at least 23 Aboriginal people in

the region since 2000.

Fitzroy Crossing community leader Joe Ross said he believed the number of alcohol related deaths in recent years is actually closer to 200.

"For the immediate families of the very small number of victims that have been selected over the last five to 20 years, these families are looking for closure in their lives," Mr Ross told ABC radio.

"One of the things that is being highlighted at the moment is the lack of feedback, the lack of formal reporting to these families as to how their loved ones died.

"For some, they are looking for justice, if it's deemed that at some point someone's been negligent in

this whole process then we've got to right the system so it doesn't happen again to our loved ones."

A six-month ban on all but light beer takeaway sales started in Fitzroy Crossing on Tuesday.

WA Premier Alan Carpenter has conceded the inquiry could reveal more alcohol or drug-related deaths than previously thought.

Earlier last week, it was revealed the Federal Government had offered Aboriginal people legal funding to appear before the coronial inquest after the WA Government refused.

The Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre (KALACC) had requested funding from the

WA Attorney-General's department to hire lawyer John Hammond to represent it and affected families at the inquiry.

But State Attorney-General Jim McGinty said counsel assisting the coroner was there to assist the families of the deceased and if they want another lawyer on top of that they have to pay for it themselves.

The State Government has provided KALACC with \$10,000 for health related issues but none to fund legal representation.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough is understood to have written to KALACC offering \$50,000 to pay for Mr Hammond's fees.

"When I visited Kalumburu last week I also spoke directly to representatives of KALACC about a range of community concerns, including youth suicide and drug and alcohol abuse in the Kimberley region," Mr Brough said in the letter.

"Given the seriousness of these issues for Aboriginal people in the Kimberley I appreciate the importance of KALACC's views and the views of the people it represents being heard at the inquest."

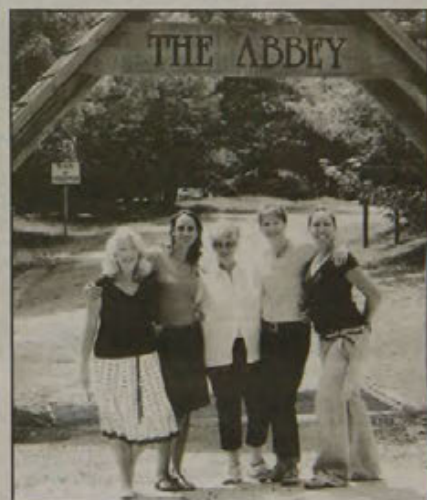
Mr Hammond said the funding would allow Aboriginal people appearing before the inquest to obtain independent legal advice. — AAP



Tammy Solonec prayed quite often while visiting church seven times a day during filming of *The Abbey*.



Tammy with Sister Magdalen



The five women chosen to be television nuns: Robin, Tammy, Lyn, Meg and Tusa.

Living the life of a nun

By DARREN COYNE



GETTING up at 4am to walk through the rain to church was tough, but Perth-based Aboriginal woman Tammy Solonec says she found much

tougher challenges inside *The Abbey*. Tammy, a single mother of two children, was one of five women out of 1000 to be chosen to take part in *The Abbey*, a television program where the women lived the life of a Benedictine nun for 33 days.

The 31-year-old, whose ancestry includes an exotic mix of Spanish, German, Ukrainian and Indigenous Australian, descended from the Nyikina of the Kimberley, told the Koori Mail that she applied for the show for some time out.

"As a single mum with a career and

mortgage, it was a brilliant opportunity to take time out to heal," she said.

During the filming, Tammy and the other women lived according to the 1500-year-old Benedictine rule of silence, obedience and renunciation.

"We stayed in a cottage on our own during the filming, not in the monastery and it was very cold," she said.

"Seven times a day we'd go to church although it was only twice on Thursday and about four times on Sunday.

"We had a nun as a mentor and with her we went through our life circumstances.

"It was emotionally draining but beneficial.

"We also did Bible study, and I'd never done that before, and had plenty of prayer time.

"We tried different types of prayer, including chanting and singing, and we

also did craft.

"Craft involved painting pansies and daisies on to candles over and over again. I didn't get into that so they let me make the candles.

"There was also gardening so we were quite busy."

The strict religious life was something new for Tammy, but she said her background contained a diverse mix of influences.

"Nanna was raised at Beagle Bay Mission near Cairns. She was from the Nyikina people and she was Stolen Generation but my nanna won't say a bad word about them. She had a strong connection with the Catholic Church and was training to be a nun but married a Spanish man, who trained to be a monk.

"On Dad's side, his mother was a devout Jehovah's Witness, and another aunt was a Reiki practitioner."

Tammy herself has studied and is interested in astrology, numerology, crystal healing, chakra healing, feng shui, Buddhism, tarot, aromatherapy, yoga, colour therapy, and much more.

She works as an Indigenous Community Education officer for Consumer Protection, and as an Indigenous rights activist.

Asked whether she could take up a life in a religious order such as the Benedictine nuns, Tammy said, "It's not for me. I'd like to do it for a month every year as a detox from stressful life maybe. I've got two kids, Jonathan, 10, and Jacinta, 8. And I'm training to be a lawyer."

"I went in there for my personal spiritual journey because my life's circumstances meant I needed healing."

To find out how successful Tammy was, tune into ABC TV from Sunday, 14 October, at 9:25pm.

Call for action

Rally for human rights, justice

Story and photos by Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE commemoration of the death in custody of a young Aboriginal man has served as a rallying call for all

Indigenous Australians to campaign more actively for justice and human rights.

John Pat died in the West Australian Pilbara town of Roebourne in September 1983 after an encounter with a group of off-duty police officers. His death sparked the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1987, but no charges were ever laid.

The anniversary of his death, observed at a memorial in Fremantle on 28 September, also saw other Aboriginal people who have died in custody remembered, including Nyoongar man Carl Woods, who died in police custody in April last year.

Two decades

The annual commemoration is organised by the WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC), which has spent nearly two decades lobbying governments to implement the Royal Commission's



Long-time supporter of the WA DICWC was awarded life membership of the Committee in recognition of her unwavering support over 25 years.

recommendations.

Nyoongar Elder Ben Taylor gave the Welcome to Country at this year's memorial and lamented the continuing lack of justice for the families of those who died in custody.

"There's been no police brought to justice except in Queensland, but then he (police officer Chris Hurley) was acquitted and as I see the loved ones of those who have died in custody and the good wadjelas who support us, we can mourn together and we never forget," Mr Taylor said.

"I remember the campfires at the old reserves and people crying for days and days and we've got to keep chipping away to make things happen for our people, and keep protesting that these things are happening."

DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse said the John Pat annual memorial would continue 'until we see justice for all of those who have died in custody'.

"The long-awaited coronial hearing into the death of Carl Woods will be held on 10 October and it's very important that we show up there in big numbers and have a peaceful presence so that they know we're watching," he said.

The main response to the issues came from keynote speaker Sealin Garlett, a Nyoongar Elder and Uniting Church minister who has officiated at many funerals for those who have died in custody, including Carl Woods.

Mr Garlett used his speech to urge Aboriginal people everywhere to stand up against misinformation campaigns by bureaucrats and the media.

"Our ancient tribal roots are depicted as primitive and we're shown as a people who walked over the top of gold and silver and didn't understand the worth of where they were, but we know there's a spirit and a legacy that embraces all of us right across this land," he said.

"All of us have the capacity to bring healing and strength to where we are and if you count yourself small, then that's all you'll ever be, and that's all your children and all of those who follow you will ever be.

Right to leadership

"We have the right to leadership and to watch our children grow old. We have a right to walk in freedom and share in the wealth of this country.

"The greatest remembrance we can give to those who died in custody is to be a voice for justice and stand up for what is right because our kids have a right to grow old and we have to be the frontrunners and show those behind us that we have a strong core."

Woods family spokesman Mervyn Eades called for Aboriginal bureaucrats to help in the fight for justice, and criticised the culture of intimidation within the WA prison system on the issue of deaths in custody.



Pilbara Aboriginal youth John Pat whose death in 1983 sparked the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.



Nyoongar Elder and Uniting Church Reverend Sealin Garlett: "The greatest remembrance we can give to those who died in custody is to be a voice for justice and stand up for what is right because our kids have a right to grow old."

"Not many people know about how the justice system works and being an ex prisoner, I've seen people who have hung themselves and the other prisoners are put through a great ordeal when that happens," Mr Eades said.

"They cut them down and drag them out and put them in the corridor, in front of everyone.

"They put a sheet over them and tell you to leave the unit. You walk out the unit and you've got to walk past the dead body in the middle of the corridor.

"That's what our justice system does, not only do they help take the lives of our people, they put them in front of you to see what's happened.

"It's about time some of our Aboriginal organisations pulled their fingers out and fought for the cause as well.

"As long as it's not their families, they don't seem to care."

A long-time campaigner for families of those who have died in custody, Anne Annear, was granted DICWC life membership for her hard work over the years.

WA DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse said the John Pat memorial would continue 'until we see justice for all of those who have died in custody'.



Nyoongar Elder Ben Taylor gave the Welcome to Country at the John Pat memorial in Fremantle. "There's been no police brought to justice except in Queensland but then he was acquitted," he said.



This photograph of a three metre long croc was taken at a popular fishing and reefing spot near Horn and Prince of Wales islands.



Croc warning signs beside a fenced children's playground near the Thursday Island beach.

Large crocs warning

By ALF WILSON



THE sighting of a three-metre saltwater crocodile near a popular swimming and reefing spot in the Torres Strait has highlighted the dangers of such carefree activities.

This photo – understandably snapped from some distance away – was taken mid last month at Jardine Rock, near Horn and Prince of Wales islands, where children run along the mud flats at low tide and spear fish in shallow water.

For several years, crocodiles have proven a danger to people in the Torres Strait and warning signs have been erected at various areas. One of the most photographed is the warning sign outside the caged children's playing area just off the Thursday Island (TI) beach on The Esplanade.

Parks and Wildlife Rangers visit TI and nearby Horn Island regularly checking out



crocodile hotspots following complaints.

The Principal of the TI High School warned students about a crocodile which was seen by Kuki patrol officers in the creek leading towards a nearby bus shelter. The sighting was reported to the Education Department's District Office.

That crocodile was reported as being up to five metres long and was later seen at night by a patrolman at the end of the road entering the TI TAFE.

Regular sightings of large crocodiles have also been made around the kup mari (ground feasting) area on Cook Esplanade with a patrol officer reporting one that was about five metres long, and two smaller reptiles.

Other reported sightings during March

included a four-and-a-half-metre reptile near the Rosehill boat ramp, and other animals in the vicinity of the Quarantine ramp.

Daring crocs have become used to shining lights by patrol officers, and a huge croc was even spotted on the beach near the Federal Hotel.

The sightings have become more frequent since Christmas and the Torres Shire Council reported the increase to Queensland National Parks and Wildlife authorities.

A National Parks and Wildlife spokesman said that crocs lurking around such areas could be a result of bad behaviour patterns by humans.

"We may need to catch one or two crocodiles and move them, and possibly

teach some of the others (crocs) that it is a bad idea to hang around here," he said.

"If this is done, people then need to improve management of waste and this includes household rubbish as well as meats and fish from hunting."

During their latest visit in late March, the rangers tried to educate locals on responsible waste management.

People leaving fish bones and guts near creeks, beaches and boat ramps has been a major worry for authorities for many years as this behaviour attracts large crocodiles.

Crocodiles have been a protected species in Queensland since 1972 and anybody killing or harming one intentionally faces huge fines if caught.

Crocodile numbers have increased dramatically in the past decade from north Queensland to the Torres Strait.

Many fisherman and some councillors from local authorities have called on the Government to reconsider the protection law and allow for 'sensible' culling.



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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



Out of the three – Referendum, Rights and Respect – we've only achieved one so far: The Referendum. And it's questionable how much impact this has for the improvement of Indigenous people.

– Dr Mark Wenitong at the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association's annual symposium in Adelaide last week.

Unquote

We're deadly, aren't we?

It's around about this time of year that many of us are starting to take stock of 2007 and, for those lucky enough to have them, make plans for the end of year holidays.

It is by no means over yet, especially given the looming Federal election, but this has been a very big and some would say especially rugged year in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

Undoubtedly the biggest development has been the seemingly all-pervading Federal Government intervention (some say 'invasion') in the Northern Territory in response to child sexual abuse there.

The debate over the far-reaching ramifications of that major shake-up has been frenetic and at times acrimonious. It has galvanised some people but left others feeling jaded and pessimistic. Which is why events like the 2007 Deadly Awards held in Sydney recently can provide us with such an emotional and spiritual boost.

It is crucial, in the midst of all the politicking that surrounds us, that we Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people not lose sight of our many achievements and advances.

And it is important, too, that the rest of Australia develop a sense of the same – as they were helped to do by the heartening mainstream coverage that the Deadlys received, including through the expanded telecast of the event by SBS Television.



OUR SAY

Admittedly, the Deadlys is not everyone's cup of tea, with some people a little uncomfortable with the glitzy and arguably exclusive nature of the event. Nevertheless, it was thrilling to see our people looking and feeling truly fine at one of Australia's premier venues, the Sydney Opera House.

The camaraderie evident between the many award presenters who fronted up at a media conference on the afternoon before the gala event was a reminder of what our vulnerable community still retains today even if it is not always on show: Modesty, magnanimity and mutual respect.

While some have described the current shifting Indigenous political landscape as a revolution, we're pinning our hopes on another kind of revolution – one of our minds. One in which we still believe that our best is yet to come and one that we'll continue to celebrate with awards nights, through the highs and lows of other events like the various recent Aboriginal football knockout carnivals or just by putting one foot in front of the other and keeping on.

Us little black ducks ain't dead in the water. We're deadly.

A Yarn With...



Marcia Fay, 39
General Support Officer
Ashfield, Sydney, NSW

Your favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo

Your favourite other food?
Thai

Your favourite drink?
Lemon tea, really cold

Your favourite music?
Ben Harper and Michael Buble

Your favourite sport/leisure?
Football

Your favourite holiday destination?
Thailand

What are you reading?
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, by JK Rowling

What are you watching?
CSI (a US police and crime TV show)

What is your greatest highlight in life?
Giving birth to my son

What do you like in life?
Life in general

What do you dislike?
Dishonest people

Who would you most like to meet and why (be brief)?
Nelson Mandela for his courage and inspiration

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Nelson Mandela and Denzel Washington

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

If there was one thing you would like to see happen, what would it be?

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

My cousin, the superstar



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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with vigour in late 2005 when she was referred to Roy and June Barker, in Brewarrina, to assist with her search for the Flynn and Murray families.

The Barkers informed Julie that she was a descendent of the Ngemba people of the Brewarrina district through her great grandmother, Amy Murphy, who married George Murray in 1902 and together raised a family: Trevor, Zillah and Vera.

Amy later had children Raymond, Roy, Silvester, Ernie, Mabel and John to another partner.

Julie was told that Zillah, the eldest girl born in 1905, was taken as a 15-year-old to Rosemont, Sydney, to be trained as a domestic by the authorities. But due to being overcome with homesickness, Zillah was returned home to her family in Brewarrina a couple of years later and found work on a nearby station.

It was at this sheep station that Zillah met the shearer's cook, Irishman Thomas Patrick Flynn, from Riverton, in South Australia, who she later married and had four children: Tommy, Veronica (Ronnie), Kathleen and Reata. Zillah also had with her a daughter Ellen to a relationship before she met Flynn.

Sent to orphanage

Years later, a visiting Salvation Army lady, on discovering the hard and challenging life Zillah was leading in her home town of Nyngan, encouraged her to give up her four youngest children. The three girls – Veronica, Kathleen and Reata – were sent to Canowindra Salvation Army Girls Orphanage and their brother Tom was taken and placed in Kinchella Boys Home at Cootamundra.

Julie was told the sisters were allowed to leave the girls' orphanage on turning 16 years of age.

Their mother, at around the time the girls were due to leave the orphanage, relocated from her wretched life of physical abuse at the hands of Flynn in Nyngan to Dubbo to live with her eldest daughter Ellen, and it was there over a number of years that the girls returned.

Unfortunately, the girls on return to Dubbo, found their mother's new home life far too difficult an environment to live in, and chose to move on to other parts of the country to pursue their careers.

The eldest, Veronica, also known as Ronnie, moved to Queensland where she had a child to a mystery man from Toowoomba when her boyfriend went abroad to fight in World War II.

The boyfriend, on return from service and finding Ronnie eight months pregnant, was most distraught and in a fit of fury, parted company.

To his credit he supported Ronnie through her pregnancy and when she gave up her little girl, Stephanie, for adoption, they were reunited and married soon after.

Ronnie had two more children – Debra and Karen – but sadly, found the removal of her first-born too great a burden to carry and turned to alcohol to hide the pain.

Ronnie soon became an alcoholic and her husband felt he had no other option but to admit her to a psychiatric unit while maintaining custody of the girls.

Ronnie, on release from the institution, had a daughter Roberta to another partner and settled down to raise her alone in the inner Sydney suburb of Redfern. Sadly, her life again went into an alcoholic downhill spiral and she was forced to surrender her fourth child.

Kathleen, the second of the Flynn girls who was sent to Canowindra Salvation Army Orphanage, on release travelled to Dubbo to her mother, but left soon after and found work in a baby's orphanage in Manly.

Kathleen returned to Dubbo at age 23 and around that time gave birth to Julie out of wedlock and, overcome with shame, left again for the city.

Tough times

Julie said her mother fell on tough times and as a consequence she was removed from her at six, reunited a couple of years later and then removed again at 12 due to worsening conditions at home.

Reata, the third of the Flynn girls who was sent away to the orphanage, returned home, moved to Sydney, where she met a Kiwi and travelled with him back to New Zealand.

Reata then moved to Melbourne after the marriage failed. She still lives there today.

It was at this point of the story that June Barker suggested that Julie go and buy the book *The Life of Riley*.

Julie, accepting the advice, drove immediately to her public library where she borrowed the book.

And in the book in question she found the names of the Flynn sisters.

June didn't allude to the author of the book or her relationship to



Olympic swimmer Samantha Riley.
— AAP Image

Julie but 308 tantalising pages later, Julie confided she sat dumbfounded in her favourite lounge room chair on discovering that Lin was her first cousin: Ronnie's daughter Stephanie who was adopted out at birth and had her named changed to Lin by her new foster parents.

Lin also happens to be the mother of Australia's Olympic, Commonwealth and World Cup multiple swimming medalist Samantha Riley.

After arranging all the parts of the family's jigsaw puzzle in to some form of order, Julie finally made contact with Lin via the Australian Institute of Sport who passed on Samantha's manager's number.

Several calls later and Lin and Julie commenced their conversation.

The magic words of 'This is Lin Riley speaking – is that you Julie?' lightened up Julie's world immeasurably.

Julie said her first words to Lin were: "You're my real blood."

Lin explained to Julie that she began her search for her mother Ronnie back in 2000 and was bitterly disappointed to learn she missed meeting her by only three weeks.

It was her mother's funeral notice in the Sydney Telegraph that had brought Lin in contact with her newfound Aboriginal heritage:

McLaughlin, Betty Veronica (Ronnie)

May 24, 2000, late of Redfern, loved sister of Reata and loving friend of Tony, Beloved mother of Debra, Karen and Roberta.

Lin said she tracked her mother's sister, Reata, to Hampton, Melbourne.

After an energising 20-minute

telephone conversation, Julie obtained the telephone number of her missing Aunt Reata.

To Julie's amazement and sorrow, her Aunt Reata resided only 20 minutes' drive from her mother Kathleen, who lives in Collingwood.

Julie said that within minutes of speaking to her aunt, she made a call to her mother and locked in a meeting the next day for a reunion.

The following morning Julie caught a taxi to her mother's small unit and sat impatiently as they drove in the general direction of her Aunt Reata.

Emotional reunion

As they approached the house, Kathleen spotted her sister and told the cabbie to stop. The cabbie said he couldn't stop the car in the middle of the road and hastily locked all the doors from his control panel.

On pulling up near the footpath in front of her aunt, Julie said her mother became agitated as she couldn't undo her seatbelt and her long-lost sister rushed to the cab and tried desperately to open the door from outside, without success.

Eventually, the seat belt was unclipped, the door unlocked and an instantaneous emotional reunion commenced between sisters who hadn't seen each other for 49 years.

"Baby Reata", "Ah, my Kathleen,"

Julie said the sisters took their glasses off and touched each other's faces and kissed each other over and over.

Julie said her Aunt Reata impulsively burrowed her head

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Information sessions for this tender will be posted on the Department's website www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au in September/October. RSVs for these information sessions should be made to the Administration Officer on 02 8270 2193.

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**Draft Sydney Canberra Corridor
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The Sydney–Canberra corridor is a key part of our national transport and communications infrastructure. The draft Regional Strategy outlines how and where future development should occur, with a particular emphasis on growth within existing centres and initiatives to protect important natural assets such as major drinking water catchments, prime agricultural lands and rural and village lifestyles.

Once finalised, the strategy will guide local planning for the Wingecarribee, Goulburn, Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan, Yass Valley, Palerang and Queanbeyan council areas. The strategy recognises the importance of working cooperatively with the ACT and represents the NSW Government's position on settlement within the cross-border region.

The draft Strategy is available online at www.planning.nsw.gov.au and the Department offices at:

- Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Wollongong Office, Level 2, 84 Crown Street, Wollongong
- Queanbeyan Office, Suite U107, 1st floor, Riverside Plaza, 131-139 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan

as well as the local council offices within the region.

Comments are invited until Friday 7 December 2007. Please mail to the Department of Planning, Regional Coordination, GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001 or email information@planning.nsw.gov.au.

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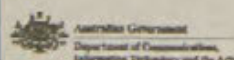
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What has a girl to do?



I was up at Dubbo for a birthday and of course, the football. I don't know anything about football other than blackfullas love football and I love blackfullas!

After the games, me and the girls went out to try our luck in the red dirt city. We kinda took a gamble that maybe some of the single ones would head out to the club.

So there we were, out on the town lookin' fine and

feeling buckets of gorgeous.

As usual, none of the blackfullas we saw approached me or my group of girls. I let it go for a while, but towards the end of the night I spotted this one that I thought I'd like to get to know.

I conveniently stood within eye shot of him, giving him opportunities to come and say hi.

I smiled at him to show my interest. I even walked past and 'accidentally' bumped into him.

In the end, I was over waiting for him to make a move. I went up to him and started with the small talk

"Hi. Are you here for the football? Where are you from? Are you single?"

Once he said he was single, I said "Would you like my number?" He said yes, fumbled for his phone and mashed my number into it.

Deep down I wish I never had to go up to a fulla and make the first move. It makes me feel like an old lurky person who throws cats at people.

Giving your number to a single guy isn't all that nasty, but if I make the first move, does he then think I will make every decision? Will he expect me to call him up? Pick him up in my car? When do I be the lady and he the man?

I believe a man should make the first move and especially Aboriginal fullas, and let me tell you why.

Our fullas have been put down, pushed around and have been through all kinds of nasties since invasion. They don't need me pushing them around when I'm trying to start a little something with them.

And another thing, when I go up to a fulla and put the moves on him, it makes me feel like a man. Yes, I'm a strong black woman but I want my man to take the lead in the romancing.

And if you are reading this column, boy at the club at Dubbo who I gave my number to, just delete me. You should have SMS'd the second I turned my back!

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

Council seeks cultural input and advice

The Marrickville Council is calling for nominations from people who live, work or study in the Marrickville local government area who would like to become a member of its Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC).

The committee was formed in 1994 with the aim of increasing knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society in the wider community and developing the interests of Aboriginal people in the inner-Sydney area.

The MACC advises the council on issues relating to Aboriginal people, acts as a representative of the council on issues relating to the Aboriginal community and advises on the development and implementation of the council's Aboriginal Services Strategy under the Belonging in Marrickville Social Plan.

Expressions of interest should reach council by 5pm, Friday 19 October.

Nominations should be addressed to the General Manager, Marrickville Council, PO Box 14, Petersham, NSW 2049.

For info, contact Council's Community Development Worker, Aboriginal Services on 9335 2243.

My cousin, the superstar

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into her sister's breast and stayed sobbing for several minutes unable to release herself from the warmth of her embrace.

Over a cup of tea, it became apparent to Julie why there was no mention of her mother Kathleen in Lin's book. Most of the family information contained in the book was a result of Lin locating Reata from her name in her mother's funeral notice and visiting her with daughter Samantha in Melbourne soon after.

Reata told Julie that she heard a rumour that Kathleen had been killed in a car accident when she was a teenager. As a parting gesture that day, Reata gave Julie a hand mirror that her mother Kathleen gave her for her 16th birthday.

A couple of months after the reunion, Lin requested a meeting of Reata, Kathleen and Julie with Samantha and herself, who were invited to Melbourne to appear on Bert Newton's *Family Feud*.

Missed out

Sadly, Julie, who was sick in hospital at the time undergoing follow-up procedures on a successful liver transplant, couldn't make the meeting, but said that, by all accounts, the sisters Reata and Kathleen had an enjoyable time with Samantha and Lin at their five-star hotel, courtesy of Channel 9.

Late last year Julie did manage to catch up with Lin at Wet 'n Wild fun park on the Gold Coast.

Julie told me she avoided telling Lin the dates of her visit to Queensland with her husband and children for holidays and it was only by coincidence that Lin



Samantha and Lin Riley meeting Julie's mother and aunty in Melbourne.

had contacted Aunty Reata to inquire of her whereabouts that her secret was revealed.

Lin, on finding out Julie's movements, made a hurried trip from her flourishing business in Brisbane to meet up with her at the fun park.

Julie said she didn't take up the offer from Lin to visit the islands around the area in her boat with her family the following day because she felt insecure and out of place with her well-known and wealthy relative.

Julie has yet to meet her famous cousin Samantha, but said she hoped to do so one day.

As our conversation came to an emotionally tiring end, I asked Julie if she had found her biological father.

Julie said she felt it was inappropriate for her to dig up the past with her unknown father, who she reasoned, probably had his own children and grandchildren to worry about without any new and sudden bolts from the blue.

She did say however that she was at

least proud that her father, who she understands met her mother while serving in the RAAF in Dubbo and later rose to the rank of wing commander, paid her mother child maintenance up until she was 16 years of age.

I praised Julie for her incredible efforts in reuniting her family – many of whom have overcome their setbacks to lead successful and happy lives today, but urged her to now put closure on her life by making contact with her father.

Julie said she was exhausted after all the effort she'd put into locating her people and the bad news she received recently that the liver transplant, that prevented her meeting Lin and Samantha last year during the Bert Newtown show, was continuing to cause her concern.

With a sad voice, Julie said she would know in a couple of months whether she would need to be hospitalised while she waited for yet another liver transplant – if and when one became available.

I could barely hold back the tears as Julie told me of her health concerns, but managed to wish her well and concluded with the following remark:

"Your father could well be sitting back in comfort in leafy Toorak or seaside Vaucluse with all the creature comforts he could wish for, but his heart may well be aching for the one thing money can't buy – and that is knowledge and reassurance that his olive skin baby is well and living a happy life."

I'm confident my good friend Julie knows exactly what Confucius alluded to when he said: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

YOUR SAY



University lecturer Dr Ernie Blackmore asks when will Indigenous Australians stop calling Noel Pearson, pictured, a 'leader'. Read his letter on Page 26

PM's fair go just a white lie

Open letter to the Prime Minister, John Howard.

Mr Howard could you please clarify the following points:

Under your new citizenship test, you expect applicants to embrace the Australian value of a fair go. Where is the fairness in denying Indigenous Australians so much as an apology when at the same time you are offering exit grants of up to \$150,000, combined with an extra \$20,000 in relocation and retraining grants to farmers with assets of up to \$350,000?

Please understand that as an Indigenous Australian, I do not begrudge people being compensated in some just way for being forced off land. As an Indigenous Australian, dispossession is something I understand very well.

However, where is the justice when some farmers will walk away with over half a million dollars in their pockets whilst their Indigenous compatriots, currently having their lands compulsorily acquired by your Government are told they will then need to lease back buildings and services and have their benefits withheld for non-compliance?

Your Government's vastly different current interventions in regional and rural Australia are probably being roundly applauded by many. I guess it just depends on which side of the cocky's fence you happen to be standing.

Mr Howard you described the current circumstances confronting drought affected farmers as 'pitiful'.

It is also pitiful that you have consistently failed to address the human rights drought that has affected our people for over two centuries.

It is both sad and ironic to note that one day before your announcement of these grants for farmers, that our organisation hosted the West Australian



DENNIS EGGINGTON

launch of a national stolen wages report highlighting the extent of financial abuses against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers.

Once again we repeated our call for the return of these stolen wages to hard working Indigenous men and women, many of whom would have toiled upon these very farms your current initiative is targeting. We also continue our call for reparation for our members of the Stolen Generation.

Perhaps you need to amend your new Citizenship test to reflect the fact that a fair go is nothing more than a white lie.

DENNIS EGGINGTON
CEO of the Aboriginal legal
Service of WA

Your Poetry

Which one of us is free?

Here I sit in the gutter
looking at you looking at
me,
in quiet confusion I ponder
'Which one of us is free?'

Your wrists are cuffed
to the corporate collar,
you destroy the land
and worship the dollar.

You've dismantled the

Dreaming,
stolen the essence of my
soul,
coerced me to join you
despite my culture, millennia
old.

If this is where we're at
then neither of us is free.
Unless you embrace
Mother Earth's
imagination,
our lives will waft on by
bound in spiritless misery...

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

YOUR POETRY

Tall trees by the eternal spring

There's a pagan* place in the
land of Wales
With the longest name in the
entire world
And it means: 'Gushing spring
from a tree hollow
By the whirling pool of Llan
Tisilio
Near the red cave where tall
trees grow.'

LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLGOC
HGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWILL
ANTYSLIOGOGOGGOCH!

People used to go there, pray to
their gods there
Heal up their wounds there,
become at One
Celtic culture powerful, Earth
their Mother magical
Whirling pool of lucent water,
healing mother, healing daughter
Connecting them with nature's
wonder, resonating in Lands
Down Under.

Where in a spiral flowing, the
Dreamtime Spirit showing The
Wandjina, All Knowing.

But then came the Roman Legion
Spreading their blight throughout
the region
Chopping down the mystic
groves
Slaughtering native people in
droves.

Now they're known as the New
World Order
And still they war against
Indigenous culture!
Controlling humanity with religion,
war and money
Sacrificing sacredness to their
god of Agribusiness

Now the climate is changing,
eco-systems crashing
The Wandjinas are dying!
Ancestral beings crying.

Wake up you people! Take back
your power!
Reclaim earth - this is your finest
hour!

MAUREEN BRANNAN
Murgon, QLD

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PS: The word 'pagan' comes from the Latin word, 'pagani', which simply means people who live in the country, another term for Indigenous. The Indigenous people of Britain had nearly identical relationships with their homelands, natural landscapes, endemic plants as the Aborigines, and really every other Indigenous culture on Earth. There are many people in Britain alive today who still have that ancient gnosis, passed down in an unbroken chain since their beginnings by their love of nature and identify as pagan. The term is one to be respectful of, as with any other Indigenous cultural heritage.



Some of the people who gathered in Alice Springs recently to form the National Aboriginal Alliance (NAA).

Time to support the new NAA

WHAT excellent news about the establishment of the National Aboriginal Alliance (NAA). Now it is up to all fair-minded folk, Aboriginal people and support groups to rally and get behind this group.

Goodness knows how Aboriginal people and our supporters need a powerful voice. I totally agree to being independent of all government handouts. If we are to see justice prevail, then we must dig deep and provide the means for this ambitious group of people, to get started now.

I am wondering if the NAA has a registered fund raising account i.e. with a bank or credit union. If the NAA has arranged such for collections etc, then folk across this nation must be advised of such and a request that donations be deposited in same.

Might I suggest that the NAA

contact all States and Territory land council headquarters and ask that they get this message across their networks.

They should use Indigenous media to get the message out. I would even go further and suggest that NAA contact those Indigenous movements worldwide. Surely they would support such a move.

Then the NAA must put pressure on all State Federal and Territory governments to hand back to the NAA as the only representative body of Aboriginal Australians, all current and past mining royalties that each government department has been in receipt of since 1788.

Governments have reaped the cream of wealth that should have been used to provide equal opportunities to our Aborigines. All they have done is give us peanuts, treating us like

monkeys. In fact, animals are better cared for than many of our folk.

I know there are many fair-minded folk out there in this great country who like most of us have had enough of bureaucrats in these government institutions making all the decisions.

I read about Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who recently listed most of the Burrup Peninsula Rock Art in WA's Pilbara region, the world's oldest and largest rock art gallery.

Turnbull, relented after being lobbied by Woodside mining giant, and the WA Government who lan to establish a liquid natural gas plant in this valued area which will destroy further evidence of Aboriginal cultural ties to such places.

Surely, this is proof of how much – or little – Government ministers value Aboriginal culture.

If Aborigines are to have a voice in such matters, it will only come via this NAA group, as individual Aboriginal groups such as land councils can be defeated easily because they are and never will be united, so they are easybeats for governments and mining giants.

Besides, many of our folk have become selfish, greedy, and self-opinionated.

Surely, it's time we took a good look at ourselves, where are we headed. What are we teaching our future leaders? I am 79 years old and I have seen much corruption in both Aboriginal and others.

But I say to our folk, 'don't look back, look forward and make the future a better environment for the generations who follow'.

LES RIDGEWAY
Bonny Hills, NSW

The passing of a great fighter

The land rights network in New South Wales and throughout Australia is profoundly saddened by the passing of Manul Ritchie, a former Chairperson of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

Mr Ritchie was a great fighter and a passionate and forthright defender of the rights of his people throughout an active personal and political life.

People in the network will remember his wit, humour and intellect.

We will all be the poorer for his passing.

Most people would be aware he was a long-serving NSWALC councillor and was instrumental, among others, in keeping our land rights strong, not only in New South Wales but Australia as a whole.

Manul was particularly active in recent months in his own community and elsewhere, including his opposition to the invasive aspects of the Howard Government's intervention in the Northern Territory.

His profound contribution and commitment will not go unheralded and I am sure I speak

for many who will ensure that he will be remembered.

His campaigns, his exploits and his support and guidance to many people over many years will be talked about in our meetings, and around our campfires for many years to come.

Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

BEV MANTON
NSWALC Chairwoman

Your Poetry

My guardian angels

Is it the guardian angels I hear?
I dare not look to you; nor try to
tell What glories I see glittering
there,
The naked eye cannot perceive
their spell.

Turn to the guardian angels,
The great spirit you seek
Meditate and see and hear him
speak.

TIBOR HERSKOVITS
Murchison, Vic

Untitled

We can learn
to listen
to the breath of our hearts
and the colour of love

We can learn
to hear
the sorrow of the darkness
and the colour of our pain

We can stretch out
to touch
the open branches of the tree of
life
and the colour of peace

And we can learn
to understand the wisdom of the
oldest messengers: for you are
the ones who know

And as you leave us
You will have given us
Something of yourselves

We shall be different people
because of knowing you. It's our
changing
Thank you

ELAINE NEWMAN
Sydney NSW

** Elaine, a teacher at the Petersham TAFE, wrote this poem after meeting Indigenous students in a pre-apprenticeship program developed through a partnership between EnergyAustralia and TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute, Petersham College.*

Walking On

I'm going to walk right past
your poor excuse for a society,
through your prison of
contradiction
where the biggest criminals roam
free.

While you're busy drafting plans
to make money for money's sake,
I'm going to walk right through
the centre
of your seething wall of hate.

When on the other side
I'll be united with my land,
with the rivers and the mountains
and the white luxurious sand.

And your leaders
with their abused power
and eternal apathy,
will be but a distant memory
washed out into the sea.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

A touch upset at Knockout divisions

I feel sad because every time the October long weekend Football Knockout comes about there is so much division about which Knockout we are going to go to?

Do we go to Dubbo with David Peachy? Or do we follow the Redfern side to Lismore? Or do we follow the new body that was set up in 2006 which is the knockout in Kempsey?

My family went to the Kempsey Knockout. Only 12 teams entered and, because of this, the delegates or committee decided to divide the 12 teams into four groups of three and the first round was to be played off as a round robin.

In one of the groups of four there was the Newcastle Emus, led by Bob Smith, Newcastle Yarnteem Yowies led by Jim Wright and a new resurrected team by Edward Smith the Newcastle All Blacks. To everyone's amazement these three teams were all from Newcastle and all the leaders of each team were first cousins.

What happened next is what disappointed me. The Newcastle Emus played Yarnteem and lost, suffering a lot of injury amidst claims of dirty play and comments off the field about one player grabbing in inappropriate areas.

Then they played the Newcastle All Blacks and this game was more vicious than the previous one.

The Newcastle Emus played their rounds even though they lost, and took the crap as well, but what happened next can only be described as dishonourable and not very sportsmanlike. When it came to the All Blacks and the Yarnteem Yowies to play off against one another, the managers of both teams came to a decision to not play rugby league but to play touch football so no players were at risk of being injured.

Only due to crowd influence (expressed by loud booing) was the game stopped. When the delegates met with the players, the players said that they wanted to play touch football to avoid injury. In all the wisdom of the eight delegates who agreed with the two teams the All Blacks and the Yowies, the delegates said that there was no rule stating that you had to tackle. The next 'shocker' was that the eight delegates voted against the other four delegates to allow the All Blacks and Yowies 'to advance' to the next round because they didn't want to upset anyone. Mind you, the two teams didn't even play one another.

I thought we were competing in a rugby league knockout, not the State touch football championships. If this decision is an example of the new body for Aboriginal knockouts in NSW, then God help us.

The new NSW Aboriginal Football body – well, talk about not liking the decisions that Redfern made. This was only one of the reasons to split and not support Redfern's knockouts. They should be called the NSW Aboriginal Sport Shockers.

To the Newcastle Yarnteem Yowies, the Newcastle All Blacks and the eight delegates of the Kempsey event, I say: To think that after thirty years of fighting for our rights to hold these knockouts, we are subjected to such behaviour. If this were the old times, you'd have been speared.

RACHEAL SMITH
Via email

PS: NRL players in the Knockouts should also act appropriately.

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Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people with cultural attachments to the area from the Old Princes Highway and Tilba Tilba deviation are invited to register their interest in the project.

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Wednesday 31 October. All registrations received will be receipted.

To register your interest, please contact:
 Agnes Donovan
 Roads and Traffic Authority
 PO Box 477
 Wollongong NSW 2520

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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.

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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 Monday, 5th November 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.

Your Say



Cape York Institute director Noel Pearson.

Leadership title a cause for concern

When are we going to stop calling Noel Pearson a 'leader'? The place where Pearson positions himself is his choice and he is welcome to take that place within the ongoing discussion on governance and sovereignty of Australia's indigenous peoples.

However, his opinions are not necessarily in line with those of a majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and I would suggest that his placement as right hand man and 'gun for hire' to Mal Brough and the Australian Government is not only out in

left field of Indigenous opinion but that it is also offensive.

Despite his directorship of the Cape York Institute, a Commonwealth Government funded operation, Pearson does not represent any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups and is certainly not a leader of any of them that I am aware of.

His constantly being referred to as leader in the mainstream press is sickening enough but to read it in the Koori Mail (Page 4 of Edition 410, 26 September) makes me feel rather sad.

So, can we please stop referring to him as a 'leader' because the path that he would lead us down is just that of an earlier time band of assimilationists and, although today they call themselves inclusionists, their intent is no less offensive to those of us who suffered as guinea pigs under separation policies.

DR ERNIE BLACKMORE
 Lecturer, Aboriginal Studies
 Woolyungah Indigenous Centre
 University of Wollongong
 NSW 2522

Lake Bonney wetland update

The letter is in response to Nici Cumpston's letter 'No regard for our heritage' (page 24 of the Koori Mail, Edition 409, 12 September)

We appreciate Nici's support and that other people are as passionate as we are about protecting our significant places. We have let Nici know and we want to let your other readers know that we have and are negotiating with key government agencies to ensure that appropriate measures are in place for the protection of this area when the wetland is closed early next month. We have lodged a native title claim over the area.

As you may be aware, the closure of the wetland is a temporary drought relief measure being used to stop excessive evaporation of water from the Murray River system. The measures are not ideal, nor preferred, but are a practical measure being initiated by the SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board.

Given the significance of wetlands to our country and our people, our First Peoples NTMC raised concerns with the relevant Government departments (including SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board) regarding the closure of wetlands within our country, including the Lake Bonney wetland complex. In relation to Lake Bonney, those concerns have centred around the impact the closure will have on objects, artefacts, and areas of significance, including burial grounds.



Lake Bonney. Photo by Nici Cumpston.

In order to ensure the conservation of our cultural heritage, the First Peoples NTMC have entered into an agreement with the State Minister for the River Murray. In relation to the wetland closures, the Agreement provides for:

- Notice of closures to our management committee;
- Heritage surveying by the traditional owners prior to any activities being undertaken;
- Heritage monitoring by traditional owners when activities are undertaken;
- Emergency measures to protect objects, artefacts and remains of discovered during activities; and
- Ongoing monitoring by the traditional owners of any continuing impact after activities are undertaken.

As the traditional owners of Lake Bonney, we are extremely aware of its

significance and we are working with the relevant Government departments to ensure appropriate measures are in place. The current and ongoing dialogue has been positive and the opportunities to undertake further assessments in the future are being considered and implemented.

We thank you for your concerns and are prepared to fight to protect our special places. We thank them for their support and say hold the fight, a lot of good work is currently being done behind the scenes to ensure this special place is being afforded the best protection.

GLADYS E SUMMER
 Chairperson, First Peoples of the
 River Murray and Mallee Region
 Native Title Management
 Committee

Grog label petition

The Men's Group at Exodus Foundation, a welfare organisation in Sydney, recently obtained 1000 signatures for a petition calling for the labelling of all alcoholic products with a health warning.

I accompanied members of this group to Canberra where the petition was presented for tabling in Federal Parliament, and the itinerary included a meeting with Ngambri-Ngunnawal elder, Matilda House.

This was a very significant meeting.

Many individual members of the Exodus group share the harmful effects of alcohol abuse with Indigenous communities ravaged by their dependence on this product which unlike tobacco

requires no warning of the dangers to health.

Meeting with such a humbly inspiring and strong Indigenous leader, demonstrated both the importance of real leadership and the need for Indigenous and non Indigenous people to work together and mobilise forces to achieve positive changes which would be denied by governments of both stripes under the current political climate.

The 'Little Children are Sacred' Report found that alcohol was absolutely destroying Aboriginal communities and families. It recommended working with the community on measures to establish dry areas and deal with substance abuse.

Education and awareness of the health risks associated with alcohol abuse as well as rehabilitation programs would be prerequisite for such a program.

No matter, the report was largely ignored by a government which subsequently staged a phony election-driven intervention which included widespread alcohol restrictions in the absence of rehabilitation or address of the underlying causes.

This disgraceful abuse of human rights was rubber stamped by the Government's unofficial appointed leader, Noel Pearson and supported by a cowardly Labor Party.

Only the Greens leader Bob Brown described the legislation

as horrendously racist and destructive.

Even if we rid ourselves of this obnoxious government at the coming election, two things will be vital for progress:

Control of the Senate must be regained by the minor parties and we the people both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, must use our power of numbers to ensure that our voice against racism and infringement of our civil liberties is heard.

The momentum of hundreds of thousands of caring Australians walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 2000, in support of reconciliation and social justice, must be regained.

When black leaders of the

past like the heroic Vincent Lingiari fought and won battles for equal rights, they had white activists alongside them, and governments were made to listen.

That is why I felt so proud to support the Exodus petition for alcohol labeling legislation and in the presence of Matilda House, experience the feeling of a connecting empowerment of Australians working together for a shared goal.

A small step, but in the immortal words of the Kev Carmody and Paul Kelly hit of the 1980s, *From Little Things Big Things Grow*.

KEITH MOBBS
Lane Cove, NSW

Sport gives children great opportunities

I have recently been appointed as the Executive Officer of the Nyooongar Sports Association here in Perth, Western Australia.

I must say that I look forward to reading the Koori Mail. The paper is full of interesting articles and things of substance within the Aboriginal communities.

The story of young Allan Brown-Fitzgibbon ('AC Milan eyes off Aboriginal Boy', Edition 410, 26 September) was interesting. I declare an interest, as my research tells me that I was the first black Afro-American to play professional football in the English Football League. It was pretty lonely then I can tell you!

If Young Allan makes it to the Premier League, for instance, he can look forward to an annual average salary of 600,000 English pounds, about AUD\$1.5 million plus perks and bonuses.

My point is this: It has been my privilege over the last year or so to catch up with the natural talent of young Indigenous men and women in a variety of sports, a golfer in Katanning, soccer players, two young lads and a young lady, in Goomalling and a tennis player in Narrogin.

The story of young Brian and the kids in little athletics, the baseball player and Jack Marsh the cricketer, all on facing pages in your paper has led me to write to you.

I won't go into chapter and verse but the sooner we realise that in this new age that there are multiple opportunities out there, in a global context for kids to play a multiplicity of sports on the world stage, and the sooner we start planning for it, the richer will be the history of Indigenous sport.

Aussie Rules and the NRL are great games in their own right, but the possibilities of basketball in Peru, soccer in Holland or golf and tennis in Malaysia should



Allan Brown-Fitzgibbon has a bright future playing soccer.

encourage all of us to start widening our vision of what the youngsters can achieve.

If sport helps us to transcend race and gender (just look at the gentlemen's hand behind Jack Marsh in the photo. It's resting on his shoulder, a true gesture of friendship), then it stands to reason that the freeing of the talent inherent in our youngsters will enable more of them to stand tall on the field, the tennis court the cricket pitch or the swimming pool. Well, maybe the swimming pool isn't a great example.

We are currently working with State sporting associations, government departments, schools and colleges and local government to broaden the perspective of sporting opportunities for youngsters.

You know what's exciting? You never know when the next natural talent will turn up!

STEVE STACEY
Executive Officer,
Nyooongar Sports Association
Perth, WA

A song for the times?

WOULD you consider publishing the lyrics to Neil Murray's song *Tjapwurrung Country* in Your Say? It is one of my all-time favourite songs and, I think, an anthem for our times - so melancholy but full of hope for the future as well.

I really relate to the 'damage on that land', being surrounded by paddocks and cotton fields. So-called 'bush battlers' as just that. They're at war with nature in an endless battle. They don't live 'in the bush'; they live in clearings in the bush. Most 'farmers' I know have never set foot in the bush. And the call for people to come back to their country is also my prayer.

As it is, Prime Minister John Howard wants to close down all the 'uneconomic' remote communities and get people off the land and into towns and cities, his version of 'assimilation'. He, being the intruder in this country, should be integrating with Aboriginal people and assimilating into their culture, not the other way around!

MAUREEN BRANNAN
Murgon, Qld

TJAPWURRUNG COUNTRY
(Neil Murray)

I've been around a lot of places
But now I'm back where I started from
Back to a lake in
Tjapwurrung Country
Where the sunlight shines on fresh water
And green rollin' plains meet the mountains
Make you catch your breath any time of year
But why does this place

seem so empty?
Home of my spirit, but pain in my heart
Pain in my heart
I wanna tell ya one thing (chorus)
I sing for my home in Tjapwurrung Country (Sing for my home)
I sing for the people to come back there (People gonna come back there)
I sing to be healed in Tjapwurrung Country (Sing to be healed)
I'll keep on singin' til my people come
I see a lot of farms and houses
And I see a lot of damage on that land
And there's not many know what I sing for
They must be livin' some place else
Some place else
Somewhere different to me (chorus)
The light still shines on that water
Movin' through green country out there
And there in the west, those same old mountains
They keep on pullin' me back here
Pullin' me back here
To where I always wanna be (chorus)
Keep on singin' til my people come
In Tjapwurrung Country

EDITOR'S NOTE: We like Neil Murray's *Tjapwurrung Country* too. These lyrics are reprinted by kind permission of Neil Murray and Universal Music Publishing. *Tjapwurrung* country is eel country in western Victoria, around Lake Bolac.



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Seniors Week will be held from 23 to 31 August 2008.

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Strong message in women's art wins favour

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



WHAT is the measure of success for a community art exhibition?

Is it art that has qualities to move a person? Is it a well-attended and enjoyable opening? Is it the genuine interest

of prestigious art dealers in the work of first time exhibitors? Is it the ability to inspire other potential artists to exhibit? Is it a well set-out display?

On all counts, the answer was yes for a recent women's art exhibition in Hobart, which showcased the talents and creativity of Aboriginal women from throughout Tasmania.

The range of works was impressive. There was traditional Tasmanian Aboriginal shell necklaces and fibre work, politically-influenced paintings, knitted items, digital artwork and much more.

The amount of artistically talented Aboriginal women in Tasmania was encouraging.

Amongst the work of seasoned exhibitors could be found works by many first-time exhibitors, and the whispers of other artists who are now inspired to exhibit next year at what looks like becoming an annual event.

The Women's Karadi Aboriginal Corporation,

which organised the event, says it is now talking about an annual children's exhibition too.

One artwork which captured the attention of punters was *Howard's Shame*, by Heidi Lethbridge.

"It's meant to look repetitive, and angry, and sad, and dead, and leave you empty and annoyed," Ms Lethbridge said of the painting. "I worked with a projection of feelings."

"I think the situation that's happened to Aboriginal people in this country, under the leadership of Prime Minister John Howard is shameful. We've gone backwards. The people of the past who fought so hard would be so sad."

With the paint barely dried before hanging, the piece was clearly visible behind speakers at the exhibition opening.

"It should be in Parliament House in Canberra," quipped Paula Wriedt, Tasmanian Tourism, Arts and the Environment Minister, who opened the exhibition.

"Could be a farewell present for him," added Ms Lethbridge.

Ms Lethbridge, who is on maternity leave from her last year of a fine arts degree, is a house painter by trade, who had moved on to work in child protection and took up art for stress relief.

"It's great therapy," she said.

She is now considering becoming a career artist.



It was the first time Sarah Everett had exhibited her artwork. Sarah is pictured here beside her self-portrait, which features inspirational words from Aunty Ida West.



Karen Brown with son Lewan Lehman, and Leonie Dickson at the opening.



Artist Heidi Lethbridge (left) with Paula Wriedt beside *Howard's Shame*.

● ABOVE: Another one of the many first time exhibitors, Sonia Brown, with her painting *Preminghana mana*.

● RIGHT: Rachel Coad (left), Karadi Acting Manager and exhibition organiser, with digital images she purchased from Microsoft Word artist Jodie Haines



Building for the future



A NEW housing development in Western Australia's east Kimberley is helping to address the region's extreme accommodation

squeeze, all the while helping to break the welfare cycle for local Aboriginal people in Kununurra.

Last month, the Wunan Foundation saw its second residential development – three units called Pindan Place – officially opened by State Housing and Works and Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts.

The units, which can accommodate eight people, or three families and a caretaker, were built by Wunan Construction and Maintenance, a division of the Wunan Foundation.

They'll be made available for private rental to young Indigenous individuals and families who are working and supporting their children to get a good education.

The CEO of the independent, not-for-profit Foundation, Ralph Addis, said that public housing was too often the only option for most Aboriginal people in Kununurra.

"Overcrowding and the associated social problems, present a debilitating barrier for young Aboriginal people trying to break the cycle of welfare dependency," he said.

"We focus on developing systems that encourage positive social norms and help people and families to build independent lives," he said.

Importantly, the development has provided a real employment opportunity for eleven young Aboriginal men working under the guidance of three qualified builders and an Aboriginal mentor.

Taking eleven months to complete, Pindan Place will be used as part of Wunan's 'stepping stone' accommodation strategy.

The 'stepping stone' philosophy is based on providing a good home as a crucial element for young people to establish a successful future.

"A good home is used to both support and reward people who take responsibility for themselves and their family through work and education," Mr Addis said.

"Prior to being involved with Wunan Construction, many of the participants were either unemployed or on CDEP, a kind of Aboriginal work-for-the-dole program that has become a dead-end destination for too many young people in the region, despite huge demand from employers," he said.

"Importantly, providing employment in the building business is about much more than just getting a job," he said.

"It is about learning life and work skills so they can make better choices about the life they want, for themselves and their families. It is great to see these young people embracing this opportunity and showing responsibility for their lives," Mr Addis said.

Mr Lee Gerrard, an apprentice with Wunan Construction and Maintenance that was part of the building team for Pindan Place, said for him it has been about getting skills and experience and having a real opportunity.

"The most important thing about this project has been the experience and the skills I have gained," he said. "Now I'm signed up to do my apprenticeship and I've got a career and a positive future."

Along with four other apprentices, Lee has completed his traineeship and is now a second year apprentice. There are six others who are also well into their traineeships.

"The future looks promising," Mr Gerrard said.



Pictured above, left and below, a team of eleven young Aboriginal men worked under the guidance of three qualified builders and an Aboriginal mentor to build Pindan Place in Kununurra.



Aboriginal Heritage – Sapphire to Woolgoolga upgrade

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) proposes to upgrade the Pacific Highway between Sapphire and Arwarra Beach Road, north of Woolgoolga.

The RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who wish to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to the Sapphire to Woolgoolga upgrade.

The cultural heritage assessment may result in the RTA applying for a section 87 permit and/or a section 90 consent under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and may also be used in the assessment of the impact of the project under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by **Friday 26 October 2007**.

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Upgrading the Pacific Highway Bulahdelah upgrade

Aboriginal heritage assessment

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is continuing with investigations to upgrade the Pacific Highway at Bulahdelah.

The RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who wish to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to the Bulahdelah upgrade.

The cultural heritage assessment may result in the RTA applying for a section 87 permit and/or a section 90 consent under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and may also be used in the assessment of the impact of the project under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

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Inmate program at risk through lack of funding

Story and photo by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



FUNDING is being sought to extend a successful inmate reintegration program in Tasmania, which has catered for 13 people over the past five months.

The program offers practical and social support to Aboriginal people leading up to and upon release from prison and youth detention centres.

Project Officer Ruth Langford said the vision for the program was 'to have every blackfella that gets out to have support for as long as they need'.

"I would like to see similar programs run for all inmates," she told *The Koori Mail*. "Continued support is far better socially and economically, and the fact is we need our men in the community, (not in prison)."

The Justice Mentor Program, as it is known, is run through community organisation Colony 47 with direction from an Aboriginal gathering group.

"We organise accommodation before release and work with them in prison to organise training and employment contacts upon release, we also run peer mentor contact days," Ms Langford said.

"We get different men from the community and they come out for the day with (the group), we go country. During that time we discuss pathways to change."

The most recent peer mentor contact consisted of a weekend of fishing, diving and collecting bush tucker, gaining a chainsaw certificate, collecting wood for people in need, yarning about fellas who had turned a new leaf after coming out of prison and adrenalin sport.



Ruth Langford is worried about the future of the Justice Mentor Program.

"We pushed them out of aeroplanes (ie, sky diving) to show them that life can give the biggest highs without getting into trouble and to build a sense of trust and group rapport," Ms Langford said. "They reckoned it was the best high they'd ever had, you could see that it was a real feeling of elation."

She said that many of the inmates involved had spent half their lives in prison, served long sentences or had a history of repeat offences.

"The majority of participants have had issues with drugs and alcohol which have contributed to crimes, there's also issues with homelessness and mental illness," she said.

"Most of them don't have any support on release and are going back into the same environment or situation that leads them back to the career pathway of criminality."

"When they get released they're behind the eight ball, very few have got access to money, a home or a job. And particularly just somebody there for them."

"The more time they do inside, the more vicious the assaults, the more dependence on drugs and the more disconnected they become from true culture."

"One of the most important factors is to be able to give, particularly our young men, a sense that somebody cares and they have value to us."

"A unique part of what we do is heart business, we know these fellas have deep scars and any real healing comes from healing the heart."

Ms Langford said the program had definitely been a success and she did not know of anything similar.

"But there's a long long way to go, I'm really worried, where will the support be to continue the good work these men are doing?" she said.



Torres Strait Islander singer Christine Anu.

Singer stung by reporting of incident



TORRES Strait Islander singer Christine Anu found herself embroiled in controversy last week, after an

incident involving a police officer on an inner Sydney street.

A report in the 'Sydney Confidential' section of *The Daily Telegraph* on 2 October detailed what the newspaper described as a racially motivated incident. However, the story took on a life of its own and saw Anu forced to issue a statement denying suggestions that she was homophobic.

The Sydney tabloid said Anu was eating at an Alexandria café with a friend of hers called Dianne and her friend's 13-year-old son who is of African-American background.

The teenager was reportedly playing with a toy cap gun when police officers drove by and spoke to him over the loudspeaker. The boy dropped the gun and his mother came to his aid, to be told by the officers that they had received a report about a man running around with a gun.

The Telegraph said that when Anu joined her friend on the sidewalk outside the café, the police officer allegedly asked 'Is this your partner?'.

The newspaper reported the café owner as saying that Anu was fuming over the incident and the officer's assumption that she was a lesbian.

Through her management late last week, Anu issued a statement refuting the claim she was furious over the officer's question but maintained that she believed the incident was discriminatory.

The statement said Anu had no involvement in the publication of the article but felt compelled to respond because of the stress the article had caused her, members of her family and the Australian public.

"At no time was I 'turning' by being referred to as the partner of my friend Diane," the singer said. "This was an assumption made by a café owner."

"As a result of the article, there are now a number of online comments circulating stating I am homophobic."

"A number of my family, friends and management are gay and play a strong role in

fulfilling my life and support network for my children. I am not homophobic or intolerant of homosexuality."

"Over my career, I have dedicated a lot of time to both Indigenous and homosexual rights and will continue to do so. We should not be identity labelled based on descriptions of sexual orientation, physical, romantic, postcode or circumstance."

"Without detailing the incident that is referred to in the article, I was visibly concerned for the safety and wellbeing of my friend's son because of the way in which the Rodfern police officer approached and handled the situation."

"I believe we all should be treated equally and not discriminated against. On this occasion I do not believe this was the case."

Anu said she now wanted to put the matter behind her.

It was not known, at the time of publication, whether Anu or her friend would take the matter further. *The Daily Telegraph* reported that police had declined to comment in case the matter became the subject of a complaint.

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Soaking up sponge farm knowledge: Trainees dive in

Story and photo by
ALF WILSON



A SPONGE farm project on Palm Island is proving a major positive for the north Queensland Aboriginal community. The Coolgaree CDEP's Roy Prior said the project started about ten years ago, with support from AIMS scientist Ms Libby Evans-Illidge and funding from the Qld Government and many others.

"(That was) all of the background work, including market assessment, business planning, scientific research, technical drawings and negotiations of an Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA), securing access to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment to determine whether the proposal triggers the environment report," Mr Prior said.

Initially, there were five trainees, but two have moved on to mainstream employment. The remaining three have now settled and are being supervised by dive master Brendan Furey, of Furey's Adventures.

"Mr Furey has assisted in the divers getting their open water dive licence and the trainees



From left are Gavin Bramwell, dive master Brendan Furey, Maurice Lenoy, Craig Desatge.

have also completed their marine radio licence, advanced first aid, open water certificate and now are completing their Certificate Three in aquaculture," Mr Prior said.

The long-term vision of Coolgaree CDEP is for the project to be run and supervised by local Palm Islanders with professional expertise on hand to assist where necessary

in areas such as marketing.

"Coolgaree CDEP sponge divers have also been sent an invitation to work in the Torres Strait to assist and share their experience with local Islanders who are seeing the benefits of having a sponge farm being set up with the expectation of farming and producing at a commercial level where the local community will benefit for years to come," Mr Prior said.

He said negotiations were still being held with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and the State and Commonwealth governments to finalise permits that would see the project up and running within a year.

While on Palm Island recently, the Koori Mail spoke to Mr Furey, who is originally from Ireland, and local divers Gavin Bramwell, Maurice Lenoy and former champion boxer Craig Desatge.

"We have reached the maximum dive depth of 18m and these jobs will ensure our long-term future. I love it," Mr Desatge said.

Music – a way of life in the bush



THE West Australian Government is to provide \$40,000 for regional workshops to

help Indigenous youth in regional communities to build life skills through music.

Regional workshops will be held in this month in Kununurra and Wyndham, with participants joining in from surrounding Indigenous communities.

Participants will be involved in creative activities such as music production, song-writing, dance and performances.

Regional workshops were also held in Roebourne and Karratha, in the Pilbara region, during the school holidays.

WA Regional Development Minister Jon Ford said this was a great initiative that had enormous appeal to youth, while at the same time, helping to achieve many positive social outcomes.

"Benefits to be gained from creative skills development include enhanced creativity, development of aesthetic sensibilities, improved communication skills, greater self-awareness and self-confidence," Mr Ford said.

Participants would complete a dream reality workbook as part of the creative process, which would help each young person identify a plan for their future.

A community concert and CD of recordings would be produced at each workshop, providing young people with public recognition of their talents.

Kimberley MLA Carol Martin, who presented the cheque in Kununurra late last month to the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley, said arts practice and cultural activities such as music workshops were important for the wellbeing of regional, rural and remote communities.

"Most importantly, they provide vibrancy and a sense of pride and belonging, as well as stimulation and increased wellbeing," Ms Martin said.

"I hope that these workshops will continue to be the catalyst for positive changes in their young lives and encourage them to think about opportunities for careers in the arts."

Funding has been made available from the West Australian Regional Initiatives Scheme (WARIS), which is designed to assist non-capital works projects that bring benefits across two or more regions of the State.

Yorta Yorta fire stick in state park



A JOINT partnership to control Giant Rush in the Barmah State Park in Victoria has started with a controlled ecological burning operation.

Yorta Yorta Nation, in partnership with Parks Victoria, Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), CSIRO and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, have embarked on a research project involving controlled burning to determine the most appropriate way to control the encroachment of Giant Rush onto the significant RAMSAR wetlands of Barmah State Park.

"The moira grasslands within the Barmah wetlands are under threat from Giant Rush, a native species whose natural distribution has increased due to river regulation and the unseasonal summer flooding of the steamer plain," said Kane Weeks, ranger in charge.

The use of fire through controlled burning operations is a fundamental component of the research.

Yorta Yorta Nation and Indigenous students from Yerbena Indigenous Training Centre have been fully involved in the project, with pre-burn monitoring of quadrats, plant identification and importantly putting fire back within the landscape.

"Teaching the youth about fire and its importance in protecting natural values is a significant achievement as it helps to maintain our culture's environmental knowledge on country," said Yorta Yorta Nation Chairperson Lee Joachim.

"The collaboration of Federal and State agencies focused on the



Yorta Yorta man Travis Day takes part in the controlled burning operation in the Barmah State Park.

conservation of Barmah Forest is vital to provide scientific evidence and possible future management practices, including the re-introduction of the fire stick."

The eight-hectare ecological burn was well planned and executed by DSE.

"Travis Day, a Yorta Yorta traditional owner, took part in the controlled burn by having the added

responsibility of being part of the lighting crew", said Mr Weeks.

The research lead by CSIRO will continue until June 2010, providing further opportunity for Yorta Yorta Nation to increase their environmental knowledge of country, and how to apply effective management strategies through the practical application of fire.

The integration of the traditional

owners through the application of Indigenous land practices on country has been a significant achievement that Parks Victoria will continue to support.

Yorta Yorta Nation is an Indigenous community organisation, which manages a range of services including land management, native title, cultural heritage, tourism, education and training services.



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Northern Territory Emergency Response

New laws to protect Aboriginal children in the Northern Territory.

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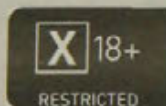
- freehold land held by a Land Trust under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*
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Help stop the grog and make communities safer for kids.

If you want more information about the alcohol or pornography bans, please visit www.facsia.gov.au/nter/ or call 1800 333 995 at any time.

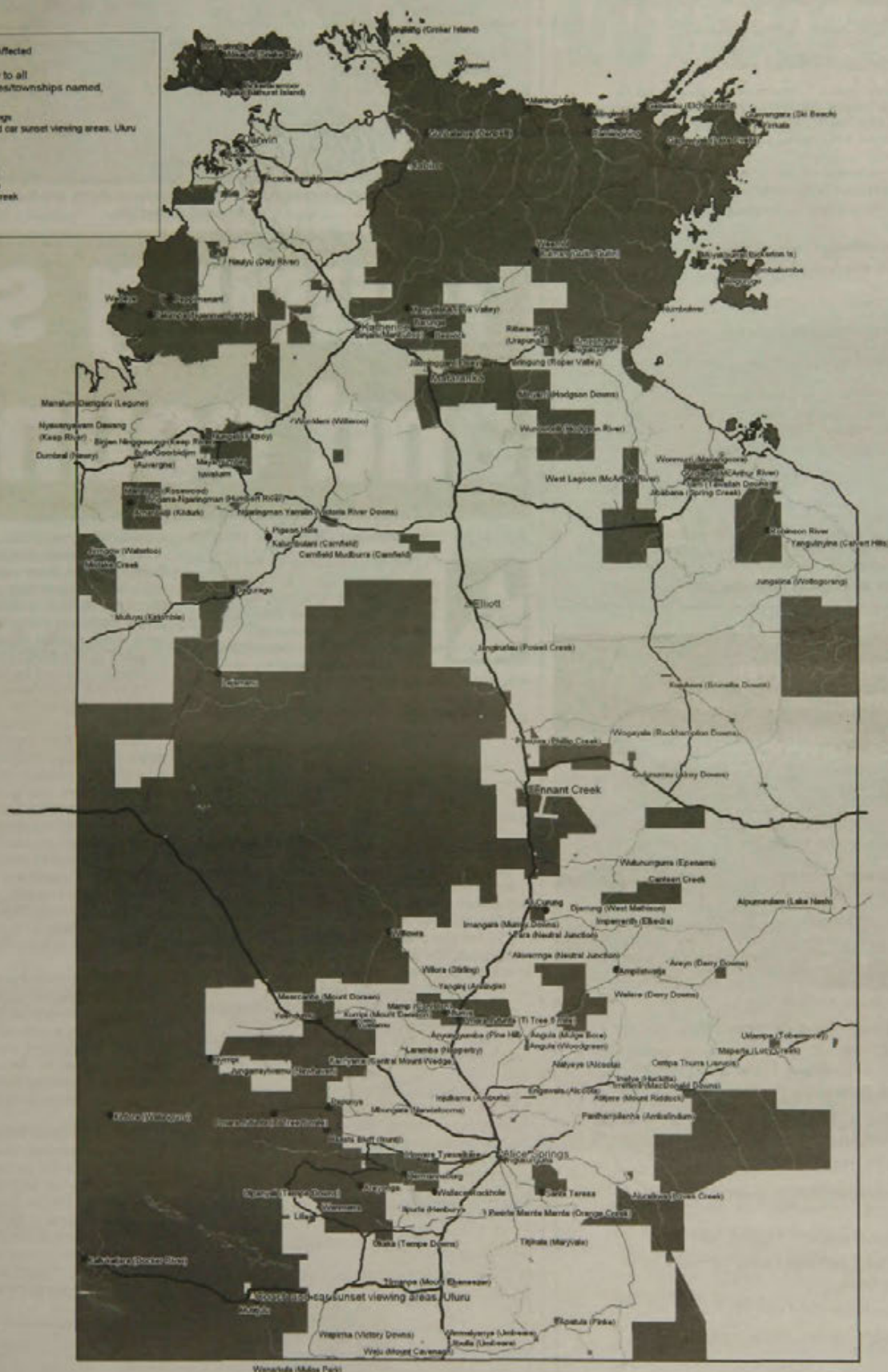


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Affected Areas

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- Bans apply to all communities/townships named, except
- △ Alice Springs
 - △ Coonah and car sunset viewing areas, Uluru
 - △ Darwin
 - △ Elliott
 - △ Jabiru
 - △ Katherine
 - △ Mataranka
 - △ Tennant Creek



This map shows areas prescribed under the Northern Territory Emergency Response Act 2007. Bans apply to all communities/townships named in this map except the centres marked with a triangle. This map is provided for guidance only, and is accurate as at 2 October 2007. The Act provides a process for the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to prescribe further areas and to de-prescribe areas. Town camp locations in and around major centres are not shown on this map, but these locations have been declared prescribed areas by the Minister and are subject to the legislated bans.

A list of affected areas, including town camps, can be found at www.facsia.gov.au/nter/ or call 1800 333 995 at any time.

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Attorney-General's Department

Request for Tender No 07/01 For the Purchase of Legal Aid Services for Indigenous Australians

North Queensland zone

The Australian Government Attorney-General's Department is seeking tenders for the delivery of legal aid services to Indigenous Australians in North Queensland for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2011. The request for tender document sets out the tendering conditions and arrangements, a description of the services required and details of the selection criteria.

Questions regarding the tender are to be directed to the contact details below and responses to those questions will be posted on the Department's web site.

The request for tender document will be released on 6 October 2007 and it and further information will be available from:

Web site: <http://www.ag.gov.au/tenders> and www.tenders.gov.au

E-mail: indigenouslegalaidtender@ag.gov.au

Facsimile: (02) 6250 5973

Telephone: 1800 731 772

Post: Indigenous Law and Justice Branch
Attorney-General's Department
Robert Garran Offices
National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600

The Department will conduct a tender information session at Cairns, Queensland, on Tuesday, 16 October 2007 between 9 am and 12 pm at:

Rydges Plaza Cairns
Cnr Spence and Grafton Streets
Cairns, QLD
Telephone: (07) 4046 0300
Facsimile: (07) 4046 0333

Tenderers and potential tenderers are encouraged to register their intention to submit a tender on the Department's website. The register will also provide tenderers and potential tenderers with the option of registering their interest in attending the information session.

Tenders should be lodged no later than 2 pm on 2 November 2007.



Looking back towards the mainland from Muddamuddanaymy are Bandjin brothers Darren and Russell Butler Jnr.

Touring sea and country

By Cairns Correspondent CHRISTINE HOWES



"YOU'RE on the edge of the very very old fish traps, they're down underneath us right now," says Bandjin Elder Russell Butler Snr in a trial run of a new cruise on Queensland's Great Barrier Reef out to Muddamuddanaymy, or

Hinchinbrook Island.

"You might see the wall coming out towards you under the water."

The 'Muddamuddanaymy', or Saltwater Country Cruise, is one of four expeditions on offer to delegates at the 'Caring for Country' National Indigenous Land and Sea Conference, being hosted by the Giringun Aboriginal at Cardwell until the end of this week.

The *Koori Mail* recently sampled a trial run of the expedition.

Conference volunteer and expeditions project manager Will Hyams said it was unique to have a completely culturally-based sea country tour in the Great Barrier Reef.

"I think that's really special. People don't really understand the connection salt water people have to marine areas and politically that's something quite new in Australia," he said.

"These tours have been built in so that every conference delegate, when they register, will choose to go on one of the four tours and they'll take time out from the conference sessions to do that."

"The expectation is that instead of just a talk fest, we really wanted to get people to experience country in this region. We've got two World Heritage areas and nine tribes coming together so we wanted to give people a chance to

experience some of that."

Mr Hyams said alongside the Saltwater Country Cruise there were two rainforest experiences (Moombay, hosted by Giringun traditional owners, and Echo Creek, hosted by Jirrbal traditional owners) as well as the chance to have 'a rich cultural experience on an active cattle property' at Mungalla Homestead, just outside Ingham and hosted by Nywaigi traditional owners.

Giringun chair Pastor John Andy said they were expecting 400-500 delegates at the conference to experience the expeditions.

"Giringun is an organisation that services nine traditional groups covering a big big area which runs from my people's country at Mission Beach, the Djiru people, and goes right down to this side of Townsville and towards Greenvale, taking in Mt Gamet and that country in the west," he said.

He said that two years ago, Giringun signed the first sea country agreement in Australia, called a 'TUMRA' or Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement.

"This agreement runs for three years to try and bring preservation to our turtle and dugong in this country, which is a big part of our culture," he said.

"The agreement is signed off by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Authority, which represents the Federal Government, the State Government and the Giringun groups to say that we will look after the sea country, we will manage our turtles and dugong, we will set a quota and we will have a permit system and if you're caught in our region taking turtles or dugong without a permit, you can be prosecuted."

"One of the good things about the TUMRA is that the responsibility is up to the people again, we now handle the permits, I sign off on the permit and there's another Elder who signs off for the Giringun people."

"They're some of the things that we wanted to keep in the spirit of our TUMRA which is how some of the old people who were there in the old days, how they helped other tribal groups in times of need, that very spirit we wanted to keep in our TUMRA."



Bandjin Elder Russell Butler Snr will be a part of the new cruise out to Muddamuddanaymy, or Hinchinbrook Island.



Giringun chair Pastor John Andy looking out over Muddamuddanaymy.

Redress Scheme for former residents of Queensland children's institutions



Former residents of Queensland children's institutions who suffered abuse or neglect while in care can now apply for ex gratia payments of between \$7 000 and \$40 000 under the Queensland Government's Redress Scheme.

The scheme is part of the government's response to the *Forde Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions* and applies to former child residents who:

- were placed in a licensed institution covered by the Forde Inquiry
- experienced institutional abuse or neglect, and
- were released from care, and had turned 18 years, on or before 31 December 1999.

*The Inquiry did not cover children placed in foster care.

Applications must be lodged on an official application form by 30 June 2008.

To obtain more information or an application pack, phone the Redress Scheme information line on 1300 769 291* between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Saturday or visit communities.qld.gov.au

* Mobile rates apply.

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Sowing the seeds of Veronica's wisdom



FOR many years, Arrernte Elder, teacher, and translator Veronica Perrurie Dobson has shared her language and her knowledge of Arrernte plants and healing

practices with others.

Local school students, as well as tourists and other visitors to the Alice Springs Desert Park and the Olive Pink Gardens in the bush city have been quick to soak up her wisdom.

With the launch of her book *Arelhe-kenhe Merrethene - Arrernte Traditional Healing*, the seeds of Veronica's wisdom will now be spread further a field.

More than 160 people attended the launch held at the Olive Pink Botanic Gardens as part of last month's 2007 Alice Desert Festival, enjoying a bush foods afternoon tea after the speeches.

The illustrated book presents an overview of the plant medicines and spiritual healing methods used by Arrernte people and the integral connection of both approaches to the land.

Veronica drew on her own cultural insights and those of other Elders and

senior healers in the Arrernte community whom she interviewed. She worked with linguist Jenny Green to write/transcribe her stories in Arrernte language and then translated them into English. Barry McDonald then worked with Veronica to complete the manuscript.

Readers will discover discussions of the choice and training of Arrernte healers, the source of their healing powers, and their use of singing, touch and healing fat. The processing of medicinal plants into washes and ointments, the use of hot earth and ashes, and the treatments for various conditions such as toothache, snakebite and 'flu are all explained.

Veronica also directly addresses her fellow countrymen and women, highlighting the trio of dangerous contemporary afflictions: Diabetes, obesity brought on by poor diet, and over-indulgence of alcohol. She urges a return to better food including bush foods, and more exercise such as walking.

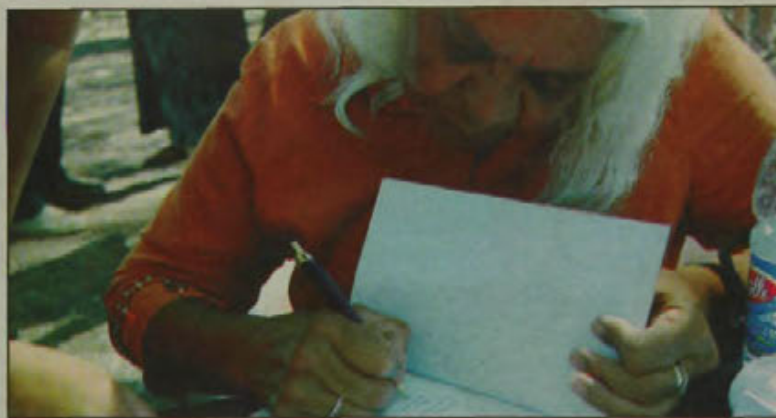
Arelhe-kenhe Merrethene - Arrernte Traditional Healing is published through IAD Press in Alice Springs and adds to IAD's extensive list of books on bush foods/medicine.



● LEFT: Veronica Dobson and linguist Jenny Green.

● BELOW: Author Veronica Dobson signs her book at the launch.

Photos by Lisa Stefanoff



Dazzle us with your deeds!

The daily efforts of a superhero are endless, just like working in an Indigenous health service, community council, cultural centre or representative body. If you think your organisation deserves recognition for its achievements in the community, here's a great opportunity.

Apply now for the 2008 Indigenous Governance Awards. There's prize money totalling \$30,000 and even if you don't nab one of the big prizes, there are plenty of rewards simply for entering.

If your organisation is well run and makes a difference in your community, maybe it's time to take on the world!

The Indigenous Governance Awards were created by Reconciliation Australia and

BHP Billiton to encourage, reward and promote effective Indigenous governance. They help highlight Indigenous achievement to all Australians. Governance is about good management and strong leadership, and Indigenous governance also incorporates the community's cultural values. All successful organisations have good governance - you only need to look.

Applications are available from the website www.igawards.org.au or by phoning Rowena Withers on (02) 6273 9200.

Applications close Friday 21 December 2007. Speak to Rowena if you think you need more time to complete your application.

As a bonus for early bird applicants, we'll promote your organisation and the work you're doing in this newspaper and on the Awards website.

Indigenous Governance Awards

Recognising Excellence



A knockout time had in Lismore



This young footy fan flew the flag.



Staff from the Office of Fair Trading on their knockout stall. At back, Garry Ferguson from Grafton, and colleagues (from left) Janelle Brown from Grafton, Jill Jessop from Newcastle and Bronwyn Hurst from Lismore.



Backing the Redfern All Blacks and Tingha Tigers were, from left, Noel Eggins holding Nickai Kennedy, 6, Shanti Kennedy, 4, Debra Daley, Maya Svagelli, 5, and Cathie Burgess holding Djanala Svagelli, 10.

By KIRSTIE PARKER



WHETHER they were die-hard footy fans or just looking forward to catching up with family and friends, the 37th NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Lismore was the place to be for thousands of people over the October long weekend.

The four-day event, sponsored by *The Koori Mail*, saw around 2000-3000 people from throughout the State and further afield pour through the gates at the city's Oakes Oval each day to watch 26 men's teams, six women's teams and four Under 15s teams battled for the titles of knockout champions.

In the men's final, the Tweed-based Wollumbin Warriors outplayed the La Perouse side to win the right to host the carnival next year.

Northern Casino won the women's competition and Northern United won the Under 15s.

Exhibition games were also played out by Under 17s, Under 13s, Under 11s and Under 7s teams.

The knockout began with a welcome to Bundjalung country by local Elder Irene Harrington and a performance by the Bundjalung Dance Troupe.

Local organisations and government departments ran stalls dispensing information, food and merchandise – much of it in the Aboriginal colours.

Police reported no major incidents in the region, a result attributed to the close liaison carried out between the organisers, the Lismore City Council and the local police command in the lead-up to and during the knockout.

Every night, there was entertainment of some form ranging from a beauty pageant featuring young women from Sydney, Moree and the Northern Rivers region and a 'Kooriekie' competition.

While the carnival had controversial moments on the field, there was no sign of acrimony between organisers and the Lismore City Council, which initially declined the request by the organising clubs Merritt-Patten, of Sydney, and Northern United to hold the event in the city.

For the first time, the carnival was broadcast on the national Indigenous TV channel, NITV. It was the first live sports coverage broadcast for the fledgling channel, which will be available on Foxtel from 1 November.

The photos here show some of the many social aspects of the Knockout. See this edition's sports section for more on the on-field action.



This La Perouse player was happy to rest after his team's tough grand final match against the Wollumbin Warriors.



Young Dan Conliffe fronts the NITV cameras at the knockout.



In the grandstand: Juannita Coster, 16, Mirri Harris, 15, and Elissa Blanch, 16, all from Tweed Heads.

37th NSW Annual Knockout Carnival – Lismore



Carlene Lever, 5, from Sydney, took time out to catch up on colouring-in.



During the knockout, the flags flew at half-mast for local Bundjalung Elder Eric Walker who passed away the week before.



Ramona Walker celebrated the Northern Casino women's team's win with a kiss for her nephew Pierre Hippli, aged four months.



La Perouse player Wes Patten with his son Chaise Patten, aged 3.



Lewis Walker, of the Bundjalung Dance Troupe, played the didgeridoo during the knockout's official opening.



From left, in-goal touch judge Hal Walsh, from Brisbane, touch judge Trevor Bennett and his brother, referee Ian Bennett, both from the Northern Rivers, touch judge Jack Gibbs, from Cunnamulla, and end-goal touch judge Paul Coolwell, from Brisbane.



Tahlia Smith, from Tweed Head, Leearna Williams, from Lismore, and Vivienne Roberts, from Lismore.



Maurice Walker, from Canberra, and Jane Adams, from Moree, in the grandstand. Maurice ran a popular 'Koorieoke' in the evenings of the knockout.

37th NSW Annual Knockout Carnival – Lismore



'The Redfern Block': The Carr family were up from Redfern for the weekend.



Young ball boy Elwyn Dixon, 10, from Kempsey.



Stacey Bell, from Waterloo, with her daughter Jada Simpson, 17 months, Stacey's sister Ruth Bell, 15, and cousin Nellie Bell, 15.



Lismore Mayor Merv King addresses the crowd.



Richmond Local Area Command Superintendent Bruce Lyons



Die-hard footy fans: Back row, from left, Jemma Craigie, Steven Connors and Barbara Johnson. Middle, from left, Katie Smith, Tisha Smith and Louella Dennison. In front is Walter McIntosh.



Knockout co-ordinator Phil Hall.



Nursing aide Maureen Brown, also known as 'Granny Brown' took part in the parade in style: On the tray of the hospital ute. She's pictured with trainee nurses from the Australian Catholic University in North Sydney who are doing their practical training in Wilcannia.

NAIDOC comes to Wilcannia

NSW NAIDOC Week, celebrated in July in some parts of the country and September in others, saw a colourful display last month on the streets of the small New South Wales town of Wilcannia. Local Aboriginal people, schoolchildren and other townsfolk interested in learning more about

Aboriginal people and cultures took part in a parade down the main street. All up there were about 100 marchers, four decorated buses and the hospital ute in the parade. Following the parade there was a presentation of medals for the poster competition, followed by a barbecue lunch, then games and socialising on the lawns of Baker Park.



The Wilcannia NAIDOC parade begins.
Photos courtesy of the Wilcannia News and St Therese's Mission School.



The NAIDOC banner with logo, made by the students at Wilcannia Central School.

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Australia-China Council

Applications Open for 2008

The Australia-China Council was established to promote mutual understanding between Australia and China and to broaden and deepen areas of people-to-people contact and exchange.

Residency Awards for 2008 (Round 2):

Residencies are offered for projects in the fields of the arts, science, business or any other area that will enhance Australia-China relations. Accommodation is provided in Hong Kong, Taipei Artist Village or Beijing, or accommodation subsidies are available. All are for one to three months. The subsidies of \$1,000 per month can be used towards accommodation and travel costs anywhere in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan. Awardees may also receive a travel grant.

Closing date: Monday 19 November 2007.

The Australia-China Council Churchill Fellowship for 2008:

The Council has partnered with the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to offer the ACC Churchill Fellowship for the investigation of an issue in any field that promotes mutual understanding and fosters people-to-people relations between Australia and China. You must spend between four and eight weeks in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan. The Fellowship is worth around \$25,000. See www.churchilltrust.com.au/ or the website below for more information.

Applications open on 1 November and close on 29 February 2008.

General Grants:

Funding is available for one-off projects that are consistent with the Council's aims above.

Next Closing Date: Monday 4 February 2008.

Website: www.dfat.gov.au/acc/
Ph: 02-6261 2806
Email: auschina.council@dfat.gov.au

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ABORIGINAL EARLY YEARS PROJECT

The aim of the Aboriginal Early Years Project is to improve the outcomes and well being of Indigenous families with young children by providing support for parenting, supported playgroups and access to appropriate services.

The Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy (ACYFS) is part of the NSW Government's prevention and early intervention strategy to better support Aboriginal children and young people, their families and communities. The ACYFS focuses on addressing needs around safety, health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

Expression of Interest:

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited from non-profit community organisations, particularly those with experience working with Indigenous communities, as well as local government departments for the provision of a locally based Aboriginal Early Years Project.

Applicants are encouraged to propose an integrated service delivery arrangement covering either one or more locations of the Department of Community Services metro central region, specifically:

- Inner West
- South East Sydney
- Northern Sydney

An amount of \$85,000 per annum (2 year fixed term period) is available to provide this service in each location.

The project will employ a locally based Aboriginal Early Years Worker/s who will engage their (local) community and provide support around parenting and access to services.

For more details, including an information package and details of briefing session, call Lynn Cohen or Deb McEvoy-Herbert on 8303 7622 or visit: www.community.nsw.gov.au

The closing date for a submission of Expression of Interest is (EOI) Monday 19 November 2007.

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



Guests at official opening read about the scarred tree monuments.

THE NEVILLE BONNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For Honours in Political Science

Applications are invited for the 2008 Neville Bonner Memorial Scholarship for Honours in politics or related subjects at any Australian university.

The Scholarship is in memory of Neville Bonner AO, the first Indigenous Member of Federal Parliament. Applicants must be Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The 2008 Scholarship will be valued at over \$20,000 plus HECS.

For further information and application forms see:
http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/Scholarships/_Neville_Bonner.asp

Or contact: The Scholarship Administrator
Council and Boards Secretariat
The Australian National University
CANBERRA ACT 0200

Phone: 02 6125 2825
Email: cabs.admin@anu.edu.au

Applications close Friday 30 November 2007

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Indigenous Recognised Entity Services

The Department of Child Safety has funding available for Indigenous organisations to assist the department to provide services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. Organisations specifically approved for this purpose are called 'Recognised Entities'.

The functions required of these organisations, together with eligibility and assessment criteria, are set out in the Recognised Entity Services Funding Information Paper which can be accessed via the department's internet website at www.childsafety.qld.gov.au or by phoning (07) 3224 4546.

Funding is available to organisations in the Charleville and Roma Child Safety Service Centre catchment areas.

Intending applicants are advised to contact Nicola Jeffers or Nicole Jackson-Ryan, Community Support Team, Ipswich and Western Zone on (07) 4699 4265.

Funding is also available to organisations in the Maryborough and Gladstone Child Safety Service Centre catchment areas.

Intending applicants are advised to contact Mark Ryan or Michelle Willie, Community Support Team, Central Zone on (07) 4938 4699.

All Recognised Entities approved through this process will be required to engage with the Indigenous community in their catchment area to ensure that the Indigenous community is kept informed of child protection issues.

Funding submissions must be lodged by Monday 19 November 2007.



Queensland Government
Department of Child Safety

Scarred tree monument shows sweet heritage



A SCARRED tree monument near Weipa, on the coast of Queensland's Cape York, has been officially opened.

The 17 scarred trees at Red Beach (Prunung) have spiritual significance to traditional owners, as well as cultural importance, as the trees have each been cut by ancestors to remove wild bush honey.

The scarred tree monument was erected earlier this year following heritage management negotiations between Thanikwithi traditional owners and Rio Tinto Aluminium (RTA).

About 80 people came to the opening ceremony held by traditional owners and RTA at the end of September, which featured singing, a traditional smoking ceremony, and speeches by traditional owners Richard Barkley, Grace John and Thanakupi, and by RTA representatives.

Senior traditional owner Richard Barkley encouraged members of the public to visit Prunung and see the trees and read the information signs in place.

"Prunung is a very important place," he said. "It's a very important place for future generations, our children and also for everyone else."

"Now, when people visit, they can learn about our culture and see the heritage of our ancestors and the region."

Thanikwithi traditional owner Thanakupi shared her childhood memories at the mission when there was only one axe shared between 300 people.

"I remember sitting with my family and waiting

and waiting until it was our turn to use the axe," she said.

"There was only one axe between so many people and when it came our turn to use the axe, we could go out and collect wild bush honey."

"Wild honey was used in crushed corn for breakfast in the dormitories for school children, so when we could eat the native honey, it was wonderful."

RTA Weipa General Manager Rob Atkinson acknowledged the significance of the monument and the path that led to its development.

"To me, this display really shows that so long as people are able to sit down and talk together, solutions can be found to every situation," he said.

"I hope that visitors to Prunung will look upon the display for many years to come, recognising and respecting the work of the ancestors and appreciating the rich history of this land."

RTA specialist archaeologist Dr Justin Shiner said working with Richard Barkley, Grace John and their families on this project had been the highlight of his career in Weipa.

"I have enjoyed this project so much," he said. "It really opened my eyes to the importance that these scarred trees and shell middens have to the people of the Cape."

"They are pieces of history and the traditional owners have a very strong cultural connection with them."

The heritage display at Prunung is open to the public. Permits are required to visit Prunung, and are available from Weipa 4WD, in the town's shopping centre.



Thanikwithi traditional owners Grace John and Richard Barkley unveil the sign at the Prunung monument near Weipa, in far north Queensland.

Keeping my seat warm, Your Worship?

A taste of power



A GROUP of Indigenous schoolchildren from Queensland and New South Wales could have serious mayoral aspirations after their tour of Sydney's historic Town Hall last week.

The students, four from Qld and two from NSW, are being supported by Yalari, a non-for-profit organisation that raises funds for boarding scholarships at high-achieving secondary schools.

Councillor Marcelle Hoff hosted the group and took them on a tour that gave the children an opportunity to try the seats of power inside the Council Chambers.

Cr Hoff said it was 'a real privilege to meet these six wonderful young Indigenous Australians and talk to them about life as a city councillor'.

"I have no doubt that they will be

some of the great leaders of this country in the future," she said.

Yalari has a target to raise over \$12 million to support 250 students over the next ten years. Its programs aim – through education – is to break the cycles of poverty, abuse or other misfortune experienced by many Indigenous Australians.

The organisation's long-term goal is to reshape educational standards and statistics for Indigenous students by providing educational opportunities. This in turn will have a dramatic effect on generations of Indigenous people.

Founding Director of Yalari, Waverley Stanley, took the tour with the children and said educational opportunities gave Indigenous children new life experiences outside of their communities.

"A great education provides individual self-empowerment and a real growth in the self-belief, confidence and determination of each child," he said.



City of Sydney Councillor Marcelle Hoff hosted the Yalari visitors, from left, Lincoln Childs, Mitchell Whiteley, Carla Fisher, Nellie Bond, Brenton Cressbrook and Kyol Blakeney.



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Call for applications—Round 2

Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are invited to apply for funding and support under the Backing Indigenous Ability telecommunications program.

We encourage you to apply for:

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- Videoconferencing equipment
- IT training
- Funding to develop Indigenous online content such as community web sites

Applications close at 5pm Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Friday 30 November 2007.

To get an application form and guidelines you can:

Go to the website www.dcita.gov.au/bia
Email bia@dcita.gov.au
Phone Freecall 1800 355 014

Regional and remote Indigenous communities may also apply as part of a Shared Responsibility Agreement.

Contact your Indigenous Coordination Centre.

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The Black on Track team, Brian Dowd, Shellie Joass and Richard Kennedy in downtown Launceston, Tasmania.



Roma's Black on Track participants: Back, from left, Geoffrey Emms, Courtney Armstrong, Queensland Health's Michael Reddan, Dennis Graham, Owen Murphy and Robbie Ryan. Front, from left, William Mitchell, Ashley Himstedt, Henry Shillingsworth and Colin Lingwoodock.

Confidence booster

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



A UNIQUE healing, intervention and employment program is making tracks across Australia.

Black on Track was in Roma Queensland for the past three months, turning around local men's lives, and now has moved to Launceston, in Tasmania, for the next three months.

Black on Track founder Brian Dowd said the program dealt with healing in areas of, self-esteem and confidence, Aboriginal history, culture and identity, drug and alcohol, mental health, anger management, loss and grief, personal fitness and healthy diets, child protection, sexual health, attitudes towards employment, 'where to now' sessions and goal-setting.

It is a five-day program, which incorporates three days in the community and two days in the school.

"Black on Track is a grassroots healing program run by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people," said Mr Dowd.

"It includes three month live-in

community programs, school programs targeting attendance, retention and numeracy and literacy, and employment focused programs that develop participants self-esteem and confidence to get back into the workforce on their own individual levels.

"The program was a huge success in Roma, so much so that Roma has developed its very own Black on Track steering committee to secure funding to lure Black on Track back in their region for a 12-month contract.

"The feedback has been mind blowing. Other surrounding communities such as St George, Cunnamulla, and Dalby have expressed interest to run a Black on Track program in their community due to the success of Roma."

Mr Dowd said that seven of the 15 participants from Roma were back in the workforce, and that suspension rates with local school-based participants had dropped by 91 per cent and attendance rates increased.

He said he believed such a program would benefit the Northern Territory intervention, and he met with an adviser to

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough in Canberra a year ago to seek Government backing to pilot his program in areas of need remote and urban across the country.

He said he was still waiting for a response, "which is a bit ironic when the Government have been quoted as saying that they are trying to source Indigenous focused and culturally sensitive programs to cater for the current problems being faced in Indigenous communities".

"Well, here we are and here is a proven program that works contact us we are still willing and waiting," Mr Dowd.

"With one clear and truthful intervention tool, that being the introduction of an intensive and fully supported healing program, which focuses not healing from the outside in, but from the inside out.

"The seeds of pain and jealousy have been planted in our communities for the past 219 years and it is our time to replace these negative seeds with seeds of strength, unity and love and this can only be done if we can heal with one's self first."

Mr Dowd said there were 15 communities sourcing their own funding to

get the program.

Robbie Ryan, 30, was one of the Roma participants and the scholarship winner. He said his life had turned around and he had got his self-confidence back.

"When I grew up, my father was very sturdy, you weren't meant to show your emotions, but times have changed," Mr Ryan said. "It was also great to see friends of mine from town in the group. There were people there I never thought would go to a men's group."

"It was challenging talking about personal stuff. I did talk and reflect, looking at myself and the sort of role model I am to my children, my partner and other children in the community."

"My kids they think they got a new dad, but they just have an updated model. I gained back the respect that I had lost in town. To keep myself on track I carry my set goals in my wallet."

Mr Ryan is looking to regroup the men's group and is looking at choosing one of five jobs offered to him.

Black on Track has a website at www.blackontrack.com.au



Winners are definitely grinners. Roma's Black on Track 2007 scholarship winners, from left, Robbie Ryan (community winner), Robert Fraser and Julie Murphy (joint school winners).



Founder and owner of Black on Track Brian Dowd.



Alcohol tobacco and other drugs community project officer Michael Reddan presents student Alan Murphy with a "Smoking - it can cost us the game" pack.

New Bill recognises Indigenous interests



A NEW Bill introduced in the West Australian Parliament last month recognises Indigenous interests in two of the State's largest conservation areas - the Riddell River National Park and the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve.

The parks are located in the Central Desert region of Western Australia and cover about 31,265

square kilometres.

Deputy Premier Eric Ripper said the Indigenous Conservation Title Bill (ICT), if passed, would fulfil the State Government's long-standing commitment to the Martu and Gibson Desert people to recognise their traditional ownership of the parks.

"The current tenure of the parks extinguishes the traditional owners' native title rights and interests," Mr Ripper said.

"Once extinguished, native title

cannot normally be revived, however this unique form of freehold title provides an alternative path to recognition.

"It will allow for the cancellation of the existing Class A status attached to the parks, so the land can be transferred to the traditional owners as conditional freehold.

"This means the Martu and Gibson Desert people will be able to maintain their social, economic

and religious practices, as they have always done.

"However, conditions attached to the freehold mean these practices must be carried out in a way that protects the conservation values of the parks.

The conditions also protect public access rights, and prevent the land from being sold or mortgaged.

"Special protections that applied to the parks by virtue of their Class A status will also be

maintained."

The ICT forms part of a larger package that includes an agreement for leaseback to the State Government and joint management between the Department of Conservation and the Environment and the traditional owners.

The package is intended to offset the State Government's compensation liability for the extinguishment of native title within the Park boundaries.

Jawoyn offer up their skills



THE Jawoyn people in Katherine, in the Northern Territory, are working with Primary Industry researchers to identify novel anti-bacterial compounds in native trees for use on agricultural crops to combat disease.

Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines (DPIFM) plant pathologist Andrew Daly said the project aimed to identify trees and shrubs in the Northern Territory, whose extracts could penetrate plant tissues and control bacterial pathogens in agricultural crops.

"Native plants have been used by Aboriginal people as medicines for thousands of years," Mr Daly said.

"This project, funded by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) aims to utilise the existing information to identify trees and shrubs in the Northern Territory which possess compounds that have antibacterial activity.

"Numerous studies have demonstrated that plant extracts of native plants from northern and central Australia can act as antibacterial compounds against human bacterial pathogens such as golden staph, a bacteria known for the problems it's causing in hospitals the world over, due to antibiotic resistance.

"We now want to test the ability of these antibacterial compounds to be used to control bacteria that kill agricultural crops.

"One pathogen that causes serious losses in many crops such as bananas, potatoes and tomatoes is the bacterial wilt pathogen *Ralstonia solanacearum*. The disease cannot be controlled effectively using currently available chemicals."

Poor disease control

Mr Daly said that bacterial plant diseases in Australia were usually controlled through the application of copper compounds.

"The inability of copper to penetrate plant tissues means it often provides only poor disease control," Mr Daly said.

"Where copper is applied several times during a season, bacterial resistance to copper is also becoming an increasing issue, both in Australia and overseas. It is hoped the new novel compounds isolated in this project will help to overcome these problems."

The Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation's Lisa Mumbin said the Jawoyn people had agreed to help in the identification of plants and share community knowledge.

"The Jawoyn people are happy to work collaboratively with governments to undertake research on our country with the understanding that any benefits will flow on to our people," Ms Mumbin said.

"It's hoped this will facilitate the development of new industries in Aboriginal communities based on plants, or plant products that have commercial potential to control agronomically important bacterial diseases."

Dr Roslyn Prinsley, General Manager for RIRDC, said the research was an excellent example of innovation that built on traditional knowledge to benefit rural Australia.

"RIRDC invests in research and development for new rural industries, including Australian native plants," Dr Prinsley said.



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Focus on our kids



THE National Conference of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) held in Adelaide last month was the largest national conference on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

More than 700 delegates from across Australia attended the event, which had a theme of *Ngadluko Ngartunnaitya - For Our Children*.

They heard from a range of speakers, including Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, SNAICC Chairperson Muriel Bamblett, Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Director of the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute Chris Sarra, Cindy Blackstock of the Gitksan Nation in Canada, former SNAICC Chairman Brian Butler, 2007 Young Australian of the Year Tania Major, and Federal Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation Jenny Macklin.

For many delegates, it was an opportunity to share their years of experiences working to build a better future for Indigenous children.

Some of the delegates are pictured here.



Children from the Kura Yerlo and Kalaya Children's Centre performed at the conference.



● LEFT: Angelique Davis, Nikki Butler and Rosie Elliott at the SNAICC information stall.



● RIGHT: Sherry Rankine, from UniSA, John Williams, from Adelaide, and Valerie Macauley.



Tania Williams and Maxine Brown.



● ABOVE: Eileen Williams, from Queensland, with Marilyn Beale.



● RIGHT: From left, SNAICC executive members Natalie Hunter and Tanya Ardler with Layne Malthouse, from Brisbane.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough addressed the conference.

Consumers warned over risky funeral schemes



PEOPLE selling risky pre-pay funeral schemes are targeting Indigenous West Australians and signing them up for regular deductions from Centrelink payments.

West Australian Consumer Protection Commissioner Patrick Walker has warned people, especially in regional WA, to be wary of the schemes being offered by a Queensland-based company after the town of Esperance had been targeted.

"We are concerned about reports of people targeting low-income Indigenous

people with high-risk funeral contracts," Mr Walker said.

"The funeral scheme has no 'surrender value', meaning customers have to keep making the fortnightly payments for life and if they miss just four payments in a row, their investment is lost.

"People who miss four payments - even if they've been paying for decades - have no entitlement to funeral support and no opportunity for a refund on any of their payments.

"The touts are based interstate and tend to send sales representatives into other

States to sign up people to the funeral plans - often selling door-to-door.

"We know entire families have been pressured to sign up, including young children so if a family becomes ineligible for the scheme, there is a lot of money at stake."

Mr Walker said the Consumer Protection Minister had written to the Federal Minister responsible for Centrelink to voice her concern about inappropriate deductions being made from welfare payments.

He said the Queensland-based operator behind the schemes, who could not be

named for legal reasons, had previously been the subject of court action by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) for dubious marketing practices.

Mr Walker said Consumer Protection was monitoring the activities of the operator in relation to whether the company was breaching door-to-door trading provisions.

Consumers who have been approached to sign up for these pre-pay funerals are urged to call Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 (local call cost) or email consumer@docep.wa.gov.au

Aboriginal disability network opening welcomed



The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) has

welcomed the opening last month of the office of the Aboriginal Disability Network NSW.

"Indigenous people experience even higher rates of disability than the rate of 20 percent that applies to other members of the Australian community," said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

Commissioner Calma noted that one category of disability alone, significant hearing loss, had been estimated to affect more than 30 per cent of Aboriginal people in many areas, with other areas of disability, including mental health issues, also disproportionately affecting Indigenous people as part of continuing economic and social disadvantage.

"This makes it all the more critical that services and systems in our society are responsive to disability issues in dealing with the needs and rights of Aboriginal people - whether in the education system, in employment, or in government services and programs," said Disability Discrimination Commissioner Graeme Innes.

Commissioner Calma said that for anyone involved with the needs and rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, addressing disability was not an optional extra, but core business.

The two Commissioners said the opening of the Aboriginal Disability Network NSW office would be an important addition to the ability of Indigenous people with disability to share their experience and knowledge and make their voices heard. They said they looked forward to working with the office into the future.

"Anyone looking for expertise on the needs and rights of Indigenous people with disability should consider that the best place to start is with the people themselves," they said.



The foyer of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University in Perth was set up to replicate the United Nations' General Assembly when it debated and ultimately adopted the International Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Students debate UN rights declaration



STUDENTS from Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) last week debated an important new international Indigenous rights declaration as part of an initiative to help them gain a better understanding of issues involved in forming such a framework.

The UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was passed by the UN's General

Assembly last month. Australia was one of only four countries, along with New Zealand, America and Canada, that did not support the declaration which acknowledges Indigenous rights in a range of issues and addresses intellectual property rights, environmental issues and the right to maintain cultural traditions.

The Curtin mock debate was facilitated by the Human Rights Youth Association of WA and saw students split into member

nations to replicate the UN process.

About 70 Indigenous Community Management and Development students and eight Human Rights students took part in the role play.

Students were allocated member nations and represent that country during the debate. They had to research information on human rights with a focus on Indigenous rights, the functions of the UN and the country they were representing so that they

could present a well-informed argument during the role play.

The foyer of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies was set up to replicate the General Assembly with debate on resolutions taking place in classrooms in the Centre before they were brought back to the larger area for further debate and discussion.

Head of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies Anita Lee Hong said that learning activities such as the UN role play were an important part of the curriculum.

Experience at the helm of new AHO Board

NSW

The New South Wales Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) has a new board with an old hand at the helm.

State Housing Minister Matt Brown announced last week that the inaugural chairman of the AHO, Tom Slookee, would return to the post, adding experience to a new and dynamic board.

Mr Brown congratulated Mr Slookee, a Noonuccal and Bundjalung man who chaired the AHO between 1998 and 2000, at the first meeting of the new board in Sydney last week.

"Mr Slookee has the tough task of

replacing the competent and passionate former Chairperson Ann Weldon, whom I thank for her years of hard work and dedication in her role," Mr Brown said.

"I am confident that Mr Slookee will be a great leader and really help this team to develop effective strategies to strengthen the NSW Aboriginal Housing Sector and advise me on current and emerging issues."

Other members of the board include:

- Lois Towney
- James Allen
- Cathy Craigie
- Robert Carroll
- Michelle Craig

● Andrew Hegedus

"All board members have excellent experience and skills to develop effective strategies for the strengthening of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Sector," said Mr Brown.

"I look forward to working with the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Board and ask them to build on the excellent work of past board members."

"I challenge them to look outside of the square and develop new and innovative ways of doing business with the sector."

Mr Brown said the AHO Board had provided strategic advice to the Minister for Housing and the AHO to achieve significant

milestones in the NSW Aboriginal housing sector including:

- The purchase or construction of in excess of 1,000 quality dwellings
- Provision of housing for more than 12,000 Aboriginal people in 4,350 properties owned by the AHO
- Introduced a performance based registration and funding regime
- Established strong consultative mechanisms with the Aboriginal community
- Developed employment strategies for Aboriginal people in the construction of AHO and/or Aboriginal Community Housing Provider dwellings.

Liaison officer wins award



AN Aboriginal community liaison officer employed by the Victorian Police Service in Mildura has been honoured in the State's Excellence in Policing Family Violence Awards.

Jemmes Handy was nominated for a leadership award by Thelma Chilly, from the Indigenous Family Violence Service, and Mildura Youth Resource Officer Joe Clarke.

The awards, which began in 2004 to provide public recognition to police who excelled in family violence policing, were presented last Wednesday by Acting Assistant Commissioner Peter Bull and the State Member for Northern Victoria, Candy Broad, at the Partnerships in our Community Expo Site at the Elmore Field Days at Elmore, north-east of Bendigo.

There were three categories of award – for leadership, practise and an award for station/cluster/unit of excellence.

Ms Handy was recognised for her efforts in building better relationships between police and the Indigenous community, in particular regarding responses to family violence, sexual assault and child abuse incidents.

She was instrumental in developing the Mildura Public Awareness campaign that was launched by the Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon in October 2006.

This included the production of a series of

graphic television commercials and promotional literature conveying the message, 'Not our Culture, Not our Way'. The campaign was designed to encourage community awareness of the issue of violence against Indigenous women and children, and has since been used as a blueprint for similar programs in other regions.

In her role, Ms Handy has assisted operational police to further address family violence and other issues facing Aboriginal people.

She has also been instrumental with Youth Resource Officer Senior Constable Joe Clarke in developing the Koori Cautioning and Assistance Program.

Many of the youth who have been helped by the program have witnessed or been subjected to violence in the home.

In summing up Ms Handy's approach and contribution in her role, police members described her as showing 'practical leadership', 'not being on anybody's side' and 'nothing's ever too hard'.

Research indicates that victims of family violence feel satisfied and empowered to deal with the abuse when they receive appropriate law enforcement action and quality service from police.

The police response, whether negative or positive, has a significant impact on whether a victim will report future acts of family violence to police.



Jemmes Handy receives her award for leadership from local MP Candy Broad.



Palm Island apprentice mechanic William Blackman (right) and his boss, Eric Dundas.

Boss glowing in praise of Palm Island mechanic

Story and photo by ALF WILSON



A MAN acquitted of a charge of rioting on Palm Island is now a sought after worker in the north Queensland Aboriginal

community.

William Blackman is an apprentice motor mechanic at the Palm Island Auto garage, which is situated across the road from where the ferry arrives at the local jetty.

The garage is also near the Palm Island CBD and supermarket beside the main road on the island.

The 38-year-old Mr Blackman is busy repairing cars, trucks and some 4WD vehicles on Palm Island.

"We fix up so many cars with suspension problems caused by all the potholes on the roads here," Mr Blackman said.

The most common repairs are to front-end drives and suspension joints. Mr Blackman loves his job.

"I have been here for about six months and did a lot of training at TAFE," he said.

The garage owner is Townsville businessman Eric Dundas, who also has a repair centre on the mainland.

Mr Dundas was glowing in his praise for Mr Blackman, who he described as a loyal and hard worker.

"I am so impressed with

William, who does a wonderful job. We are constantly working fixing cars and trucks as we are the only servo on Palm Island," he said.

Mr Dundas said that he was certain Mr Blackman would complete his apprenticeship and run the business in the future, such was his dedication.

As it is, Mr Dundas has to travel between his businesses on Townsville and Palm Island and Mr Blackman often runs the garage in his absence.

Mr Dundas said Mr Blackman was a genuine role model for youth seeking careers on the island.

Earlier this year, a Brisbane jury deliberated for two days before deciding there was not enough evidence to prove that Mr Blackman, Dwayne Blanket, 26, John Clumpoint, 40, and Lance Poynter, 34, took part in the 2004 Palm Island riot that followed the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

The trial was moved to Brisbane because of a survey which found that residents of Townsville had racist attitudes towards Aboriginal people.

Mr Blackman said he went through a lot of stress during the trial process, but was now looking to the future and was devoting himself to his work as a mechanic.

When the Koori Mail visited, a constant flow of vehicles pulled up for petrol and everybody seemed to know Mr Blackman on a first-name basis.

Federal Government 'should move beacon'



THE Federal Government could do the people of Halls Creek a great service by agreeing to move its local air navigation beacon, according to Central Kimberley-Pilbara MP Tom Stephens.

"The beacon stands in the way of completing a major housing development project that is greatly needed locally and the Federal Government is insisting that the costs of relocation should be borne by

LandCorp, who are already heavily subsidising the subdivision," Mr Stephens said.

"Overcrowding and limited housing opportunities within Halls Creek can best be tackled if the LandCorp land development project can reach its optimum size.

"Stage one of the land release process is moving forward at last and tenders have been called for the construction of new houses within this new residential area."

But Mr Stephens said that if the Federal

Government was to fund the relocation of the air navigation beacon – putting its money where its mouth was – they could demonstrate a real partnership with the local community of Halls Creek in securing additional residential land and new housing lots that could immediately see the reduction in overcrowding in the town.

"Overcrowding is one of the biggest contributors to much of the dysfunction within sections of the Aboriginal community," he said.

"With additional land, families can better protect their youngsters and ensure that kids can safely get a good night's sleep and emerge from their family homes rested, fed and ready for school, preparing themselves for the education and training that is a key to their progress towards employment.

"It is time for the Federal Government to stop the talk, get on with it and relocate their air navigation beacon in Halls Creek so that much needed housing can be advanced."

Ninyette appointed



KEN Ninyette has been appointed chairperson of the West Australian Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC).

Indigenous Affairs
Minister Michelle Roberts said Mr Ninyette had a wealth of experience in Indigenous heritage matters at a professional and personal level.
"As a Nyoongar man with extensive experience and specialist knowledge, Mr

Ninyette is a significant asset to the ACMC," Mrs Roberts said.

The ACMC, a specialist heritage advisory body to the Minister established under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, evaluates the importance of places and objects that may be associated with Indigenous people. The ACMC provides advice to the Minister on all Indigenous heritage matters across the State.

Mr Ninyette has served as an ACMC board member for the past 18 months

and one of his first undertakings as the new chairperson was to hold a regional meeting of the ACMC in Kalgoorlie on 3 October, which included information sessions for the community and industry.

"It is very important the ACMC provides industry, enterprise and the community with information about Indigenous heritage matters and how they are managed under the legislation," Mr Ninyette said.

"These information sessions raise

greater awareness of the depth and diversity of Indigenous culture and can assist industry to better understand the requirements of the Act and how they can be managed appropriately."

On 2 October, the ACMC conducted community and industry information sessions in Kalgoorlie.

The ACMC will also undertake tours of significant sites in the Goldfields region and meet with local Indigenous groups such as the Kurrawong Community.

Stand up and make your vote count



AS Australia steels itself for the Federal election, Indigenous people can take advantage of resources from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to get ready to vote.

To get the word out, Community Education Information Officers (CEIOs) visited communities to talk about enrolling and voting.

Young Aboriginal man Ben Abdulla says took on the CEIO role in Adelaide because he believes it is important to talk to other Indigenous people about their right to vote and to stand up and have their say at elections.

Born in Swan Reach and now living in Adelaide, Mr Abdulla has had a long list of jobs but admits his work as a drug and alcohol fieldworker turned out to be a turning point in his life.

"I moved to Adelaide in the early 1980s and decided to refrain from alcohol, drugs and give up smoking," Mr Abdulla said.

"Being a fieldworker gave me a chance to help my people, and it gave me the responsibility to enrol and vote.

"I would like to see all of my people - Indigenous brothers and sisters - enrol and vote in this year's Federal election."

It is compulsory for all Australians aged 18 and over to enrol and vote. Alongside the CEIO program, the AEC has been encouraging people to enrol to vote by running advertising in Indigenous newspapers and radio, and participating in Indigenous events to enrol people on the spot.

The AEC will be helping Indigenous people to get ready to vote by advertising and sending information kits to organisations on the different ways to vote and how to vote correctly to make sure your vote counts.

For more information about getting ready for the election you can also ring the AEC on 13 23 26 or visit www.aec.gov.au



Preparing for the election in Penrith, New South Wales.

Indigenous graduates with PhD from Deakin



DEAKIN University has awarded 24 Indigenous Australians degrees ranging from Bachelors degrees in science and technology, arts, health, law and education to PhDs in Education.

The awards were made at a community graduation ceremony at the Aboriginal Advancement League in Melbourne last Thursday.

"These graduates represent the quiet achievers who succeed each year in many different disciplines at Deakin - and I congratulate them on their very great achievement," said Professor Wendy Brabham, Director of the Institute of Koorie Education at Deakin University.

"The Institute is graduating students who are making an enormous contribution not only to their own communities but to Australian society."

Dr Veronica Arbon attended an Indigenous community graduation ceremony, where she received her PhD, the second PhD awarded to an Indigenous Australian by the university.

Her PhD on Indigenous Knowledge and Philosophy was supervised by Associate Professor John Henry and Professor Brabham, and received Deakin's Faculty of Education Thesis of the Year Award.

The first member of her family to achieve this level of qualification, Dr Arbon said she saw herself as very privileged to have been able to complete her PhD with the support of many of her close Elders.

"I undertook my studies in a way that honoured an Aboriginal knowledge position and I was assessed by an Elder Mr Syd Strangways. I am very proud that I passed his scrutiny," she said.

"I decided to do a PhD as I was interested in knowledge. Initially, my focus

was on Western knowledge and adult education, but as I moved deeper into my doctoral studies I worked to know in much more complex ways from within the Ularaka (total knowledge) of my people, and the knowledge of Indigenous people, more generally."

Dr Arbon is the oldest of seven children, none of whom got much schooling until a small school was built in their remote community in the 1960s.

"Our parents fought to keep us at home rather than allow the powers that be take us (as stolen children) into Darwin," she said. "In the end, the three oldest, including me, were sent to board with an aunt in Darwin for a year of high school and then to a Christian boarding school in Alice Springs for a year."

Dr Arbon did not meet university entry requirements in her final year at school because she failed arithmetic, but years

later qualified for an Associate Diploma in Community Development. She then completed an Arts degree at Adelaide University.

"Ten years later, I completed a Masters at Sydney University and on the side undertook the required units of a Graduate Certificate in Educational Management," she said. "I then enrolled in the PhD."

"As an educational leader I have worked over the past 20 years to progress Indigenous higher education at the local, state, national and international level. The focus of this work has always been improved and knowledge rich education which culminated in my PhD."

"I am humbled and honoured to carry this role and encourage others to work toward such higher level studies as a PhD."

"We as Aboriginal people in Australia need such qualifications and our own experts."

Palm youth worker longing for home

Story and photo by ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait Islander Thomas Pedro is developing as genuine role model for youth on the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island.

In his capacity as a government youth worker, Mr Pedro visits Palm Island from his home of Townsville twice a week.

But every time he sees the azure ocean around Palm, he admits to getting homesick for his beloved St Pauls, in the Torres Strait.

"The cultures may be different, but Palm, being surrounded by the sea, reminds me so much of St Pauls and they are both beautiful," he said.

Thursday Island-born 32-year-old Mr Pedro grew up on western island St Pauls and went to primary school there.

He moved to Townsville where he went to Heatley High School and for the past two-and-a-half years has been working as a government youth worker.

"I go to Palm Island twice a week to be a mentor for youth there and always recall how good the fishing was on St Pauls. I also miss my family who are there," he said.

Away five years

The quietly spoken Mr Pedro hasn't been back to St Pauls for five years and hopes to make a visit later in the year.

"There are so many people I want to see again and Christmas is looking good," he said.

Amongst his duties on Palm is hosting a musical request program on the local radio station situated in a room at the PCYC building.

"It is rock-reggae music and I am the announcer and many people want requests," he said.

Palm Island's Michael Noble, 17, was glowing in his praise for Mr Pedro.

"He has been very good showing us locals many things," Mr Noble said.

Palm Island youth worker Thomas Pedro.



Field day focus on threat of Mimosa



THE detrimental impacts of Mimosa pigra on Top End Aboriginal communities were discussed at a recent field day 30km south of the Daly River, where

large infestations of Mimosa occur.

The Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts (NRETA) and the Northern Land Council (NLC) organised the joint field day last month aimed at communities with relatively small infestations of Mimosa.

Rangers from the Tiwi Islands, Croker Island, Maningrida and Wadeye, joined local rangers from Peppimenarti and Wudikapiyerr at the open day.

NLC Chairman John Daly said the field day was about opening the eyes of the visiting traditional owners to the threat of Mimosa because it was vital to combat it while its distribution was small.

"While there has been a great deal of work done by traditional owners and Indigenous rangers controlling small outbreaks, there is always a risk of becoming complacent, which is one of the key messages we wanted to get across," Mr Daly said.

One of the worst

NRETA regional weeds officer Michael Schmid said Mimosa was a 'Weed of National Significance' (WONS) and was regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread and economic and environmental impacts.

He said the purpose of the field day was to explain to landholders the damage Mimosa could do and that while effective control had occurred, there was still more to do.

He said that under the NT Weeds Management Act, it was the landholder's responsibility to manage Mimosa and stop it from spreading.

"The NRETA Weed Management Branch assists 12 Aboriginal ranger groups with planning and technical advice for Mimosa control and manage funds from the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and the Australian Government's Defeating the Weed Menace Program," Mr Schmid said.

"Together with the ILC and NLC, we are committed to working together with Indigenous landholders to at least control, if not eradicate, this invasive weed from their land."

Collaborative approach

"Across the Top End we are taking a collaborative approach with different landholders, such as government, the pastoral industry and private landholders focusing on strategic management to prevent Mimosa spreading and negatively impacting on the land and lifestyle."

"One of the key messages shared with landholders was that Mimosa prevented people with a right to hunt and access sacred sites from being able to enjoy such activities, so it's very much an impediment on lifestyle and culture."

"Mimosa also blocks waterways, restricts natural water flow and out-competes natural grasses."

"Water flow is vital for river systems to reduce salinity levels and acts as a natural flushing mechanism."

Foundation supports youth trainees



THE Ian Potter Foundation has pledged \$285,000 to assist the Aboriginal Employment

Strategy (AES) in attaining traineeships for Aboriginal students through the School-Based Traineeship (SBT) program.

The SBT program allows Aboriginal high school students to start traineeships while studying for their HSC, allowing them to gain valuable practical skills and attain a Certificate II in Business Administration.

AES Chief Executive Officer Danny Lester said the funding would assist AES to help address the skills shortage in Australia by providing sustainable work opportunities for Aboriginal youth.

"We are excited and thrilled to have the Ian Potter Foundation as our sponsors of the School-Based Training program,"

Mr Lester said.

He said the SBT program offered great opportunities for Aboriginal youth who would benefit personally from the initiative, which would also help fight welfare dependency.

The foundation's sponsorship will assist more than 600 Aboriginal youth traineeships over a three-year period.

Program Manager of Community Wellbeing at the Ian Potter Foundation Helen Murray said she believed that combining work-place training with school attendance would lead to improved school performance and improved employment opportunities.

AES has seen students participate in traineeships with Westpac, ANZ, Commonwealth Bank, City of Sydney Council and Campbelltown City Council.

This year the SBT expanded into far north Queensland, Northern Territory, and the south



Aboriginal Employment Strategy's School-Based trainee Korinne Trewlynn is working at Westpac at Westmead in Sydney.

west of Western Australia.

The AES recently expanded its operations with the official opening of its Alice Springs office.

Alice Springs office manager Tamara Chatfield said she had received positive feedback from

the community in the weeks leading up to the opening last month and believes that great success will follow.

"The AES continues to work hard at stamping out the notion of welfare dependency while effectively promoting self-sufficient economies within the Indigenous community," she said.

Ms Chatfield said she believed these strategies and goals would benefit, not only the individuals, but also their families and communities.

"The AES will play an important part in breaking down welfare dependence within the Aboriginal community, which will give their whole families better and brighter futures," she said.

Since beginning a decade ago, the AES has formed partnerships with corporate Australia and local business with the agenda to achieve outcomes for the Aboriginal community and for their respective employers.

Message through sport



A RECENT Koori sports day on the central coast of New South Wales provided an

opportunity to communicate important health messages to local students.

The event was held at Gosford and aimed at promoting Chlamydia testing and to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal young people. It attracted 86 students as well as teachers and support workers.

Central Coast Gosford Hospital's Koori sexual health worker Dianne O'Brien said there was a need to raise awareness in the Indigenous community about Chlamydia and the need to practise safe sex.

The students received pamphlets, listened to a talk about HIV/AIDS, completed surveys, watched a video created by Wyong students about safe sex, and enjoyed a range of sports and other activities including touch footy, indoor soccer, table games and art and craft.



Students and support staff involved in a Koori sports day held at Gosford recently to promote improved health and wellbeing amongst Aboriginal young people.

Indigenous doctors in the LIMelight



THE development of better-trained doctors in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and

rapidly growing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors were key topics for discussion at a conference held in Sydney at the end of September.

The second Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education (LIME) Connection was organised by the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) and the Medical Deans of Australia and New Zealand (Medical Deans).

The organisations, respectively representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors and students and all Deans of Medicine on both sides of the Tasman, renewed their commitment to collaboration to

achieve these joint goals.

The forum was attended by leaders in academia, education, medicine, policy and Indigenous health from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States of America.

Indigenous health gain is critically underpinned by a medical workforce that is equipped to meet the challenge.

Mutually respectful

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the collaboration between AIDA and the Deans was an example of the mutually respectful relationships between Indigenous organisations and leaders in a particular field that needed to happen more broadly.

Vice-President of Medical Deans Professor James Angus said that an Indigenous curriculum

framework had been accepted by all medical schools in Australia as an essential ingredient for training the country's medical workforce at the undergraduate level in cultural safety and awareness.

"The challenge is to now build on this training as all our young doctors progress through internship and further professional career development," he said.

Incoming AIDA President Dr Tamara Mackean said the future of Indigenous children was now at stake.

"The relationships made and reforms being driven by the Deans and AIDA will have a lasting impact on the health of our people," she said.

"Getting it right for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people means getting it right for everyone".

International keynote speaker and Fulbright Scholar, Professor

Karina Walters, a Choctaw woman from the USA, said science – Indigenous and Western – was now at a critical crossroads.

"Standing firmly in the centre of Indigenous thought, worldviews and science we can begin to integrate the best of Western science with our Indigenous science and knowledge to benefit the health of our communities," she said.

Acknowledgement

The inaugural Limelight Awards were an acknowledgment and celebration of the many successes in Indigenous medical education.

Awards were presented to individuals and institutions in Australia and New Zealand.

The team from the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health (CAMDH), University of Western Australia told the conference that a key factor in

graduating increasing numbers of Indigenous students was critical mass.

"Having the critical mass of staff within our centre and through co-location with the School of Indigenous Studies and the critical mass of Indigenous students in medicine as well as in other disciplines provides some of the essential ingredients for delivering the support required for success," said Associate Professor Milroy.

Over the past decade, CAMDH has had 11 medical graduates, with 24 students currently enrolled. Their program prioritises the early engagement of the university with Indigenous kids and families, provides a range of pathways into medicine and delivers comprehensive student support to students in the program resulting in an excellent retention rate.

LIME will reconvene in two years.

NT communities to benefit from \$3.9m grants



RESEARCH into health problems suffered by Indigenous and non-Indigenous Northern Territory communities will be boosted by new Federal Government funding grants announced recently by Prime Minister John Howard.

A total of \$3,947,463 in new medical

research grants has been awarded to eight project teams at Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin.

The grants were provided from the 2008 National Health and Medical Research Grants Council in Canberra.

Menzies Director Professor Jonathan Carapetis said the grants recognised the successful partnerships Menzies had with

local communities.

"This is a great result for health research in the Northern Territory," he said.

"These grants will help us to provide answers relating to a wide range of health issues, including ear infections, pneumonia, snake bite and malaria.

"Other programs will include screening of pregnant women for foetal

abnormalities, and prevention of chronic diseases."

Professor Carapetis praised the cutting-edge programs from the Territory's new generation of research talent.

"I'm particularly pleased at the success of some of our young researchers, who will be the future of research in the NT," he said.

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Becky Richards (left) outside Adelaide's Old Parliament House where Paul Caica co-signed the deeds with her for the inaugural Terry Roberts Memorial Scholarship for Indigenous South Australians. Rebecca is pictured with members of Terry Robert's family, Julie Sinclair Roberts and Harry, Tom and Tim.

Becky gets a helping hand to study

SA A YOUNG, Adnyamathana Aboriginal woman who plans to work as a psychologist in regional communities, has been awarded the South Australian Government's first ever Terry Roberts Memorial Scholarship for Indigenous South Australians.

Employment, Training and Further Education Minister Paul Caica recently presented Rebecca Richards, 20, with her first instalment of the scholarship.

Earlier this year, Mr Caica announced that an annual scholarship, of up to \$8,000 over four years, as being established to support Indigenous students undertaking full-time university study. The scholarship is named in memory of the late Terry Roberts, the well-respected, former SA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

The presentation and signing of the deeds was held in the Old Chamber of Parliament House, where Rebecca, known as Becky, also met Mr Roberts' widow, Julie Sinclair Roberts, and members of her family.

Becky is undertaking a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Adelaide in psychology and anthropology. With her homeland being in Epaburna, in the Northern Flinders Ranges, Becky grew up and finished high school near Berri, in the Riverland, and is now living in Magill, Adelaide, while she undertakes her university education.

Mr Caica said that with her passion for social justice and diligence with her studies, Becky was an outstanding recipient to win the inaugural scholarship.

"Becky is the first person in her immediate family to complete secondary education, quite apart from going on to university and, through her earnings from casual work, she is also supporting her younger sister to study medicine," he said.

"And yet she has been obtaining distinctions and high distinctions for all the subjects she has ready undertaken.

"Becky is determined to make a valuable contribution to regional communities, with her goal being to ensure that people with mental illness in these communities can be treated with respect and dignity.

"She wants to not only treat people in these situations but also help them to realise their goals in ways that are personalised and sensitive to their differing environments, life experiences and cultures.

"Becky already has a very impressive history of involvement and advocacy in indigenous affairs, actively participating in native title meetings, community support services and performing arts roles."

The value of the scholarship is \$2000 per annum for up to four years of full-time study, with the scholarship being offered each year for the next four years.



'Education is the key to a better future for our people', says Koori Mail Chairman Russell Kapeen.

Student support

NSW BOOSTING the number of Indigenous journalists is one of the aims of a Koori Mail scholarship being offered to an undergraduate Indigenous student attending Southern Cross University in northern New South Wales next year.

While open to Indigenous students applying for any SCU course, the scholarship gives preference to a student enrolling in the Bachelor of Media course.

Koori Mail Chairman and Bundjalung man Russell Kapeen said he hoped that it would help address the current imbalance in Indigenous journalist numbers.

"Education is the key to a better future for our people and if the Southern Cross University scholarship does happen to go to

a media student, then we'll be helping address the shortage of qualified Indigenous Australian journalists, especially in newspapers," Mr Kapeen said.

"A range of Indigenous voices is not often heard in the mainstream media. Supporting our own journalists means they'll be better placed to help communicate and interpret issues for readers - black and white."

The Koori Mail has been a long-time supporter of the Indigenous scholarship at Southern Cross University and Mr Kapeen said it allowed the Indigenous-owned newspaper to give back to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to which it owed a great deal of its success.

Indigenous students enrolling in a full-time undergraduate degree on one of

the three Southern Cross University campuses next year are eligible to apply for the scholarship, which is valued at \$5000 a year over three years (totaling \$15,000). It is available to a high school leaver or mature age student.

Any high school leaver within the Southern Cross University feeder region who has already applied for entry and scholarships will be automatically considered for the Koori Mail Scholarship.

Applications for mature age students and high school leavers outside the feeder region close on 16 November. Applications can be downloaded from www.scu.edu.au/scholarships. For info phone Rebecca Park on 02 66203463 or email scholarships@scu.edu.au



Tania Major and Shanaka Fernando (in black) and Townsville's Florence Onus (front, far left) with students from William Ross State High School in Townsville.

Celebrity visit for Townsville school

QLD STUDENTS from William Ross State High School in Townsville had a brush with celebrity recently when the 2007 Australian Youth of the Year Tania Major and the 2007 Australia Young Hero

of the Year Shanaka Fernando visited their school.

The Australian of the Year Foundation organised the visit as part of a tour by the two impressive young people, community forums for students, teachers and communities.

Ms Major and Mr Fernando were accompanied by local media specialist and former lecturer in Indigenous Australian Studies, Florence Onus, who

said they 'inspired our young people in sharing their personal journeys'.

A qualified criminologist, Ms Major works as a youth development project officer for Noel Pearson's Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership.

The high school students had the opportunity to interact with Ms Major and Mr Fernando after their talks.

Careers in energy



A PARTNERSHIP arrangement between TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute and

EnergyAustralia is paying off, with the graduation last month of 13 Indigenous students from the Indigenous Pre-Apprenticeship Program at the institute's Petersham College.

The full-time program ran over ten weeks offering customised training, including elements of the Certificate I in Electrotechnology and the Statement of Attainment in Skills for Work and Training.

Participants spent one day a week at EnergyAustralia as part of the program.

Petersham College Director Jean Burns said the program, which recently won the Industry Partnership Award at the TAFE NSW Indigenous Awards – the Gili Award, was developed in 2005 and continued to go 'from strength to strength'.

"A strong partnership and friendship has developed between EnergyAustralia and Petersham College," she said.

"It is an excellent example of TAFE working with an enterprise

to create flexible training opportunities to meet their workforce development needs.

"The participants showed courage and determination in completing the course and achieving fantastic results.

"This program addresses the gaps in literacy and numeracy, so that participants are ready to undertake the EnergyAustralia apprentice selection test and interview process.

"I'm confident that the skills and experience the 2007 participants have

gained during this program will ensure they achieve satisfying and challenging work."

EnergyAustralia Managing Director George Maltabarow said the gas and electricity supply company's commitment to the program had been rewarded by the excellent calibre of

Indigenous people 'who now have careers with our company'.

"This program is an example of the steps we're taking to make sure Indigenous Australians have the same opportunities as other Australians to secure an apprenticeship, or any other role at EnergyAustralia," he said.



Indigenous students who graduated from a pre-apprenticeship course at TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute, Petersham College last month.

Kalkaringi kids aim high



A DOCTOR, nurse, and an events co-ordinator... three high school students from the remote Northern Territory community of Kalkaringi have big plans but are already showing the kind of aptitude they'll need to complete their journeys.

Roseanne Winbyne, 16, Davina Jimmy, 16, and Tiannah Bernard, 15, recently complemented their school Business Studies course with work experience at the NT Department of Employment Education and Training in Darwin.

During their work experience, the girls learned how to develop spreadsheets, locate school names and addresses from the department's database, pack materials for schools and assist with postage, book rooms, calculate numbers of children for assessment and work out the materials to send to schools and develop a spreadsheet for tracking what was in each pack.

Keen basketballer Roseanne Winbyne is in Year 10 at Kalkaringi Secondary School and wants to become a nurse.

"Nursing is my passion and I watch every hospital show on the TV," she said. "I loved my work experience because the only way I can be a nurse is by doing my work experience which will take me to Year 12 and finishing my

work at CDU."

Year 11 student Davina Jimmy said she enjoyed her work experience at Darwin's Mitchell Centre too, and found the tasks she was set fairly easy.

"When I complete my year 12, I would like to work at the Message Stick at the ABC news," she told the Koori Mail.

"I will work there for months so that I will earn some money and that the money will go towards the University at Adelaide so I'll be able to go to do more studying.

"My goal is to become an events co-ordinator for my community."

The youngest of the trio, Year Nine student

Tiannah Bernard, said she found her work experience rewarding.

"During our experience, we did some packaging for some remote schools and schools in towns," she said.

"We have been doing a lot of printing, copying, cutting and typing as well. We also learned how to book meeting rooms from the computer; I learned to use the database to locate the names and addresses of the schools.

While in Darwin, the

girls stayed with their supervisor Rosa McKenna in Nightcliff and also found time to go for walks to nearby Mindal beach, go shopping and the movies and the markets, and take lots of photos to show family back home.



Kalkaringi Secondary School students Tiannah Bernard, Davina Jimmy and Roseanne Winbyne during their recent work experience at the NT Department of Employment Education and Training in Darwin.

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On-the-job training for land and sea rangers

Indigenous Rangers get specialist training to help protect Australia's northern border regions



Ranger Djawulu Mununggurr and Paul Younger cleaning up beaches along Cape Arnhem in north-east Arnhem Land.



INDIGENOUS ranger groups in north-east Arnhem Land have received a welcome boost from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education with the introduction of on-the-job training by specialists in natural and cultural resource management.

The Dhimurru and Yirralpa land and sea rangers groups have welcomed Paul Younger, from the Natural and Cultural Resource Management Unit within Batchelor Institute. Mr Younger is based at Jukulu and is delivering conservation and Land Management training to the rangers.

The work of the Dhimurru rangers covers Gove Peninsula, north-east Arnhem Land, and the Yirralpa Rangers are part of the Laynhapuy Homelands Association, covering the region south of Gove, including some of the Mud Bay.

Steve Roeger, of Dhimurru and Management Aboriginal Corporation, said that having Mr Younger based in the region and able to conduct training alongside

the rangers on a day-to-day basis was a formula that would deliver lasting positive outcomes much more efficiently.

"We expect that this approach will enable the lecturer and our staff to develop a strong rapport, to gain a good understanding of each other's requirements and to deliver training far more focused on what is required in the workplace and on the individual needs of each ranger," Mr Roeger said.

Mr Younger said he worked

closely with Phil Wise from the NT Parks and Wildlife Service to target specific training which enabled work practice and project completion to be more effective.

"The delivery of this training is competency-based and is delivered on the job and I train and assess students while they are fulfilling their daily work projects as rangers," he said.

"The relationship between stakeholders is an important one for the region. It provides continuity and consistency in

training for both ranger groups.

The Dhimurru and Yirralpa rangers play a vital role in land management within north-east Arnhem Land. Batchelor Institute is a major provider of Conservation and Land Management training to Indigenous Ranger groups across the NT.

Jobs undertaken by the rangers are vital to the protection of Australia's natural assets and border security. They include management of weeds and exotic

pest animals, monitoring for AQIS, Customs surveillance and permit compliance on recreation areas.

Rangers recently met in Borroloola, in the Gulf Country, for a Land and Sea Management Conference where the future of the groups was discussed in light of the decision by the Federal Government to scrap the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP), which currently is the main source of funding for the majority of Land and Sea Rangers.

Fun the key to sharing Gundungarra language



EDUCATORS are always looking for ways to make learning easier

and introducing an element of fun is a tried and true strategy. Certainly one employed in the creation of a new interactive language resource.

Last month saw the launch of *Katoomba* in the New South Wales Blue Mountains a children's activity book in the local Aboriginal languages, Gundungarra.

Fun and Games in Gundungarra is an activity book with CD which includes 10 children's songs in Gundungarra language and lots of puzzles and colouring-in for learning to sing the songs and use some language.

The Gundungarra author of the book, Carol Cooper, said the book was part of a long time dream of hers to learn to speak her father's language and to share that language with Gundungarra people and her people of the Blue Mountains.



"Members of my extended family contributed to the making of the book," she said.

"My brother Jeff, niece Misty and sister Jenny were the artists and my great nieces Jessica and Maddison Collier are the singers on the CD.

"Other Gundungarra people of the mountains and members of my family were consistently supportive and encouraging of the project, especially my mother Auntie Joan Cooper."

The book was a project of the group Blue Mountains People for Reconciliation, which secured funding from

the NSW Reconciliation Council and the Living Country Projects (DECC).

Project team member Lesley Sammon, said the project involved many years of research, "as Gundungarra has been a sleeping language in the mountains since the 1940s or 50s due to the fear of children being taken from Aboriginal families".

The book was launched by Ms Cooper's long-time friend Judy Smyth-King, a teacher of 3-5-year-olds at Katoomba Leura Pre-school for almost 15 years.

"The book is great, and something that has been missing from early educational resources," said Ms Smyth-King and her daughter Belinda, who is a studying early childhood/primary teaching.

"How fantastic to have something to share with our young people, something local and practical."

The book is available for \$10 a copy from Mountains Outreach Community Service on telephone (02) 4758 6811.



At the launch of *Fun and Games in Gundungarra*: Back, from left, Colleen Halls, Josie Bailey (obscured,) baby Liam Collier, Craig Cooper, Jessica Collier, Donna Collier, Jenny Kennedy, Joanne Gardener. Front, from left, Sharon Hancott, Maddison Collier and Carol Cooper.

Moree students join Macleay graduation



INSTRUCTOR Craig Harmon said he lost 18kg as his class from Bellbrook cleared more than a kilometre of creek line that was heavily infested with weeds.

The Boorong College students from Bellbrook, near Kempsey, on the NSW mid north coast, who completed Certificate II in Conservation and Land

Management, were one of four classes to receive graduation certificates from the college recently.

Another class from Greenhill completed the conservation course, while a South Kempsey class received graduation certificates for completing Certificate II in Business.

Some may gain employment from their qualifications and many will

continue to study through Boorong College.

There were 35 local people from the three classes at the college for the latest graduation ceremony, along with a class of 20 students from Moree who completed the conservation course.

The practical courses saw the students complete training three days each week during the past six months.

Under the instruction of Eva Nelson, the business students completed their studies, while Mr Harmon took the local conservation classes.

And he was full of praise for the students who worked so hard, he lost 18kg keeping up.

"You can now see the creek line," he boasted.

— Story and pics courtesy of The Macleay Argus



Bellbrook Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management, from left, David Atkinson, Craig Harmon (trainer), Stan Murray, Frank Quinlan, Charles Austin, Miriam Miller, Kerry Wade and Elwyn Toby.



Business class, from left, Eva Nelson (trainer), Lydia Holten, Rosemary Smith, Janice Ward, Michael Hudson, Aunt Betty Cohen and Kerry Wade (college co-ordinator).



Greenhills Certificate II in Conservation in Land Management, from left, Andrew Campbell, Reginald Vale, Christopher Morcombe, Anthony Brown, Terri Blackburn, Craig Harmon (trainer), Gordon Tribe and Kerry Wade (college co-ordinator).



Moree class, rear, from left, Geoff Dunlop (trainer), Kenneth Knox, Mark Washington, Gorge Fernando, Kerry Wade (college co-ordinator), Charles Groves, Medina Stanley, Roy Whitton, Sharilyn Stanley, Louise Patel, Brad Stanley, Gary Copeland, Bill Cowell (trainer). Front, from left, Troy Allen and Robert Stanley. Absent: Alfred Priestley and Michael Hunt.

Batchelor Institute takes on major reforms



THE Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is one of 36 higher education providers across Australia to receive funds from the Federal Government to undertake major reforms to improve education and productivity outcomes.

Head of the School of Education, Arts and Social Sciences at Batchelor Institute, Joe Fraser, says a number of specific projects have been funded under the Federal Government's Workplace Productivity Program (WPP) that will focus

on improving the delivery and outcomes of education and training for Indigenous students.

"These include setting up a centralised Student Services Unit and a complete reform of the Student Services functions across the institute," he said.

"Work is already under way to set up a 'one-stop shop' for students that will deal more effectively with a whole range of student services from enrolments, orientation, travel and course inquiries to careers advice and support services.

"We are aiming to significantly raise the

professional standard of our service delivery to students to improve our retention rate and to increase the numbers of students enrolling in courses."

Other projects to be carried out with the \$2.5 million allocated to Batchelor Institute include developing Human Resources strategies and sustainable management practices to improve recruitment practices and retention of staff.

There will be a major review and upgrade to finance and business practices, including reforms to procurement and accounts receivable processes.

Another project will develop more structured and efficient management processes that will substantially improve Batchelor's ability to plan and execute activities to achieve better education outcomes for students.

Consultants Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu began work on the projects in early October and recommendations are expected to be ready for implementation by March 2008. Deloitte has substantial experience in working with universities such as Curtin, UWA, UNSW and Griffith to implement similar change management projects.

Snapshot of cultures



The National Gallery of Australia's inaugural National Indigenous Art Triennial: *Culture Warriors* will open on Friday,

coinciding with the Gallery's 25th birthday celebrations and will be on display for four months.

The exhibition is expected to become a permanent event in the Australian and international art calendar.

Works selected for *Culture Warriors* have been created within the past three years resulting in a highly considered snapshot of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art/cultural practice.

The invitation-only exhibition includes diverse works from every state and territory, and demonstrates the extensive range of contemporary Indigenous art practice.

It includes media encompassing painting on canvas and bark, sculpture, textiles, weaving, new media, photo-media, print-making, and installation work from 31 selected artists, with up to five works per artist.

The featured artists are Vernon Ah Kee, Jean Baptiste Apuatimi, Jimmy Baker, Marinka Baker,

Richard Bell, Jan Billycan, Daniel Boyd, Trevor (Turbo) Brown, Christine Christopherson, Destiny Deacon in collaboration with Virginia Fraser, Julie Dowling, Philip Gudhaykudthay, Treahna Hamm, Gordon Hookey, Anniebell Marmgamarrnga, John Mawurndjul, Ricky Maynard, Danie Mellor, Lofly Bardayal, Nadjamere, Doreen Reid, Nakamarra, Dennis Nona, Arthur Koo'ekka Pambagan Jnr, Christopher Pease, Shane Pickett, Elaine Russell, Christian Thompson, Judy Watson, HJ Wedge, Owen Yalandja and Gulumbu Yunupingu.

The NGA expects to acquire works in the exhibition for its national collection.

Culture Warriors was curated by the NGA's Senior Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, Brenda L Croft. A different Indigenous guest curator will curate the Triennial every three years, to enable the skills development of Indigenous curators, for whom such opportunities are currently limited.

The NGA says the Triennial will fulfil the need for 'a fully curated exhibition of outstanding quality that profiles the work of contemporary Indigenous art across Australia'.

Ms Croft said that international art museums had shown incredible interest in contemporary Indigenous art from Australia recently, including in the prestigious Australian Indigenous Art Commission (AIAC) at the new Musée du quai Branly in Paris in June last year.

"At present the most widely acknowledged survey of contemporary Indigenous Australian art is the highly popular annual Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin each August," she said.

"However, the Telstra is not a curated exhibition and generally includes over 100 artists, with no thematic content other than being an annual showcase of works of art by Indigenous artists.

"Therefore, each National Indigenous Art Triennial will be an important complement to existing annual, biennial and triennial visual arts events."

Culture Warriors will run at the National Gallery of Australia in Parkes in Canberra from Saturday, 13 October until 10 February next year.



Target (2005) by Christopher Pease, Minang/Wardandi/Bardiardung/Nyoongar people. Courtesy of Peter Nelson.



Dreamtime kangaroo and bird (2006) Turbo Brown, Latje Latje people. Courtesy of Indigenart, The Mossenson Galleries. Copyright Trevor 'Turbo' Brown.



Wagilag Sisters, with Child (2007) by Philip Gudhaykudthay, Liyagalawumirr people, central Arnhem Land, Northern Territory.



Untitled (2006) by Elaine Russell, Kamilaroi people. Copyright Elaine Russell.



The contrivance of a vintage Wonderland (2007) by Danie Mellor, Mamu/Ngagen peoples.

Namatjira painting donated to Araluen Galleries



AN Albert Namatjira watercolour painting valued at \$96,000 has been donated to Araluen Arts Centre, in the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct.

ASCP Director Tim Rollason said the painting was of Hermannsburg Mission with Mt Hermannsburg in the background.

"Albert Namatjira is the pre-eminent realist artist of Central Australia and the pioneer of the original watercolour movement in the region, for which he is

nationally and internationally acclaimed," Mr Rollason said.

"This artwork, measuring 28x38.7cm, was completed about 70 years ago and is an early example of Albert Namatjira's accomplished works.

"This painting references the location of where he lived and produced many of his works and will be a wonderful addition to the Albert Namatjira Gallery display in the Araluen Arts Centre."

Mr Rollason said the kind person who donated the work, who did not want their name

revealed, was a descendant of Pastor Albrecht, a missionary at Hermannsburg from 1926 to 1952.

"The person who so kindly donated the work to the Araluen Arts Centre has further enabled the public to enjoy and appreciate Albert Namatjira's art in the future and possibly reflect upon some of the many changes that have occurred since this painting was completed," Mr Rollason said.

"This painting seems to perfectly capture the two cultures that influenced the life of Albert Namatjira through the clever

juxtaposition of his traditional land, Mt Hermannsburg, beside the historic buildings of the Hermannsburg Mission.

"This year is the 130th anniversary of Hermannsburg Mission and we publicly thank the person donating this painting to us to coincide with this anniversary.

"It is also hoped by all of us here at ASCP, and the kind person donating this work, that young artists will be inspired by the amazing talent of Albert Namatjira to also achieve great things.

"We also hope that other

people with works by Albert Namatjira will be inspired by this donation, and that we continue to see more works by the artist returned to the country of their origin.

"This is so that the family of the artist can remain in contact with the works, and so that visitors to the Araluen Arts Centre have the ability to see the broadest range of works by the artist as possible."

The Alice Springs Cultural Precinct is open from 10am to 4pm on weekdays and 11am to 4pm at weekends.

Exhibition is well received

Story and photo by
ALEISHA ORR



PACKING up a recent exhibition in the outback Queensland town of Mt Isa was supposed to take a day, but continued interest meant the process took longer than expected.

Curious tourists stuck their heads in and continued to ask about the Gulf of Carpentaria and Savannah Indigenous Dreamings and Lifestyle Exhibition long after it had officially finished.

The exhibition was the first of its kind to be seen in Mount Isa and was held last month in a section of the tourist facility, Outback at Isa.

It was such a success that organisers have decided to make it an annual event.

More than 300 pieces from Aboriginal artists living in the Gulf of Carpentaria and Savannah area of north Queensland were displayed as part of the exhibition that was held in the first two weeks of August.

The selection of art was varied and included paintings on canvas, ochre and wood carvings and painted gourds.

Styles also differed between the pieces, with some artists focusing on more traditional representations, others had a real modern feel and many managed to combine the traditional with modern.

The collection of artists was also diverse and included Dale Owens, Sarah Beckett, Kelly Milne, Melanie Hava, Gloria Edwards, Kathy Snow, Margaret Henry and Paul Edwards.

Some artists were well-known and others had only picked up a paint

brush in the last couple of years.

These factors made for an eclectic, yet well-rounded look at what Indigenous artists in the area have to offer.

The exhibition was well received by tourists and Mount Isa locals.

Comments in the visitor record book were overwhelmingly positive, and they came from people from throughout Australia, and overseas.

Local groups were so impressed by the artwork that organisers were approached by two groups offering scholarships and assistance for selected artists.

Next year's exhibition promises to be bigger than 2007.

Work has begun on the 2008 exhibition and further details will be announced closer to the event.



Outback at Isa manager Brian Atherinos and artist Gloria Edwards packing pieces of art from the Gulf of Carpentaria and Savannah Indigenous Dreamings and Lifestyle exhibition.

Family threads



One of the works from Drawn Threads - Peggy's Legacy at Muru Mittigar.



DHARRUK woman Marianne McKinnon-Kidd has turned years of genealogical research into her family's history into an art exhibition on show in Sydney's west until early next month.

Drawn Threads - Peggy's Legacy is an exhibition by McKinnon-Kidd, who 'brings home' her fourth great grandmother Peggy.

McKinnon-Kidd says that Peggy, part of the group of the 'first' Stolen Generations children, was taken and placed in the Native Institution started in 1814 by Reverend William Shelley and Governor Lachlan Macquarie. She was admitted to the Institution at Parramatta in 1820 at the age of seven.

On show is the culmination of years of shared research by the artist and family members involved in the genealogical investigation of their ancestor Margaret Read. Fellow researchers are Olive Eves, Lyn Goldspink, Eileen Keye, Chris Nobilia and Carol Shaw.

The exhibition, in the Cultural Exhibition Space at Muru Mittigar Museum, near Penrith, forms part of a master's degree that Ms McKinnon-Kidd is undertaking at Macquarie University.

The artworks aim to reflect slices of

Peggy/Margaret's life, as she lived on Dharruk, Wiradjuri and Ngannawal countries from the years 1813-1898.

There are 12 large portrait drawings and two sculptural pieces in the show, which will close on 2 November.

Ms McKinnon-Kidd says she hopes to take the show to Wiradjuri/Ngunnawal country, the Tumut/Tumbarumba/Yass region as well as Taree - taking Peggy to all the places where she had family links.

Muru Mittigar Museum is located at 1951 Castlereagh Road in Cranebrook, just off the M4 freeway, an hour west of Sydney and an hour east of Katoomba, en route to the Blue Mountains.



Artist Marianne McKinnon-Kidd, above and below, at work preparing and installing the exhibition.



Clarence Valley artists the first to enter new art award



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander artists living in and around Grafton, in northern New South Wales, have about a week-and-a-half to submit entries into a new

Indigenous art award at the Grafton Regional Gallery.

Entries for the inaugural Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award close next Friday, 19 October and the Grafton Regional Gallery reports that the first three entries have been received from Indigenous artists from the Clarence Valley.

The award is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists who reside in the traditional areas of the Yaegl, Bundjalung and Gumbaynggirr nations.

This is the first time the prize has been held and the gallery says it is looking forward to receiving a big selection for the exhibition, which opens on Wednesday 31 October.

The acquisitive prize has a \$5000 first prize and a \$1000 youth prize for artists aged 15 to 24 years old. The selected artworks enter the Grafton Regional Gallery Collection. Respected Indigenous Australian artist Leah King-Smith is the judge for the inaugural award.

"The award aims to develop and promote contemporary Indigenous art from our area," said Grafton Regional Gallery Director Jude McBean.

"We know there is a lot of talent out there and hopefully the prize will bring in new artists as well as ones we already know about."

The Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award will go on exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery between 31 October-16 December with an opening ceremony planned for 10.30am Wednesday 31 October with entertainment and refreshments.

The Grafton Regional Gallery is at 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton.



Artist Anthony Duval with his wife Joanne and children Marney and Genevieve holding Anthony's CVIAA entry.

Artists go bush at Bundanon



THE eucalypt ridges of the Shoalhaven Valley rang to the sounds of didgeridoo and clapsticks at a special event last month that was designed to nurture Indigenous artists.

A 100-strong crowd gathered at Riversdale, part of the Bundanon Arthur Boyd Artists' Retreat near Nowra, to watch as young members of the Vincentia High School Dance and Didge troupe performed beneath a giant Arthur Boyd oil painting depicting the river below, showing the visitors that culture lives on in the Shoalhaven.

It was all part of a welcome to Wodi Wodi country (Yuin nation) for 14 artists participating in a week-long residency – the Indigenous Performance Laboratory – at the property.

Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Sonny Simms, who performed the welcome to country, knew Arthur Boyd. They went bushwalking together and Sonny said he was delighted to see Indigenous participation in the centre that Boyd left to the people of Australia.

The participants were artists from all over Australia and included hip-hop artist Wire MC, performer Nadeena Dixon, and Sharyn Egan, a weaver from WA.

The lab was facilitated by Dion Mundine, Visual Arts Curator at Campbelltown Arts Centre, Wesley Enoch, theatre director and playwright, and Genevieve Grieves, winner of the Xtrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Artist Prize.

Produced by Indigenous performance broker Lily Shearer, the lab was a

partnership between Performance Space @ Carriageworks in Redfern, Arts NSW and Bundanon Trust.

The Vincentia High Dance and Didge troupe had been mentored by Cecil McLeod and Richard Scott Moore. Their performance was organised by Vincentia High's Aboriginal Liaison Officer Helen Pussell.

Also there for the welcome barbecue were local Elders and artists, a group from Gerringong's Boolarng Nangamai, and a group of Papunya Tula artists from the Northern Territory, including renowned artist Michael Nelson Tjakamarra.

New era

Bundanon CEO Deborah Ely described the welcome and the Lab as part of a new era of collaboration between the Bundanon artist-in-residence centre and Indigenous artists.

"The idea was to introduce these respected artists from elsewhere in the country to the local Indigenous scene," she said.

"It was great to be able to show off the talent from our area. This was a precursor for our big plans for next year."

Bundanon is planning a large community event for April 2008. This will include art workshops, fire sculptures, circus and music – "and, most importantly the participation of this region's Indigenous people", Ms Ely said.

"We want to make Bundanon accessible for the whole community. Next time, we hope the full dance troupe from four local high schools will be sung into Riversdale by their mentors."

Already, Genevieve Grieves is booked to come back to Bundanon as an invited



● ABOVE: Vincentia High School's Dance and Didge troupe performed in the Arthur Boyd Education Centre as part of the Indigenous Performance Laboratory welcome to country.



● LEFT Helen Pussell, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Vincentia High School, who organised the performance by the Vincentia High Dance and Didge troupe at Bundanon.

Photos by Merv Bishop

NSW art prize finalists announced



FINALISTS in the 2007 Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize have their works on display in an exhibition at NSW

Parliament House.

The display opened last week and will run until 1 November.

The award winner will be announced at the opening of the exhibition on Wednesday 17 October at 6.30pm, and the winning work is acquisitive to the Parliament of NSW. The exhibition of finalist art works will show regional New South Wales in late 2007 and 2008, co-ordinated by Museums and

Galleries NSW.

The Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize is a \$20,000 acquisitive prize for Indigenous artists born in NSW and belonging to a NSW language group.

Building on the success of the 2005 and 2006 prizes, the Parliament of New South Wales Indigenous Art Prize continues to recognise the high standard of Indigenous art in New South Wales. In 2007, there were record entries, and works by 40 individual artists have been selected for the finals.

Last year's winner was Garth Lena, of Fingal Heads, in far north-eastern NSW, for

his entry, *Spirit Man and Black Dog*. Lena's work depicts a dreaming story of his country in a contemporary context, and was described as a playful work with a strong visual impact and bold use of materials.

The winner of the 2005 award was Esme Timbery with her work, *Blue Shellworked Bridges*, representing the important shellwork tradition of the La Perouse community in Sydney.

The 2007 Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize features a second award, the College of Fine Arts (COFA) Professional Development Award. This award includes a two-week residency and

solo exhibition at the EPS Gallery at COFA's campus in Paddington.

Last year's COFA Award winner was Graham Davis King with his body of work *Wiradjuri and Ngiyampaa Bat Kinship Potency and Fertility*.

The COFA Professional Development Award is supported by the University of NSW.

The Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize was established in 2005 and has been developed in partnership between the Parliament of New South Wales and Campbelltown Arts Centre, and receives support from Arts NSW.

Artistic fire burns bright at Wilin



THE Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development's annual industry

event 'fanned the flames' of Indigenous talent last month with a strong line-up of Indigenous Australian VCA students and alumni.

Special guests at the event, held at the Victorian College of the Arts' Federation Hall in Melbourne on 19 September, included Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Wandin-Murphy, international Soprano Deborah Cheetham and African soul/hip-hop group Diatrix.

VCA's Indigenous students took centre-stage at the *Fan the Flames* showcase that highlighted the creative talents of the VCA's Indigenous Australian students and alumni.

Performers at the event included Indigenous Arts Management student and singer/songwriter Elverina Johnson, Drama student and Gamilaroi woman Maurial Spearim, and Music Theatre alumni and Palawa woman Bree Langridge.

Production student and Arts/Law graduate Curra Curra Woka Woka woman Sharon Barnes was the MC for the event.

Visual arts students and alumni Ben McKeown, Lorraine Austin and Thomas Ahwang had a series of works displayed on the night.

Special guest Yorta Yorta woman Deborah Cheetham

made her international debut in 1977 with performances across the UK, Europe and New Zealand. This year she was awarded a prestigious fellowship from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander board of the Australian Council for the Arts, with which she plans to write a 21st century Indigenous opera.

African soul/hip-hop group Diatrix consists of MCs Azmarino (Khaled Abdulwahab, who is a VCA Community Cultural Development student) and Momo, with Wax Vandal on cuts, and production by Ptero Stylus.

The event provided an opportunity to announce the winner of the Yvonne Cohen Award for Creative Indigenous Australian Youth (see separate story), a national \$5000 art prize and the Arthur Papadimitrou Inspiration award, a \$500 prize going to a VCA Indigenous student.

This year's Yvonne Cohen Award winner was Mark Coles-Smith, from Broome, in Western Australia's Kimberley region (see story on right).

Thomas Ahwang won the Arthur Papadimitrou Inspiration Award. Thomas is a first-year Print Making student from Moa Island, in the Torres Strait. He has been commissioned to complete art works for the University of Melbourne's Centre for Indigenous Education and for other organisations. His work reflects nature and the beauty of his home in the Torres Strait.

Special guests at the Wilin event included internationally-acclaimed opera singer Deborah Cheetham.



Winner of the 2007 Yvonne Cohen Award, Mark Coles-Smith

Promising actor takes out award



MARK Coles-Smith, a professional actor and Nyikina man from Broome, in Western Australia's Kimberley region, is the winner of the 2007 Yvonne Cohen Award for Creative Indigenous Australian Youth.

The \$5000 award is auspiced by the Victorian College of the Arts' Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development on behalf of sole trustee Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Wandin-Murphy.

Aged just 20, Mark has already established himself as a promising emerging actor in an industry that boasts extreme competitiveness and harsh lessons.

A strong talent with exceptional skills, Mark won a role along side high-profile Australian actors Gary Sweet and Aaron Pederson in the acclaimed SBS series, *The Circuit*, filmed and released this year. In 2000 he auditioned and scored a role in the BBH television series *Ocean Star*, shooting on location in and around Broome.

Mark's other acting credits include a short film directed by Eron Sheean, *Blue Heelers*, *Crabbing at High Tide* - a three month children's theatre production (part of the Perth International film festival), a lead role in the short SBS film production *William*, and a lead role in *The Arrival*, an entry made for the 15 by 15 International film festival that subsequently saw Mark winning the Best Male Performance Award.

Also a budding music producer and mixer, Mark has been involved in music projects with West Australian-based bands and emerging artists, and in addition, produces his own electronic music that has had some keen interest from industry professionals.

Mark is a graduate of the WA Academy of Performing Arts and the Victorian College of the Arts.



From left, Thomas Ahwang, Bo Svoronos, Mark Coles-Smith and Chook Star (front) at *Fan the Flames*.

Sovereignty unravelled



*Indigenous
Sovereignty
Matters*

Reviewed by MARGARET SMITH

THIS prophetic book examines the history of sovereignty and the related issues of dispossession, the myth of terra nullius, treaty formation, self-determination, ecological sustainability, the role of the United Nations in international law, Mabo, and the struggle of Indigenous people for justice.

The editor, Aileen Moreton-Robinson is the Professor of Indigenous Studies at the Queensland Institute of Technology, and she has brought together some very impressive contributions including Irene Watson, Phillip Falk, Gary Martin, Henrietta Marrie, Phil Morrissey, Tracey Bunda, Gary Foley, Wendy Brady, Tony Birch, Maggie Walter, Steve Larkin and Darryl Cronin.

Writes Moreton-Robinson: "The contributors to this book pay their respects to our ancestors, who paved the way and stood tall on sovereign ground."

"Public attitudes towards Indigenous sovereignty have changed very little since 1788, and any assertion of Indigenous sovereign rights continues to be met with rabid backlash and denial."

Moreton-Robinson believes Australia is still caught in the trap of white Australia's superiority complex, "where race indelibly marks the formation of nation states and the development of national identities". She links this to the illegal acts of dispossession "and in the form of the state and judiciary".

The editor goes on to make some compelling links. For instance, under the Government of PM John Howard, "The United States is the dominant white sovereign nation that will extend US protection... in the Asia-Pacific region". Also the Howard Government's refusal to acknowledge Indigenous sovereignty has allowed it to ignore the recommendations of the Council of Aboriginal Reconciliation, disband ATSIC, and "to ignore how the exploitation of Indigenous land, resources and labour, contributed to the making of the nation".

Gary Foley believes there was a major shift in public opinion after the Mabo ruling.

"The Indigenous struggle was perceived to be no longer a political struggle under the control and leadership of Indigenous community and political leaders: it was now a legal question and battle led by white lawyers working for outrageous fees," Foley says. He cites various Labor governments for "duplicitous and hypocrisy" in their dealings with Indigenous people.

Wendy Brady takes this further when she writes that when governments accuse Indigenous people of dysfunction, "is not a failure to be a good citizen of the nation, rather, it is a reflection of the conflicted nature of living with two forms of sovereignty".

Henrietta Marrie broadens the discussion when she looks at the threats to traditional ecological knowledge and biodiversity, now that Monsanto and other corporations are genetically modifying our food sources and climate change is a reality. She examines traditional custodianship and argues that, "Indigenous and local communities carry out a major duty to humanity through their innovative practices of not only conserving but extending biodiversity".

The contributors acknowledge the work of Professor Larissa Behrendt and her book, *Achieving Social Justice: Indigenous Rights and Australia's Future*, and the ongoing implications of the denial of sovereignty. They cite Michael Mansell, who argued for self-determination and "the transference to Indigenous control of other government monies spent on Indigenous peoples, this would constitute a viable economic basis for the internal sovereignty of Indigenous Australians".

Sovereign Subjects was written before the Northern Territory intervention but it contains many insights that are just as important now. For instance Darryl Cronin accuses political parties of lacking moral leadership on Indigenous issues "which does not provide much hope for the future", and Irene Watson writes "the creation of a healthy society - one that heals the sickness of colonialism - is the work ahead, for if it is not done we will continue to exist in an Australian ugliness".



Sir Ronald Wilson

Campaigner for justice

'Sir Ronald Wilson: A Matter of Conscience'

By Buti
UWA PRESS
RRP \$39.95

Reviewed by STEPHEN HALL

THIS is a biography of the late Sir Ronald Wilson, who is well known for his role in the *Bringing Them Home* report (1997). That report remains topical and controversial with findings that are still being contested ten years after its publication.

Orphaned early in life, Wilson left school at 14 to work as a courthouse messenger in Geraldton. Later he moved to Perth and worked in the Crown Law Department. After being a WWII Spitfire pilot, Wilson returned to the Department eventually to become Crown Prosecutor, Counsel and Solicitor-General in WA. He later was appointed a High Court Justice, Deputy Chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC), Chancellor of Murdoch University, Royal Commissioner into 'WA Inc' and President of the Uniting Church of Australia.

People interested in the history of land rights in Australia will be keen to read the discussion of his time on the High Court and how he reached his dissenting positions on Koowarta and Mabo (No 1).

Wilson was the President of HREOC when the Federal Attorney-General referred the issue of past and present practices of separation of Indigenous children from their families to HREOC.

Buti's book is framed in the context of Wilson's role in that inquiry; it discusses his approach and the findings published in the 'Bringing Them Home' report.

The volume talks of Wilson's conversion-like experience during the hearings, when he shifted from an intellectual response to a response from the heart.

It also outlines the political storm the report generated and how various people attempted to undermine the report and its findings.

Clearly, Wilson could have ended his involvement with the Inquiry when the report was complete; however he kept campaigning on Aboriginal child removal and separation for many years. He saw the recognition and acknowledgement of this part of Australia's shared history as being critical to the future of Australia. Professor Mick Dodson, who spoke at the Sydney launch of this book, said "once you convince Ron Wilson, you can have no-one more passionate as an advocate. He gives 120 per cent".

This is an important biography given the role that Wilson had nationally in a number of spheres; it demonstrates something of the humour or the man and his intellect. Above all, it shows his deep commitment to fellow human beings that arose from his personal faith.



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Rehabilitating the Murrumbidgee

By LINDSAY HAYES



A TEN-member Aboriginal crew is gaining work skills in an ambitious river rehabilitation project at Narrandera in NSW under a Federal Government Indigenous training initiative.

The participants, most aged 25 and under, were recruited by former Royal Botanical Gardens horticulturist Scott Wilkie, of Sydney, who is supervising the 12-month project for the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority and the local council.

The authorities have joined forces in the \$292,700 restoration, which has guaranteed employment for the on-the-job trainees.

Its focus is a 10km stretch of the Murrumbidgee River, steeped in Wiradjuri culture and a popular natural asset.

The adjoining river red gum forest is home to a free-ranging koala colony, kangaroos and other wildlife.

Over the years, blackberry, privet and other weeds have taken hold and livestock grazing has eroded sections of the riverbank.

2000 native trees

Besides eradicating the weeds, the trainees will plant 2000 native trees and one hectare of native grasses, restore a natural wetland, erect nesting boxes for birds and assess the fencing requirements to control erosion.

They will also undertake an Aboriginal sites assessment and conduct a number of tours to promote Wiradjuri cultural heritage of the riverine stretch.

On the job for only two weeks, the trainees are full of enthusiasm

and are turning up for work before the official 7am start.

Early bird Corey Prior, 25, is sold on the project.

"It's a great opportunity to gain qualifications. At the end, we'll get a Certificate IV in Horticulture and I plan to go on to the next stage and get another certificate," he said.

"Scott's got all four certificates and I'd like to do the same.

"We'll clean up the area and make it nice for fishing and camping and later on we'll do site recognition."

The site assessment will lead to a nationally-recognised accreditation.

As well as providing the training, Mr Wilkie is acting in a mentoring role and encouraging team-building among the participants.

Job opportunities

Pleased with their progress, he said the qualifications the participants gained, including a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management, would equip them for jobs in National Parks and Wildlife Service, council parks and gardens, forestry and associated fields.

The youngest member of the crew is Dustyn Morgan, 16.

He said he was enjoying the work and keen to gain skills, which would lead to employment outdoors.

"I'm looking forward to doing some fishing. We've been told we'll be able to throw a line in the river later on," he said with a broad grin.

Mr Wilkie has suggested a little lunch-time angling may be on the cards at some later stage.

Former Indigenous youth worker Belinda Williams, 41, is one of three mature age participants.



Supervisor Scott Wilkie and his team, from left, Leslie Solomon, Greg Matthews, Michael Bright, Corey Prior, Brent Lyons, Dustyn Morgan, Shane Wilson, Belinda Williams and Tony Abrahams set to tackle weeds as part of the river restoration project. Fellow team-member Kelly Williams is absent from the photo.

She said her involvement was motivated by a wish to bring the area back to its attractive natural state.

There is evidence of that already in the piles of cut privet, peppercorn tree branches and other vegetation stacked up ready to put through a chipper.

The weeds have been cut with hand saws. As the project progresses, the workers will graduate to using chainsaws with the instruction provided by local TAFE teacher Brian Miller in two two-day courses, leading to nationally-recognised certificates in chainsaw operations.

If successful, the project may be extended to provide further Indigenous training opportunities.



Supervisor Scott Wilkie, left, instructs Aboriginal workers Corey Prior and Dustyn Morgan on hand-sawing techniques watched by (standing) Shane Wilson, Tony Abrahams and Belinda Williams.

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Queensland

Applications are invited for the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer with Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council.

Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council is situated on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula; there are approximately 650 residents in the Pormpuraaw community. Pormpuraaw Shire has a variety of facilities servicing the Community, such as a Primary Health Centre, aged care, primary school, day-care centre, library, cultural centre, Rangers, MacAir agency and Canteen. The Shire is also responsible for its two enterprises, the Edward River Crocodile Farm and cattle enterprise Nkagal Weendi Aboriginal Corporation.

Applicants must possess significant experience in a senior management position and have knowledge of the accounting requirements of a local government. In addition, tertiary qualifications relevant to the role and acceptable to Council are desirable. The successful applicant will have outstanding strategy formation and implementation skills and problem solving abilities, combined with excellent communication skills.

An information package containing a position description incorporating selection criteria and salary and condition details can be obtained by contacting Jan Thorne at the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc - Telephone: (07) 3000 2265 or jan.thorne@lgaq.asn.au or download from www.lgaq.asn.au.

Written applications marked "Strictly Confidential" should be forwarded to:-

Mr Allan Vincent
Senior Human Resources Advisor
Local Government Association of Queensland Inc
PO Box 2230
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Applications close 5.00 pm on FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2007.

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 - Depot Administration
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We will be offering four (4) traineeship positions to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background - Exemption granted under section 126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The successful applicants will be given the opportunity to select a traineeship from the above list.

Salary: \$282.00 to \$475.00 per week - dependent upon experience and level of schooling.

Interested? Contact Allison Claxton on (02) 4732 7669 to book into an Information Session/Exercise.

Penrith City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Alan Stoneham, Acting General Manager

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The Department of Infrastructure is offering three \$10,000 scholarships to Indigenous students studying full time in 2008, in the fields of:

- Science
- Engineering
- Technology
- Public Policy
- Project Management
- Accounting/Commerce

Applications Close 28th December 2007

For further information visit

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Or contact the Diversity Coordinator
Phone (03) 9655 6842



Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)

Clinical Team Leader (Psychologist)

(Funded by NSW Health Department and Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing)

This position is a Senior Management position within WACHS and therefore offers a lucrative package incorporating a negotiable \$90K+ salary component and fully maintained company vehicle. Salary packaging is also available for this position.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate a very high level of skills in staff management and have relevant experience and skills within a Social & Emotional Wellbeing environment. The position will be responsible for supervising a staff of seven, with a thorough knowledge of Mental Health issues and legislation an advantage to prospective applicants. Minimal outreach clinical supervision to staff in Aboriginal Medical Services within the Central & Far West of NSW may be required.

Registration as a Psychologist is essential, and people from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander heritage are encouraged to apply.

Accountant/Finance Officer

(Funded by Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing)

A great opportunity exists to work closely with management and Board of this progressive community based organisation. You will have a strong understanding of accounting principles and completed or near completed a tertiary degree which qualifies for entry into the CA or CPA programs. You will need to prepare and monitor budgets and oversee a range of financial and accounting responsibilities that are integral to the efficient running of the organisation and its auspiced services. These duties include timely preparation and reporting of financial results and compliance with all relevant laws and accounting standards.

You must be career-minded, an excellent communicator with a good sense of humour and excellent interpersonal skills.

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Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Interested person should contact Darren Ah See, Chief Executive Officer at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (02) 6845 3545 (darrena@wachs.net.au) for an information package which details the "Essential Criteria" to be addressed in applications.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 19 October 2007.



ANU COLLEGE OF LAW

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE/FELLOW

National Centre for Indigenous Studies

*Salaries will be subject to a 3% increase effective 15 November 2007.

Academic Level A/B (Research)

Salary Range: Level A: \$52,672 - \$63,561 pa plus 17% super
Level B: \$66,764 - \$78,772 pa plus 17% super.

Reference: NCIS4364

The National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS) promotes cross-disciplinary research and teaching in a wide range of areas of relevance to Indigenous Australians. The Director of the Centre is renowned Indigenous leader and academic, Professor Mick Dodson AM.

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The successful applicants will have proven track records in research in areas of relevance to Indigenous Australians and a demonstrated understanding of the circumstances and issues confronting Indigenous Australians.

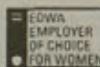
Whilst selection will be based on merit, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are particularly encouraged.

Selection Criteria: <http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/jobs/> or from Donna Maritz T: 02 6125 7573
E: Donna.Maritz@anu.edu.au

Closing Date: Friday 19 October 2007

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REGISTERED NURSE

(Full-Time Position)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Registered Nurses to join our practice's clinical team.

Essential Criteria includes:

- Current Registration with the NSW Nurses' Registration Board
- Knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and health issues
- Experience working in a primary health care setting and with people with chronic illnesses.

For further information and application package, contact Karen Griffin, Practice Manager on (02) 6923 5200. Email: pm@rivmed.org

ABORIGINAL FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

FEMALE

(Full-Time Position)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified women for the full time position of Family Support Worker. The position is part of our organisation's Family Health Team providing a creative holistic approach to social and emotional wellbeing issues.

Essential criteria includes:

- Aboriginality
- Female
- Appropriate life experience within the Aboriginal community
- Knowledge of current Aboriginal family wellbeing/support issues
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written)
- An ability and willingness to undertake and complete relevant studies if required
- Current NSW driver's licence

For information and application package contact Tangerene Ingram, Family Health Team Leader on (02) 6923 5200. Email: bth@rivmed.org

TRAINEE DENTAL ASSISTANT

(Aboriginal Identified Position)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and highly motivated Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people for the position of Trainee Dental Assistant / Receptionist.

The successful applicant will be required to work in our dental clinic and be responsible for sterilising. A requirement of the position will be satisfactory progress and completion of the relevant dental assistant course.

Essential Criteria Includes:

- Aboriginality
- Qualifications and/or experience in administrative duties including client file management, data entry and retrieval, and operation of a range of office equipment
- Ability to undertake and satisfactorily complete relevant training.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

Further information and an application package can be obtained by contacting Julie Bailey, Office Manager - Phone: (02) 6923 5200. Email: admin@rivmed.org

ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER

OTITIS MEDIA (Ear Health)

A vacancy exists in our clinical team for the above position.

Essential Minimum Requirements Include:

- Year 12 Higher School Certificate or equivalent
- An ability and willingness to participate in relevant tertiary education and vocational training
- Well-developed organisational and administrative skills
- Familiarity with computers especially word processing and data base application
- Ability to work as part of a multi disciplinary team
- Ability to work under pressure and to meet required time lines
- Current NSW Drivers Licence

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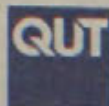
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Team Leader (Specified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Specified - Applicant will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Child Safety

Salary: \$78 070 - \$83 658 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/CHS1140/07

Key Duties: Supervise and implement the Department's significant reform program, the Department's new child focussed vision, case management systems/practices/standards/service delivery framework.

Provide leadership, management and supervise the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients.

Foster a culture and philosophy of frontline service delivery, cooperation, team work, high quality people management, commitment to excellence and a professional ethic.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or E-Mail:

vaccbs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 22 October 2007

Court Coordinator

Child Safety Services Division

Child Safety

Salary: \$69 246 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/CHS1115/07

Key Duties: To represent the Director-General in court matters, provide advice, consultation to departmental staff in relation to courts and the Children Services Tribunal.

Skills and Abilities: Mandatory possession of a degree in social work, human services or behavioural sciences or legal studies. Well developed knowledge of child protection court processes, legislation, policies and protocols. Skills in casework with young people, families and carers.

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vaccbs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 22 October 2007

Court Coordinator

Child Safety Services Division

Child Safety

Salary: \$69 246 - \$74 600 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/CHS1123/07

Key Duties: To represent the Director-General in court matters, provide advice, consultation to departmental staff in relation to courts and the Children Services Tribunal.

Skills and Abilities: (Mandatory) Possession of a degree in social work, human services, the behavioural sciences or legal studies. Well developed knowledge of child protection court processes, legislation, policies and protocols. Skills in casework with young people, families and carers.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or E-Mail:

vaccbs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 22 October 2007

Indigenous Community Resource Officer (CRO) (Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$60 770 - \$66 050 p.a.

Location: Logan City

REF: QLD/CHS1133/07

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7693 or E-Mail:

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Closing Date: Monday, 22 October 2007

Caseworker (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Community Descent.)

Communities

Salary: \$44 200 - \$65 046 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/COM3049/07

Key Duties: Provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to a youth justice order.

Skills and Abilities: A degree in social work, behavioural science, criminology or other relevant qualifications. Identified position means the successful applicant is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

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Closing Date: Monday, 22 October 2007

Ranger (Indigenous Specified)

Capricorn District, Central Region

(Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islander persons are encouraged to apply)

Environmental Protection Agency

Salary: \$47 662 - \$52 436 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/EN3473/07

Key Duties: Develop/implement action plans. Undertake administrative tasks.

Skills and Abilities: Manage a team, implement systems to promote performance management/ethical behaviour/decision-making/professional development. Knowledge/ability to rapidly acquire knowledge of: natural/cultural resource management principles/practices; interpret relevant legislation, exercise delegated authority; develop/implement annual work programs/practices.

Enquiries: (07) 4938 6906 or E-Mail: hrrok@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 19 October 2007

Ranger (Indigenous Identified)

Parks Services, Northern Region

(The EPA has determined that it is a genuine occupational requirement that an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person fills this position.)

Environmental Protection Agency

Salary: \$47 662 - \$52 436 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/EN1374/07

Key Duties: Consult with/encourage development of participation by appropriate Traditional owners/local Indigenous groups in conservation/management/maintenance of natural and cultural heritage values.

Skills and Abilities: Manage a team, implement systems promoting performance management/ethical behaviour/decision-making/professional development. Knowledge/ability to rapidly acquire knowledge of Nature Conservation Act 1992, Nature Regulation 1994, relevant State/Commonwealth legislation.

Enquiries: (07) 4057 3310 E-Mail: recruitment.crs@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 12 October 2007

Housing Officer

Far North Queensland Area Office

(Two positions available)

Housing

Salary: \$44 346 - \$49 454 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO3424/07

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: Renae Cunnane (07) 4039 8842

E-Mail: jolvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 22 October 2007

Senior State Negotiator

Land & Vegetation Services

Natural Resources & Water

Salary: \$86 442 - \$91 425 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba

REF: QLD/NRW3093/07

Key Duties: Undertaking complex negotiations, Researching and identifying emerging issues and recommending innovative solutions. Providing high level advice, Supervising and coordinating staff, Liaising and maintaining effective relationships especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Understanding and Implementation of various Legislation and Preparation of reports and submissions of a complex nature.

Skills and Abilities: High level of communication skills both oral and written. Demonstrated ability to lead and manage a team to achieve outcomes. Extensive knowledge of practical implementation of legislation.

Enquiries: Gavin Shanks (07) 3896 3353

Closing Date: Monday, 15 October 2007

Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$36 105 - \$38 659 p.a. (\$21 046 - \$31 816 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Rockhampton

REF: PD377/07

Enquiries: Joe Zaghini, (07) 4928 6323

Closing Date: Monday, 15 October 2007

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Projects Leader

- Western Australia, Indigenous Coordination Centre, Geraldton
- DEST Level 3 (APS 6) - \$60,721 - \$67,812
- Reference No: 07-292

We are looking for an enthusiastic and adaptable person to join our dynamic and diverse DEST WA team comprising staff in Perth and regional WA. This position is located in the Geraldton Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) and reports to the Team Leader in Perth. Geraldton is a critical delivery point for DEST programmes and services and this position, is also involved in developing and maintaining stakeholder relationships in the region.

The successful applicant will have high level contract management ability, communication, strategic research and analytical skills, capacity to develop and contribute to projects; personal leadership skill and demonstrated teamwork and; be self-aware and flexible; support creativity and innovation; and encourage collaborative working relationships.

Contact Officer: Lee Miles on (08) 9464 4114 or 0412 651284 or Jeff Dzodz on (08) 9464 4098.

Projects Officer

- Western Australia State Office, Perth
- DEST Level 2 (APS 5) - \$54,844 - \$57,958
- Reference No: 07-291

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The successful applicant will have capacity for contract administration, sound research and analytical skills; ability to effectively contribute to the planning and delivery of projects; demonstrated effective teamwork and personal leadership skills; be self-aware and flexible; support creativity and innovation; and encourage collaborative working relationships.

Contact Officer: Lee Miles on (08) 9464 4114 or 0412 651284 or Jeff Dzodz on (08) 9464 4098.

Applications close: 18 October 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

* This is a security assessed position.

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Office of Public Works
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Apprentice Carpenter (Aboriginal)

Apprentice 1st Year, Sydney, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 2007/264.

Salary: \$815.60 per fortnight plus a fares and travel allowance paid per working day. The above rate includes annual leave loading but excludes the statutory 9% superannuation contribution paid by the Department.

Position is located in the Sydney metropolitan area and the apprentice will be required to arrange transport to various sites as required. A Travel Concession Card is available following registration.

Selection Criteria: Undertaking or completed the School Certificate or equivalent or completed a pre-apprenticeship course. Demonstrated knowledge, aptitude and commitment to carpentry trade. Applicants will be required to submit school reports and references with their applications. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Position is targeted under the Department of Commerce's Indigenous Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Successful applicant will be indentured for the four year term of their apprenticeship.

Inquiries: Mick Gray/Tamara Bellear-Mayers (02) 9672 5165 / (02) 9372 7672.

Information Packages: Contact Mick Gray on (02) 9672 5165; Mob. 0418 492 134.

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Closing Date: Friday 19 October 2007.

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Further details: Professor Wendy Brabham on 03 5227 2669 or email wendy.brabham@deakin.edu.au

Lecturer in Law

Division: Institute of Koorie Education
Reference number: 70425
Applications close: Friday 19 October 2007
Salary range: \$63,966 – \$75,959 p.a. (plus 17% superannuation)
Position status: Full time and continuing
Location: Geelong Campus at Warrnambool
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Grade 1-2, Group C, More, Permanent Part-Time, Position Number AG07/1041. Total remuneration package valued to: \$29,068 p.a. (\$12,692-\$26,342) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment; Strong commitment to client service. Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people; Capacity to work effectively in a team; Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This is a permanent part-time position working 21 hours per week. 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: Narelle Carter (02) 6752 1052 Email: narelle_carter@agd.nsw.gov.au
Information Packages: Narelle Carter (02) 6752 1052.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@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 26 October 2007 PSNC 987410.



Would you like to contribute to positive futures for Indigenous people in the central west?



The College is a leading provider of a large, diverse range of training, recruitment and community support services in the Central West and beyond. This is a great opportunity to join our newly formed Aboriginal Training and Employment Team. We are seeking a committed and enthusiastic person with a genuine desire to assist Indigenous clients to gain employment.

New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) Officer

Orange, NSW

Fulltime, 12 month contract

This program is funded by NSW Department of Education and Training, through the Aboriginal Community Program. The NCAP Officer is responsible for delivery of a range of services to assist Aboriginal people to identify and overcome barriers to education, training and employment. This position works with indigenous clients and with employers in Bathurst, Orange, Cowra, Parkes, Forbes and Condobolin.

NB The position of NCAP Officer requires a person with Aboriginality (authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977), and experience with ATSI clients in a case management context.

The College offers:

- A total remuneration range of \$51,017-\$56,701, inclusive of 9% superannuation and if you choose to take full advantage of salary packaging. Commencing salary is dependent on relevant skills and experience.
- Generous leave entitlements
- An opportunity to join a workforce which strives for excellence and is performance driven

If you have the skills and passion required to assist our clients, contact our HR Assistant Shama Banks on 63345112 or email hr@cwcc.nsw.edu.au for an information package. **Applications close:** 1pm Monday 22nd October, 2007. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Time for a Change?

Use your life experience to build a rewarding career as a...

Juvenile Custodial Officer

Recruitment Pool 004661 Level/Salary: L2
\$50,000 - \$55,556 (estimated shift-work allowance included)

The WA Department of Corrective Services seeks dedicated people to train as juvenile custodial officers (JCOs) for work in its secure metropolitan juvenile custodial centres. JCOs are positive role models responsible for the safety, security, care, wellbeing and developmental needs of young people in the Department's detention centres.

You will need:

- life skills and experiences
- common sense
- initiative
- an interest in working with young people
- a desire to make a difference
- commitment
- current C class driver's licence (full-time & class)
- Australian Citizenship or permanent residency
- criminal record check
- to complete a job application package

Trades people, people with diverse life and career experiences and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply - no formal qualifications or written selection criteria required.

Find out more at JCO information sessions:

Monday 15 October 2007 12.30-2pm
Multi-function room,
Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service,
211 Royal St East Perth (enter via side gates)

Saturday 20 October 2007 9.30-11.30am
Corrective Services Academy,
4 Allen Court, Bentley

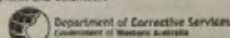
Job application packages:

Visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au and enter position number 004661 in the search box, or phone 9476 0011 (24 hours) and state your name, address and position number 004661.

More information:

Phone Gabrielle Bell on 0403 340 289, or visit www.correctiveservices.wa.gov.au - Employment and Volunteer

Closing date: 4.30pm, Monday 28 October



Make a difference. Love your work.

If you have a passion for leadership and making a difference in the lives of people with a disability, we want to hear from you.

Disability Services Queensland is looking for team leaders for a number of locations across Queensland.

As a team leader with Disability Services Queensland, you will play a key role in providing quality accommodation support and respite services to people with a disability.

Working with a team of carers, you will use your expertise and knowledge to lead the delivery of quality care and ensure a high level of client service in your area.

We offer a generous employment package including a competitive salary, flexible working arrangements, training and development and a choice of diverse career paths.

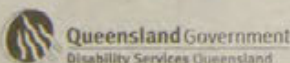
Salary: \$54 743 to \$57 662 (includes superannuation and leave loading and shift penalties and allowances may also apply)

Applications close Monday 22 October 2007.

Reference Number: DSQ3129/07

For more information, go to www.jobs.qld.gov.au or contact Neale Royal on (07) 3336 8012 or neale.royal@disability.qld.gov.au

To find out about the great working conditions at Disability Services Queensland, visit www.disability.qld.gov.au



making a difference for people with a disability

A future to get excited about

"I believe men have a lot to offer the community service sector" - Michael Duckett, Senior Aboriginal Caseworker

Aboriginal caseworker

Salary package up to \$78,951 p.a.

- Want to play a part in creating a better future for your mob?
- Want to use your valued experience working with Aboriginal children, families and communities?
- Want to work where you are supported with ongoing training and development?

Become an Aboriginal caseworker with the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS). New positions available in regional NSW and Sydney's southern and western suburbs.

Applications close 26 October 2007

Visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

or phone 1800 149 919

or email: indigenoucaseworker@community.nsw.gov.au



Administration Support Officer

• \$37,121 - \$47,670 plus 9% super

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria provides leadership and guides action across government to enable Indigenous communities to drive policy development and service delivery and now seeks an Administrator to join its team.

Do you have sound organisation and communication skills, including the ability to multi-task? Do you possess strong computer skills in a wide range of software applications? Are you flexible and open to new ideas? If so, read on.

As the Administrative Support Officer you will play a vital administrative role within AAV. You will be responsible for all facets of administration including front line telephone enquiries, maintaining office filing and record systems, corporate purchasing, monitoring and tracking of correspondence as well as supporting the Office of the Executive Director.

To apply and access position descriptions and selection criteria visit:

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Friday 19 October 2007.

For further information about DPCC visit www.dpcc.vic.gov.au



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 18/08 when applying.

Closing Date: 18 October 2007.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT INFORMATION SERVICES BRANCH IT DESKTOP SUPPORT OFFICER (ATS IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Sydney CBD, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/1017. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,570 p.a. (\$51,794-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provides 2nd level support services across the Department, to facilitate restoration of normal operational service with minimal business impact on the client within agreed service levels & business priorities. Provide desktop installation services. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Proven experience providing 2nd level (desktop) support to clients in a medium to large IT environment; A well developed knowledge of a wide range of computer technologies including desktop hardware, software, operating systems and peripherals, thin client technology, Standard Operating Environments (SOEs) and office automation products; Demonstrated problem solving and incident management skills; Experience providing phone support with the aid of a computerised Service Desk System; Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills; Proven ability to perform well under pressure, manage conflicting priorities and meet deadlines; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an Aboriginal position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This position will be relocating to the Parramatta Justice Precinct (PJP) in November 2007. 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 7700.

Inquiries: Steven Rees (02) 9228 8979 Email: steven_rees@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Graeme Bolton (02) 9228 8713.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@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 19 October 2007 PSN/C 987404.

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Department of Health and Ageing

There's no better time to join our team.

The Department of Health and Ageing is focused on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. We need capable and motivated people working with us to make this happen. Our simplified recruitment and selection process makes it easier for you to apply. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and a better life for all Australians.

REGULATORY POLICY AND GOVERNANCE DIVISION

SEVERAL BRANCHES

SEVERAL SECTIONS

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 2

DIRECTOR

SEVERAL POSITIONS

\$91 530- \$108 368

Reference Number: 07- 1121

CANBERRA

The Department of Health and Ageing is looking for people who are interested in providing policy advice on health and medical research, new technologies and the governance of the agencies that regulate these issues. Working in the Regulatory Policy and Governance Division, located in Canberra, you would be part of a team driving innovation and helping to shape the future of Australia's research and development capability.

Supervising a small team, you will enjoy problem solving and have experience in building and maintaining strong relationships in the private and public sector. You will have the ability to think strategically and communicate effectively at all levels of government.

The Regulatory Policy and Governance Division assists in forming government policy on health and medical research, new and emerging technologies and its potential impact on the health of Australians. The division advises Ministers on the operational and organisational structures of health agencies and provides policy advice on the regulation of therapeutic products and technologies.

Contact officer: Jenny Hefford on 02 6289 1478

or jenny.hefford@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

or Victoria Howells on 02 6289 7056 (victoria.howells@health.gov.au)

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH FAMILY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BRANCH EARLY CHILDHOOD SECTION

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 2

SENIOR NURSE ADVISOR

\$91 530- \$108 368

Reference Number: 07-1108

CANBERRA

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) offers challenging career opportunities for motivated and committed individuals. OATSIH has a national leadership role to work with all parts of the health sector and key stakeholders to develop and implement policies and programs to improve access to effective primary health care, substance use services and population health programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Early Childhood Section, Family Health and Wellbeing Branch, provides advice on efforts to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early childhood outcomes. In particular, our key responsibilities include development and implementation of the new Australian Government initiative - Health @ Home Plus - a nurse-led home visiting program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers and infants.

The Senior Nurse Advisor will lead the development and implementation of the home visiting workforce training and support component of Health @ Home Plus. This officer will also contribute to the section's overall policy and program responsibilities.

Contact officer: Donna Burton on 02 6289 4969

or donna.burton@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

or Cheryl Kuper on 02 6289 5998 (cheryl.kuper@health.gov.au)

The Department of Health and Ageing upholds the principles and practices of workplace diversity.

Visit our web site at: www.health.gov.au

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BRANCH INFORMATION AND SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT SECTION

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

\$76 718- \$87 498

Reference Number: 07- 1111

CANBERRA

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) has primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy and programs that improve the access of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to effective primary health care and substance use services and population health programs. The Office works in collaboration with other mainstream health programs within the Department, Indigenous specific health services, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health (NACCHO) and its State/Territory Affiliates, other Australian Government portfolios and State and Territory government health departments.

A vacancy exists in the Performance Management Branch of OATSIH and the successful applicant would be joining an enthusiastic and motivated group of people in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and strategies related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

This is an opportunity to play a part in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's access to comprehensive primary health care services.

Contact officer: Kathleen Finn on 02 6289 6984

or kathleen.finn@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

or Claire Browne on 02 6289 5922 (claire.browne@health.gov.au)

BUDGET AND PLANNING BRANCH PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION SECTION

APS LEVEL 6

PROGRAM OFFICER

SEVERAL POSITIONS

\$62 428- \$70 429

Reference Number: 07-1113

CANBERRA

We are seeking suitable people to fill APS 6 positions within the Budget and Planning Branch of the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. Working in a small team you will assist with implementing budget decisions targeted at improving primary health care services for Indigenous communities, particularly those in rural and remote areas. You would also be responsible for developing and implementing appropriate reporting and evaluation mechanisms around each of the budget measures and providing general advice and support to Program Managers.

These positions offer an exciting opportunity to be involved in work that has a high profile within the Department and other Commonwealth agencies and to play a key role in implementing measures that will improve access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to effective primary health care, substance use services and population health programs.

Successful applicants will have well developed analytical and communication skills, be innovative, flexible and able to work with minimal supervision.

Contact officer: Jim Kennedy on 02 6289 7489

or james.kennedy@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies

or Carly Huggins on 02 6289 8171 (carly.huggins@health.gov.au)

Positions close 25 October 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.

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NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au

DRUG HEALTH SERVICES

Aboriginal Case Manager

(Aboriginal Health Education Officer)

Ref: 52305, Salary: \$38,876-\$66,313 pa.

F/T at Detox Unit, RPAH.

Enquiries: Keren Kiel 9378 1300 or 9828 4877

Closing Date: 26/10/07

• Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For the above positions, please send applications to:
Manager, Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1571 or
email: jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



NCOSS is the peak body for non-government social and community services in NSW. We work with our members, on behalf of disadvantaged people and communities, to achieve social justice. NCOSS is seeking to fill the following position:

Deputy Director Policy and Communications 35 hours per week

We are looking for a skilled and experienced person to manage a small team of policy and communications staff. The position involves a range of policy development, advocacy and liaison activities with community, government and business organisations.

The successful applicant will have strong policy development skills and experience, with a demonstrated capacity to influence public policy. The role also requires excellent staff management experience and good problem solving skills, a sound understanding of social policy and human services issues and the role of the non-government sector, demonstrated knowledge of relevant government processes and high quality broadly based communication skills.

Annual salary of \$85,734 (plus super) is payable, with generous working conditions. The position is permanent, subject to a 3 month probationary period.

Applicants must obtain an information package containing job description and selection criteria by contacting Craig Howe on (02) 9211 2599 x101 or via email at craig@ncoss.org.au

For further inquiries please contact Linda Frow, Acting NCOSS Director on (02) 9211 2599, ext 111

Applications close 5pm 26th October 2007

Please visit the NCOSS website at www.ncoss.org.au

CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

Based in Liverpool, Sydney, an exciting opportunity awaits for you!

Our client is looking for an experienced person to manage its Corporate Services Division and an \$112,000 remuneration package has been developed for the right person. The services mission is to seek opportunities to develop and implement high quality, culturally appropriate programs and initiatives to benefit Indigenous people of South Western Sydney.

The Corporate Services Manager will be responsible for the effective administration of all business systems and operations and human resource management. The right person will be required to exercise quality skills in leadership, people management and display an innovative approach to business service development.

As mentioned, the remuneration package includes a packaged amount in salary; the personal use of a service pool vehicle outside of working normal hours; superannuation and salary sacrificing opportunities. For a complete information package including the selection criteria please contact Darryn on 02 92182383 or via email at recruit5@barnardos.org.au

Applicants must return a cover letter detailing and addressing the selection criteria, and also attaching the CV/Resume to the returning application.

Applications close: Friday the 26th of October 2007 by 3pm.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders persons are encouraged to apply.



Central West Group Apprentices

www.cwga.com.au

ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

- 21 hours per week
- Location: Orange, Cowra, Parkes or Dubbo
- Initially a 6 month contract

Make yourself indispensable by helping young Kooris in the Central West complete an apprenticeship. Assist our experienced Field Officers to mentor and support indigenous apprentices and trainees through their training and on the job learning.

Applicants must be well respected within their community, be self motivated and enjoy the challenge of working with young people. Help us turn this 6 month pilot program into a recurrent position through your drive, enthusiasm and commitment to improving opportunities for the Koori community.

Applicants must obtain an information package, which can be obtained from our forums website:

<http://forums.cwga.com.au>

or by phoning: Karen Morgan on (02) 6331 3655

CV/GA considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Closing Date: 12pm Friday 19th Oct 2007



Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council & Youth Affairs Council of Victoria

Are looking for an enthusiastic team member to undertake the role of:

VIYAC Project Worker

Three days per week (22.8 hours per week).

6 month position: November 2007 - April 2008, Melbourne CBD.

STATUS: SACS award class II (a) (\$20.42 - \$22.90 per hour) fixed term contract.

The Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council (VIYAC) is a state-wide network of volunteer indigenous young people who provide a voice to government and community on issues of importance to them. VIYAC is an avenue for indigenous young people to come together and voice their ideas, passions and interests in a supportive environment. VIYAC is committed to supporting all members to build their skills and capacity. VIYAC is made up of 26 young indigenous volunteer members from across Victoria.

Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (YACVic) is the peak body and leading policy advocate on young people's issues in Victoria. Our vision is for a Victorian community that values and provides opportunity, participation, justice and equity for all young people. YACVic house and support VIYAC however VIYAC work under a self-determination model, where all decisions relating to VIYAC projects and activities are determined by the VIYAC itself.

Applications must include a current CV and address the key selection criteria which is available by phone (03) 9267 3785 or by email viyac@viyac.org.au

Further information can also be obtained at www.viyac.org.au

Enquiries to: Jade Colgan, State Coordinator VIYAC (03) 9267 3785 or viyac@viyac.org.au

Applications close: 5.00pm Tuesday October 23rd 2007.



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Centrelink is part of the Human Services Portfolio working with other Human Service Agencies to deliver Centrelink services to 6.5 million Australians. We employ people in a wide variety of challenging and interesting jobs around Australia. Merit based selections ensure we have a talented and diverse workforce with a broad range of skills and abilities. Applicants must be Australian citizens.

Customer Service Advisers

APS 3 & 4 (Centrelink Band 2)

\$42,673 - \$53,047 pa

St George Area, Northern suburbs, Lakemba

Full time ongoing (permanent) positions are available in Rockdale, Hurstville, Caringbah, Sutherland, Lakemba, Brookvale, Chatswood, Hornsby

We are seeking self-motivated, computer literate team players with excellent communication skills and confidence in their ability to deliver quality customer service. You will need to have excellent problem solving and decision making skills as you will be working in challenging circumstances, brokering solutions and making decisions based on the individual's needs, policy, legislation and outcomes sought by government and client agencies. As a strong team player, you will deliver excellent customer service to our community, helping people from a diverse range of backgrounds access important government services.

There are opportunities available in the offices in the St George area, the Lakemba Processing Centre and also in the Northern suburbs. Primarily services to our customers will be face to face, by telephone and in writing, however the majority of the customer interaction will be via telephone in the Lakemba office.

Successful applicants will be required to participate in an induction and on-the-job training program for the three months - the first two weeks to be at Haymarket and the remaining 10 weeks at either Rockdale or Brookvale. Applicants will then be assigned to one of the following offices - Lakemba, for the St George area Hurstville, Rockdale, Caringbah, Sutherland or for the Northern Suburbs it will be Chatswood, Hornsby or Brookvale. You must be able to start on Monday 26th November 2007. This selection exercise may be used to fill future vacancies.

Centrelink 2 is a broadband that incorporates both APS 3 and 4. In most direct customer service positions you will be performing duties at the APS4 level. Successful applicants will be paid at the minimum APS3 level on commencement and during probation. Advancement within the broadband is subject to certain criteria, and until you are competent in the duties at the APS 4 level, you will be paid at the APS 3 level.

Prior to the closing date for application Centrelink will conduct a number of Information Sessions. These sessions will provide you with further information about the role requirements and the application process. These sessions will take place in Rockdale and Brookvale. Details regarding dates, times and addresses of the sessions are listed on the IPA website, www.ipa.com.au. Please note that you do not have to attend an information session in order to apply for these positions.

To apply please proceed to the website www.ipa.com.au. Under the Job Search heading, please enter the job reference number 2015Sydney and complete the application as requested. Should you experience difficulties with your internet access, please call (02) 9220 6918 between the hours 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday EST.

Closing Date: COB 19 October 2007

An Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA) with an attractive remuneration package is available to all prospective Centrelink employees.

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For selection documentation and more information about working at Centrelink, visit www.centrelink.gov.au and click on Careers

Make a difference. Love your work.

If you have a passion for leadership and making a difference in the lives of people with a disability, we want to hear from you.

Disability Services Queensland is looking for service managers for a number of locations across Queensland.

As a service manager with Disability Services Queensland, you will play a key role in managing the delivery of quality accommodation support and respite services to people with a disability.

You will use your excellent leadership skills to contribute to the professional development of direct care staff and ensure a high level of client service in your area.

We offer a generous employment package including a competitive salary, flexible working arrangements, training and development and a choice of diverse career paths.

Salary: \$69 726 to \$74 599

(includes superannuation and leave loading)

Applications close Monday 22 October, 2007.

Reference Number: DSQ3128/07

For more information, go to www.jobs.qld.gov.au or contact Neale Royal on (07) 3336 8012 or neale.royal@disability.qld.gov.au

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making a difference for people with a disability



Queensland Government
Disability Services Queensland

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service Inaugural Health Service Manager

We are seeking a leader to be part of this exciting new Aboriginal health service for the coastal regions of the Northern Rivers.

The Northern Rivers General Practice Network and the Bullinah Community Management Committee have received OATSIH funding to create a new Aboriginal Health Service to service the eastern Bundjalung people. This will build on existing local health service activity.

The position will be based in booming Ballina, a delightful coastal and riverside town on the Far North Coast of NSW.

This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced health service administrator to build a new Aboriginal health service from the ground up.

The Bullinah manager will develop and manage the Bullinah AHS to improve the health of the local Aboriginal communities.

The successful candidate will have the capacity and experience to manage a primary health care service, including funding streams, OH&S, quality assurance and HR aspects.

S/he will also demonstrate knowledge of ATSI societies and an understanding of the issues affecting ATSI people in contemporary Australian society.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Salary: \$62k pa (with opportunity to salary sacrifice to \$70k+, depending on personal circumstances). Plus, access to company car to complete daily activities.

For further information and full position description please contact NRGPN CEO Chris Clark, phone: (02) 6622 4453 or visit www.nrgpn.org.au/about.html.

Closing date: Friday 26 October, 2007.

Position advertised



gippsland lakes community health

The East Gippsland Indigenous Family Violence Healing Service, is a collaboration between Gippsland Lakes Community Health (GLCH) and the Indigenous community from Sale to the NSW border, currently has vacancies for the following full time positions

OUTREACH CO-ORDINATOR - WOMEN'S SERVICES

(reference KHS-07/08-02)

The successful applicant will be required to have highly effectively communication skills to form linkages and establish formal partnership with Indigenous and Non-Indigenous stakeholders, Indigenous people and communities and other Family Violence services to work towards preventing and reducing and responding to family violence in Indigenous communities.

If you have knowledge of Indigenous culture and understanding of issues affecting Indigenous people in a contemporary society, knowledge of Indigenous and mainstream family violence and community service organisations and some case management experience, would like to learn more about this position, please download the Position Description from our web site.

INDIGENOUS MEN'S TIME OUT SUPPORT WORKER

(reference KHS-07/08-01)

The successful applicant will have a community development role and be responsible for working with Indigenous men, families and community groups by coordinating the Time Out program activities and supporting local Indigenous men's groups to develop and run activities across the region to address the underlying causes, effects and impacts of family violence. If you have an intimate knowledge and understanding of the Gippsland Indigenous community & culture and issues relating Indigenous men, we would like to hear from you.

Winner of the Premier's Award -
'Most Outstanding Primary Health Agency 2006'

Visit our website and find out why Gippsland Lakes Community Health can offer you an enviable combination of generous salary packaging arrangements, professional and lifestyle options.

Before applying, you are strongly advised to obtain a detailed position description and information guide for applicants, available by either telephoning (03) 5155 8315 or downloading the information from our web site www.glch.org.au/employment

Please quote the position reference number on your application, which should address the key selection criteria, including the names and telephone numbers of two referees, and be sent to either:

Human Resources
Gippsland Lakes Community Health
P.O. Box 429
Lakes Entrance Victoria 3909
Or email to employment@glch.org.au

Both applications close - Thursday 18th October 2007

NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

ALLIED HEALTH

Lightning Ridge

Sexual Assault Counsellor

PFT, Salary: As per relevant qualifications & experience.

Recruitment No: GW56250, Enquiries & Application Kits:

Sue Burke, (02) 6363 8020 or

sue.burke@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 19/10/07.

• Being female is considered a genuine occupational qualification as per Section 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Application Kits are also available on our website

www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity, Equal Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible for Salary Package.

Queensland Government Queensland Health

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Generalist Health Worker - Men's Business, Q Clinic,
Bundaberg Hospital, Wide Bay Health Service District.
Remuneration value up to \$47 535 p.a., comprising salary between \$39 173 - \$41 662 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (12.5%) (003)

JAR: H07WB0919. Duties/Abilities: Assist with the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of strategies within the Indigenous Community to enhance sexual and reproductive health promotion in the context of primary health and reduce the harm associated with unsafe sexual health practices and unsafe injecting practices. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Fiona Stack (07) 4150 2754.

Application Kit: (07) 4150 2066 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 29 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.



Indigenous Employment Coordinator

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

TOTAL REMUNERATION PACKAGE (FROM 5 JANUARY 2008)
\$72 647 TO \$80 598 PA INCLUDES 9% SUPERANNUATION

REF 07273 As one of the Corporate Leaders for the Australian Government's Indigenous Employment Project, Flinders University recognises the importance of developing and implementing measures to provide equal opportunities for Indigenous Australians. The Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator will play a pivotal role in assisting the University community to meet its objectives under this project and to continue the implementation of the University's Employment Strategy for Indigenous Australians.

Pursuant to Section 65A of the EO Act 1984 (SA) as amended, applications are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples only.

This position is available immediately, full-time until December 2008.

Closing date: 5.00pm, Monday 22 October 2007.

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>

Applications must be lodged with Job Applications, Human Resources, Flinders University, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide SA 5001.

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Department of Families,
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Help us in improving the lives of Australians



The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) is all about people. We are committed to providing a meaningful and rewarding career in a supportive environment. We value respect, collaboration, professionalism, results and innovation.

People working in FaCSIA provide support that touches on the lives of every Australian family and community in some way. We are responsible for about a quarter of the government's budgetary outlays and we are the government's principal source of advice on social policy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

Manager

Indigenous Coordination Centre

Executive Level 2 - Various Locations Australia Wide

Would you like the opportunity to learn from and work with Indigenous communities across Australia? This is an exciting opportunity to lead a collaborative approach to Indigenous program management and service delivery and work as part of a multi-agency team to achieve this work in a dynamic policy environment. Your role will involve engaging stakeholders in the development of Shared Responsibility Agreements and Regional Partnership Agreements, guiding government investment in individual communities and continuing negotiation and implementation of these Agreements with local Indigenous people and communities.

Vacancies currently exist in South Australia (Port Augusta) and the Northern Territory (Tennant Creek). With a total of 30 ICCs located in a range of urban, regional and remote settings across Australia, suitable applicants will be considered for positions as they become available across these locations. These positions will be filled as non-ongoing, for an initial period of 12 to 18 months and may be extended.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered.

How to apply

For further information visit 'Careers in FaCSIA' at www.facsia.gov.au or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 6244 6036.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents via TTY 1800 260 402.

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Aboriginal Health Workers Remote

Department of Health and Community Services

Aboriginal Health Worker Clinical Class 4 (\$54 473 - \$57 378)

Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Unit - Darwin

2 temporary vacancies are available for 2 years

We are looking for a Male Aboriginal Health Worker and a Female Aboriginal Health Worker to join the Centre for Disease Control in Darwin. These positions offer the potential to move to an Aboriginal Health Worker Clinical Class 5 within 12 months.

The primary focus is to build the capacity of remote primary health care services within a designated area, including travel to Top End remote communities, to provide comprehensive sexual health and blood borne virus programs within communities.

You will be a registered Aboriginal Health Worker in the Northern Territory, preferably with sexual health experience in a rural or remote primary health care health setting. You will have skills in health promotion, health education and clinical training.

Aboriginal Health Worker Remote (Male)

Quote vacancy number: 1998

Aboriginal Health Worker Remote (Female)

Quote vacancy number: 1996

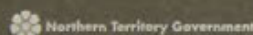
For further details contact Anne Davis on (08) 8922 8805 or visit our website at www.nt.gov.au

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Closing date: 19 October 2007

Contact us now

Phone: 1300 659 247
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Visit: www.nt.gov.au/jobs



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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES

COORDINATOR

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Tamworth, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/1003. 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. 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: Brad Webb (02) 9228 7580 Email: bradley.webb@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Brad Webb (02) 9228 7580.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@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 19 October 2007 PSN/C 981390

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER

LIAISON OFFICER

(ATSJ IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/1009. Total remuneration package valued to: \$62,569 p.a. (\$51,784-\$56,701) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This position interacts with clients and other interested parties to obtain information, respond to queries, approve minor expenditure and facilitate understanding of decisions. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Understanding of the impact of disabilities upon relationships and ability to manage client interactions; Good interpersonal and oral / written communication skills, including conflict resolution and negotiation skills; Ability to assess and manage the risks associated with behaviours exhibited by clients; Capacity to undertake the general responsibilities of an OPC staff member; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This position will be located at Clarence Street for up to 2 years and the successful applicant will then transfer to Head Office in Parramatta. 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: Rajesh Chandra (02) 9265 1255

Information Packages: Jan Hynes (02) 9265 3176.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to agrecruitment@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 19 October 2007 PSN/C 981396

GA1794396

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8

Service Development

Office of Community Housing

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-07-00731

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 Project Officer facilitates and resources the planning, development and implementation of community housing initiatives in metropolitan Sydney, working in partnership with community housing providers and other stakeholders.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience in project or program management
- Knowledge of issues relating to non-government service provision
- High level communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills
- Conflict management and dispute resolution skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- **Common selection criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethnic Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the full text version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Sandy Quealey (02) 8753 8249.

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package.

Closing date: Friday 19 October 2007.

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Relationships Australia

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Relationships Australia (Old) has been operating for nearly 60 years. We provide a range of counselling, mediation, education, and intervention services. We are currently seeking applications for the below positions at Toowoomba.

Coordinator - DFV Prevention Service Manager/Mentor - Ada's Haven

The Domestic Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Service provides a service to families, couples and individuals who wish to recover from the impact of violence in their relationship and family. Ada's Haven is an Indigenous Women's refuge that we support and auspice.

These roles provide effective site and staff management, a high level of clinical practice and program leadership for clients who have experienced domestic or family violence, and supervise clinical staff.

The successful applicants will have a tertiary qualification in a human services, or social or behavioural science, experience in managing the delivery of client services, and expertise in working with domestic and family violence. Applicants for the Manager/Mentor role must be of Indigenous descent.

To express interest in these roles and to obtain further information, please see our website www.relationships.org.au

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North Coast Institute

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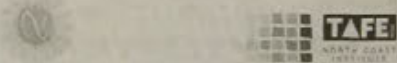
The North Coast Institute encourages participation across our full range of courses with opportunities to learn in the areas of Arts, Tourism, Primary Industries, Health and much more.

We have Aboriginal Support Officers and Coordinators located across the North Coast NSW who can discuss your needs.

Contact: Customer Service on 131 601.

PLUS! Earn with TAFE

The North Coast Institute encourages employment opportunities for Aboriginal people. For more information log on to <http://www.nci.tafensw.edu.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm>



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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, Ethnic Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement and Occupational Health & Safety as they relate to the job.

SENIOR BRANCH COORDINATION OFFICER

EPO Class 8, Hurstville, Temporary Full-Time/Temporary Part-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-404. Total remuneration package valued to: \$88,194 p.a. (\$70,842-\$79,922) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme on a pro rata basis where applicable.

The position provides coordination & administration support for the Branch & provides strategic & administrative support. The position coordinates development of & monitors the Branch budget, coordinates significant Branch submissions & responses. **Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated broad knowledge of government, public administration and budgetary processes and demonstrated experience in the provision of administrative support services, particularly in the development and maintenance of systems and procedures; knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal heritage issues and contemporary Aboriginal affairs; demonstrated knowledge of and experience in strategic planning processes; and demonstrated project management skills and experience in the review of policy, procedures and guidelines; sound organisational and coordination skills, with the capacity to work within critical time constraints; demonstrated effective communication and interpersonal skills and ability to liaise and negotiate effectively at all levels, including with senior management; Effective cross-cultural communication skills; high level written communication skills, with demonstrated experience in development of reports, submissions and briefings and accurate word processing, spreadsheet, financial and HR management systems and database skills; demonstrated ability to handle confidential/sensitive material effectively. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is a temporary full time position until May 2008 and then reverts to part time 2 days per week until December 2008. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Marija Zelic (02) 9585 6605 Email: Marija.Zelic@environment.nsw.gov.au
Information Packages: Jenny Lymberatos (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 19 October 2007.

GA1791779

A unique call for extraordinary leadership.

Chief Executive Officer (Multiple roles across the NT) EDR15892

Director Corporate Services (Multiple roles across the NT) EDR15814

Locations: Various including urban and regional areas

There are many exciting things happening in the Territory.

The Northern Territory Government is changing the way local government works to deliver better services and expertise to our communities.

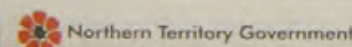
The changes are set to come into effect on 1 July 2008.

We are seeking strategic, energetic thinkers with an aptitude for getting things done on the ground as part of the important challenge of building a better and stronger local government system for the future.

The NT is unlike anywhere else in Australia: the population is just above 200,000 with many Territorians living in rural, remote and very remote communities. This is an opportunity to take a lead role in working in a diverse environment and enjoying a great lifestyle.

For information on these unique opportunities, the communities in which they are based, and to apply visit www.aNewNT.com.au Applications should be submitted "Attention Darral Roberts" by Friday 19 October 2007 quoting the relevant Ref No. Telephone enquiries are welcome to Nicola Anning on 08 8201 1142.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.



DANDENONG & DISTRICT ABORIGINES CO-OPERATIVE LTD

The Co-operative was established in 1975 and has provided a range of services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Greater Dandenong, Casey, Cardinia, Knox, Frankston, and the Mornington Peninsula, which is Wurundjeri and Boonwong country. It is funded by the Commonwealth and State to provide a range of services in primary health, housing, aged care, home and community care, family support, youth services, maternity services and stolen generations.

A special person is sought with the right qualities and attributes to fill this important role in our organisation. We need your proven financial and administrative skills to support our program delivery. Your knowledge of the issues affecting Indigenous Australians and your management expertise will make you the ideal candidate.

MANAGER, SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Implement the organisation's compliance with applicable statutory and funding requirements. As a part of the Management Team provide effective advice and support to the elected Board and collaborate in the efficient management and promotion of the HACC, housing, family services, youth services and other social support programs and operations of the Cooperative. Supervise and train staff, and ensure an equitable service delivery to the Community. Develop new initiatives in employment, training and community needs. Implement strategic plans and organise budgets for all relevant programs.

For a position description, selection criteria and any enquiries please contact Andrew Gardiner on 03 9794 5933. Salary range is \$52,162 to \$55,458 plus benefits and access to salary sacrificing.

Applications should be forwarded to: The Manager, DDACL, PO Box 583, DANDENONG VIC 3175, clearly marked 'Private and Confidential' and must be received by COB 19th October 2007.



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ACHIEVING A JUST AND SECURE SOCIETY

The Attorney-General's Department has a challenging and exciting policy and program agenda. The principal objective of the Department is to support the Australian Government in achieving a just and secure society. The Department provides expert advice to Government on a wide range of legal and policy issues, including national and protective security, counter terrorism and critical infrastructure protection, classification policy, emergency management, native title, criminal justice and crime prevention, international law, family law, legal assistance, administrative law, human rights, copyright and information law, Indigenous law and justice, personal property securities law and the Australian background checking service. It is also responsible for the administration of a number of important programs in these areas. The Department is the key policy and coordinating body for the Attorney-General's portfolio and works in close cooperation with a wide range of judicial, legal and public sector bodies.

Policy Officer/Legal Officer

\$60,687 - \$71,280 per annum

APS Level 6 (Ongoing Vacancy)

Reference Number: 2297/ILAD

BARTON, ACT

The Indigenous Law and Justice Branch is responsible for administering the following law and justice programs to assist Indigenous Australians: Legal Aid for Indigenous Australians; Law and Justice Advocacy; Family Violence Prevention Legal Services; and Prevention, Diversion, Rehabilitation and Restorative Justice.

The Indigenous Policy Section is responsible for developing strategic policy and providing high level advice on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander law and justice issues. This includes support and advice to the Attorney-General, the Minister for Justice and Customs, the Secretary and other Departmental officers. The Section is also consulted by, and provides advice to, other Commonwealth departments under the Australian Government's whole of government arrangements for Indigenous affairs.

A Policy Officer would be expected to operate in a small team and exercise a high level of initiative in drafting and coordinating briefings, often to tight timeframes. A high level of teamwork and relational skills is necessary in this environment and supervision of junior staff may be involved. Strong and fluent writing skills are a necessary attribute given the high volume of written work.

The nature of Indigenous affairs is that information is continually changing and the capacity to keep across what is current is important, along with well developed research skills to access this information. Strong analytical skills are needed to analyse this information and embed it in a context that is meaningful to the work to the Branch.

Liaison with other areas of the Branch and Department, as well as externally with government and non-government stakeholders is a necessary part of the Section's work. Sound representational skills are needed and the capacity to establish and maintain effective relationships.

Note: Two written referee reports must be submitted with applications.

Contact Officer: Mark Canning (02) 6250 6495 or email: mark.canning@ag.gov.au

General Information

To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian citizens and will be required to satisfy health and character/security checks. Movement to the Attorney-General's Department from another APS agency may also require attainment of a security clearance.

Selection documentation and information on how to apply can be obtained from our website www.ag.gov.au, or by emailing recruitment@ag.gov.au, by phoning the Recruitment Unit on (02) 6250 6192 or the 24 hour answering machine on (02) 6250 5656.

The Department is committed to Workplace Diversity and aims to create an environment that values and utilises the contribution of its people from different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. The Department requires electronic lodgement of applications using the online facility which is accessible from our internet site at www.ag.gov.au/vacancies. If you do not have internet access or are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the AGD Recruitment Team on (02) 6250 6192 or (02) 6250 6857.

Closing Date: Thursday 18 October 2007

The Attorney-General's Department is committed to the principles of Workplace Diversity.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

| EXPLORATION NO. | APPLICANT | AMALG | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 26/97 | Accom Pty Ltd | KAR45 | 60.5ha | 15km NEly of Kambalda | Lat 31°06' Long 121°44' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Meekathana |
| 51/913 | Corporate & Resource Consultants Pty Ltd TE Johnson & Associates Pty Ltd Bruce Robert Legendre | ME31/67 ME32/67 ME33/67 | 181.51ha 94.55ha 37.31ha | 50km NEly of Due | Lat 26°58' Long 118°13' Lat 26°57' Long 118°13' Lat 27°06' Long 118°04' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Meekathana |

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 10 October 2007.

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 10 January 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 10 February 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.



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 |
|------------|---|---------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| 15/4355 | Gerard Victor Brewer | 119.47ha | 42km SWly of Coolgardie | Lat 31°09' Long 120°47' | Coolgardie |
| 15/4754 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 84.16ha | 20km NEly of Wodgemootha | Lat 31°24' Long 121°45' | Coolgardie |
| 15/4767-8 | Meridian Mining Ltd | 380.73ha | 28km Wly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°53' Long 120°53' | Coolgardie |
| 15/4836-9 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 644.22ha | 16km SEly of Wodgemootha | Lat 31°36' Long 121°40' | Coolgardie |
| 15/4840-1 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 211.85ha | 3km SEly of Wodgemootha | Lat 31°30' Long 121°36' | Coolgardie |
| 15/5185 | Ramelus Resources Ltd | 26.79ha | 13km NWly of Wodgemootha | Lat 31°24' Long 121°29' | Coolgardie |
| 16/2370-2 | La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd | 485.68ha | 46km Nly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°33' Long 121°01' | Coolgardie |
| 16/2373 | Tennant Creek Gold Ltd | 121.32ha | 41km Nly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°35' Long 121°03' | Coolgardie |
| 24/4035 | Peter Romeo Gianni Kim James Harris | 141.47ha | 46km NWly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°24' Long 121°11' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 24/4145 | Peter Romeo Gianni | 19.58ha | 37km Nly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°26' Long 121°19' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 24/4169-73 | Murphy Resources Pty Ltd | 738.16ha | 66km NWly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°19' Long 120°58' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 24/4239-40 | Great Southern Mines NL | 390.95ha | 61km NWly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°25' Long 120°57' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 24/4284 | Ian Kerr | 199.57ha | 64km Sly of Menzies | Lat 30°15' Long 120°57' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 24/4285 | Ian Kerr | 55.46ha | 67km Sly of Menzies | Lat 30°16' Long 120°52' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 25/1890-5 | Solomon (Australia) Pty Ltd | 845.11ha | 47km Ely of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°50' Long 121°54' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 25/1898 | Solomon (Australia) Pty Ltd | 31.45ha | 49km NEly of Kambalda | Lat 30°53' Long 122°02' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 26/1890-3 | Solomon (Australia) Pty Ltd | 257.39ha | 34km NEly of Kambalda | Lat 31°01' Long 121°57' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 26/3421-31 | Solomon (Australia) Pty Ltd | 147.59ha | 41km NEly of Kambalda | Lat 31°03' Long 122°03' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 25/1894 | Frederick Charles Saunders | 9.93ha | 40km NEly of Kambalda | Lat 30°54' Long 121°54' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 25/1961 | Rubystar Nominees Pty Ltd | 2396.65ha | 50km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°29' Long 121°54' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/1173-21 | Rubystar Nominees Pty Ltd | 684.3ha | 48km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°28' Long 121°51' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/1172-5 | Rubystar Nominees Pty Ltd | 49.76ha | 45km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°29' Long 121°50' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/1178 | Rubystar Nominees Pty Ltd | 28.53ha | 49km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°29' Long 121°52' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/1814 | Frederick Charles Saunders | 16.04ha | 60km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°31' Long 122°02' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1143-4 | Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd | 72.34ha | 62km SWly of Menzies | Lat 30°06' Long 120°37' | Menzies |
| 30/1063 | John Henry Rutter | 9.02ha | 89km Wly of Menzies | Lat 29°41' Long 120°07' | Menzies |
| 45/2680 | Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd | 200ha | 6km Nly of Marble Bar | Lat 31°07' Long 119°45' | East Pilbara |
| 46/1613 | John Cedric Calegari | 10.01ha | 4km Ely of Nalgine | Lat 21°53' Long 120°09' | East Pilbara |
| 51/2593 | John Nelson Holloway | 30.3ha | 1km Wly of Meekathana | Lat 26°53' Long 118°28' | Meekathana |
| 51/2582 | Jawwara Pty Ltd | 119.9ha | 81km Wly of Meekathana | Lat 26°19' Long 117°44' | Meekathana |
| 51/2583-4 | Jawwara Pty Ltd | 239.86ha | 78km Wly of Meekathana | Lat 26°21' Long 117°45' | Meekathana |
| 51/2585 | Jawwara Pty Ltd | 120.90ha | 76km Wly of Meekathana | Lat 26°20' Long 117°46' | Meekathana |
| 53/1326-9 | Falcon Minerals Ltd | 565.76ha | 99km SEly of Meekathana | Lat 27°03' Long 119°21' | Wiluna |
| 53/1330 | Gateway Mining Ltd | 318.77ha | 95km Nly of Sandstone | Lat 27°08' Long 119°25' | Wiluna |
| 53/1334 | Gateway Mining Ltd | 495.28ha | 94km SWly of Wiluna | Lat 26°57' Long 119°22' | Wiluna |
| 53/1331-3 | Gateway Mining Ltd | 46.14ha | 90km SEly of Wiluna | Lat 27°02' Long 120°58' | Wiluna |
| 53/1335 | Great Australian Resources Ltd | 251.33ha | 82km SEly of Wiluna | Lat 26°56' Long 120°57' | Wiluna |
| 53/1461-2 | Echo Resources Ltd | 529.54ha | 88km Ely of Wiluna | Lat 27°52' Long 121°03' | Wiluna |
| 53/1463-5 | Echo Resources Ltd | 9.72ha | 4km Wly of Sandstone | Lat 28°59' Long 119°15' | Sandstone |
| 57/1036 | Westbourne Technology Pty Ltd | 27.96ha | 14km Sly of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°10' Long 117°48' | Mount Magnet |
| 58/1263 | Mount Magnet South NL | 168.47ha | 13km SWly of Mount Magnet | Lat 28°10' Long 117°47' | Mount Magnet |
| 58/1281 | Mount Magnet South NL | 69.58ha | 61km NEly of Paynes Find | Lat 28°55' Long 119°10' | Mount Magnet |
| 59/1856 | Brian Anthony Melville Joseph Paul Legendre | 25.44ha | 8km SWly of Norseman | Lat 32°13' Long 121°42' | Dundas |
| 63/1420 | Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd | 136.12ha | 28km Nly of Norseman | Lat 31°56' Long 121°47' | Dundas |
| 63/1429 | Trent Patterson Stehn Harold Cammody Neil Gil | 483.23ha 99.14ha | 122km Wly of Norseman 28km Sly of Norseman | Lat 32°09' Long 120°28' Lat 32°26' Long 121°49' | Dundas Dundas |
| 63/1624-6 | Lionoro Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 55.63ha | 110km Wly of Norseman | Lat 32°15' Long 120°32' | Dundas |
| 63/1587 | Harry Cammody Bulabul Pty Ltd | 44.86ha 76.3ha | 10km NWly of Norseman 13km NWly of Norseman | Lat 32°06' Long 121°38' Lat 32°08' Long 121°39' | Dundas Dundas |
| 63/1643 | John Calegari | 199.59ha | 169km NEly of Wiluna | Lat 25°18' Long 121°07' | Wiluna |
| 63/1644 | Traynor Pty Ltd | 24.99ha | 169km NEly of Wiluna | Lat 25°18' Long 121°08' | Wiluna |
| 63/1645 | Traynor Pty Ltd | 23.50ha | 167km NEly of Wiluna | Lat 25°20' Long 121°08' | Wiluna |
| 69/40 | Adrian Martin Lambert Jessup | 22.88ha | 170km NEly of Wiluna | Lat 25°21' Long 121°11' | Wiluna |
| 69/41 | Adrian Martin Lambert Jessup | 22.88ha | 170km NEly of Wiluna | Lat 25°20' Long 121°12' | Wiluna |
| 69/42 | Adrian Martin Lambert Jessup | 177.93ha | 167km NEly of Wiluna | Lat 25°20' Long 121°14' | Wiluna |
| 69/43 | Adrian Martin Lambert Jessup | 32.55ha | 63km NWly of Gingin | Lat 31°02' Long 115°20' | Gingin |
| 69/44 | Adrian Martin Lambert Jessup | 164.37ha | 86km Nly of Koolyanobbing | Lat 30°04' Long 119°15' | Yilgarn |
| 69/45 | Adrian Martin Lambert Jessup | 25.7ha | 96km NWly of Koolyanobbing | Lat 30°02' Long 119°04' | Yilgarn |
| 70/1524 | Enric Pty Ltd | 556.74ha | 118km Nly of Koolyanobbing | Lat 29°44' Long 119°29' | Menzies |
| 71/3413 | Western Areas NL | 619.64ha | 78km Ely of Hyden | Lat 32°23' Long 119°42' | Kondinin |
| 71/3477 | Liberty Gold NL | 110.42ha | 74km NEly of Hyden | Lat 32°10' Long 119°37' | Yilgarn |
| 71/3533-6 | Leon James Marsh | 121.35ha | 74km NEly of Hyden | Lat 32°06' Long 119°38' | Yilgarn |
| 71/3530-3 | Darryl Smith | 55.10ha | 73km NEly of Hyden | Lat 32°08' Long 119°35' | Yilgarn |
| 71/3539 | Western Areas NL | 47.94ha | 80km Ely of Hyden | Lat 32°26' Long 119°45' | Kondinin |

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: 10 October 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 10 January 2008. 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. 10 February 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.

Administrative Assistant

Position No.: 9054

Permanent appointment commencing ASAP - Darwin

Remuneration Administrative Officer
Level 2, \$38,884 - \$42,546

This position provides administrative support to the School of Health, Business & Sciences as directed by the School Administrator and Academic staff.

Applications close:

Friday 19th October 2007.

For further information, Selection Criteria and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7303; 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.

Reverend Charles Harris Special Care Centre Department of Communities Casual Care Workers

The Reverend Charles Harris Special Care Centre provides a 24-hour care service for people with complex needs. The centre is seeking female and male casual care workers.

Applicants must have:

- a commitment to caring
- sound knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous clients
- open manual "C" class driver's licence

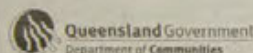
Availability for shift and weekend work is essential.

The following qualifications are preferable:

- previous experience in caring for clients with complex needs
- senior First Aid Certificate
- Food Handlers Certificate

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

For more information please call the Manager on 4774 4430.
Applications close Monday 29 October 2007.



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(PN Ref: PVR 109/07)

APS 5

\$54,941 - \$56,489

Medicare Australia is currently recruiting for an ongoing Medicare Liaison Officer (MLO) to be based in our Indigenous Access section, Branch Operations, Brisbane. The MLO is responsible for leading and managing a small team of Indigenous Access Support Officers to improve access to the programs administered by Medicare Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their service providers.

Contact: For further information about this position, please contact Kathy Horsfall on (07) 4015 1707.

Applications close on Thursday, 1 November 2007.

Key information on this and other excellent job opportunities can be accessed on our website:

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers

Eligibility: Applicants must be Australian citizens.

General information about Medicare Australia can be obtained from www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Candidates should forward their applications to the contact officer (quoting the PN Ref) by email or by post (see website).

Note: Medicare Australia has introduced a simplified application process for all vacancies - refer to the applicant information kit for details.



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/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

| LEASE | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 15/1010 | Ian James Buchhorn | 826.82ha | 15km Ely of Widjemoor | Lat 31°11' Long 121°44' | Coolgardie |
| 15/1042 | Kloran NL | 23.49ha | 8km NEly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°53' Long 121°12' | Coolgardie |
| 15/1306 | Doro Exploration NL | 243.05ha | 10km NEly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°45' Long 121°15' | Coolgardie |
| 15/1311 | Ian James Buchhorn | 6.71ha | 6km Nly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°43' Long 121°09' | Coolgardie |
| 15/1400 | Heron Resources Ltd | 89ha | 3km SEly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°57' Long 121°11' | Coolgardie |
| 15/1752 | Mount Penny Pty Ltd | 801.22ha | 58km Ely of Koolyanobling | Lat 30°46' Long 120°08' | Coolgardie |
| 16/094 | Hayes Mining Pty Ltd | 121.35ha | 28km Nly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°42' Long 121°05' | Coolgardie |
| 16/416 | Paddington Gold Pty Ltd | 2.2ha | 31km Nly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°41' Long 121°04' | Coolgardie |
| 16/453 | Hayes Mining Pty Ltd | 320.07ha | 35km Nly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°36' Long 121°02' | Coolgardie |
| 16/458 | Hayes Mining Pty Ltd | 366.09ha | 58km NWly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°58' Long 121°00' | Coolgardie |
| 16/465 | Paddington Gold Pty Ltd | 121.35ha | 36km NWly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°39' Long 121°00' | Coolgardie |
| 20/005 | Cougar Metals NL | 797.60ha | 5km Ely of Cue | Lat 27°24' Long 117°55' | Cue |
| 24/646 | Centaur Mining & Exploration Ltd | 851.11ha | 67km Sly of Menzies | Lat 30°17' Long 120°59' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/695 | Richard Henry Cooke | 581.9ha | 62km NWly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°24' Long 120°57' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/733 | Neil Wesley Sinclair | 87.7ha | 43km NWly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°50' Long 121°06' | Coolgardie/ Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/764 | Pamela Jean Buchhorn | 24.70ha | 16km Nly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°36' Long 121°25' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/772 | Heron Resources Ltd | 198.16ha | 58km Sly of Menzies | Lat 30°11' Long 120°59' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/807 | Centaur Mining & Exploration Ltd | 63.98ha | 67km Sly of Menzies | Lat 30°15' Long 120°58' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/896 | Heron Resources Ltd | 709.88ha | 57km Nly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°15' Long 121°15' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/912 | Heron Resources Ltd | 263.55ha | 65km NWly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°21' Long 120°57' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/916 | Heron Resources Ltd | 534.94ha | 56km Sly of Menzies | Lat 30°11' Long 120°58' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 24/919 | Heron Resources Ltd | 748.06ha | 62km Sly of Menzies | Lat 30°13' Long 121°13' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 25/200 | Hampton Nickel Ltd | 3.42ha | 30km Ely of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°46' Long 121°48' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 26/563 | Mount Manning Resources Ltd | 884.76ha | 12km SWly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°47' Long 121°21' | Coolgardie/ Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 28/341 | Heron Resources Ltd | 689.14ha | 60km Ely of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°36' Long 122°05' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 28/350 | Heron Resources Ltd | 28.73ha | 58km NEly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°29' Long 122°04' | Kalgoorlie Boulder City |
| 40/200 | John Garne | 450.19ha | 49km Ely of Nulagine | Lat 21°45' Long 120°28' | East Pilbara |
| 47/1407 | Pindars Diamonds Ltd | 1769.7ha | 64km NWly of Tom Price | Lat 22°11' Long 117°29' | Ashburton |
| 47/1408 | FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd | 5773.90ha | 62km NWly of Tom Price | Lat 22°11' Long 117°32' | Ashburton |
| 70/1147 | Enrico Pty Ltd | 993.45ha | 62km NWly of Gingin | Lat 31°08' Long 115°22' | Gingin |
| 74/165 | Galaxy Resources Ltd | 157.71ha | 8km Ely of Ravensthorpe | Lat 33°34' Long 120°07' | Ravensthorpe |
| 74/182 | Galaxy Resources Ltd | 345.7ha | 3km NWly of Ravensthorpe | Lat 33°33' Long 120°01' | Ravensthorpe |
| 74/184 | Galaxy Resources Ltd | 114.3ha | 6km NEly of Ravensthorpe | Lat 33°33' Long 120°06' | Ravensthorpe |
| 74/196 | Galaxy Resources Ltd | 429.78ha | 1km NWly of Ravensthorpe | Lat 33°34' Long 120°02' | Ravensthorpe |
| 74/197 | Galaxy Resources Ltd | 335.8ha | 3km Nly of Ravensthorpe | Lat 33°33' Long 120°02' | Ravensthorpe |
| 74/219 | Bruce Douglas McCall | 2.12ha | 2km Ely of Ravensthorpe | Lat 33°35' Long 120°04' | Ravensthorpe |
| 74/238 | Galaxy Resources Ltd | 285.04ha | 15km SEly of Ravensthorpe | Lat 33°41' Long 120°08' | Ravensthorpe |
| 80/506 | Redbank Mines Ltd | 534.77ha | 8km NWly of Halls Creek | Lat 18°11' Long 127°50' | Halls Creek |
| 80/507 | Redbank Mines Ltd | 519.01ha | 15km NEly of Halls Creek | Lat 18°06' Long 127°43' | Halls Creek |
| 80/533 | Redbank Mines Ltd | 109.97ha | 9km NEly of Halls Creek | Lat 18°12' Long 127°44' | Halls Creek |
| 80/555 | Redbank Mines Ltd | 794.60ha | 4km NWly of Halls Creek | Lat 18°12' Long 127°38' | Halls Creek |

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: 10 October 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 **10 January 2008**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **10 February 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.

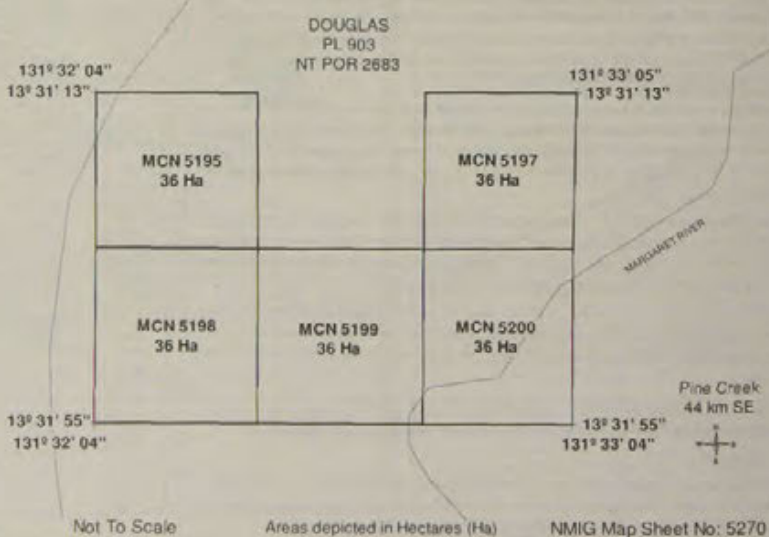
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL CLAIMS

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 acts, namely to grant the following mineral claims in accordance with the applications made therefor. These acts are project acts pursuant to section 29, sub-section (9) of the Native Title Act.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Claims Northern 5195, 5197, 5198, 5199 and 5200 sought by Robert Michael Biddlecombe and Territory Goldfields Pty Ltd ACN 066 581 075, over the areas depicted below, within the PINE CREEK locality.



Nature of act(s): the grant of a mineral claim under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals and carry out such works as are reasonably necessary for these purposes including (but not limited to) the removal of mining materials from the claim area and the treatment of tailings for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewals. The term sought for is 10 years commencing from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 996545.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Notification Day: 24 October 2007

Aboriginal Family Services Worker

(Part Time)

Barnardos Australia NSW South Coast are looking for a suitably experienced worker to provide a family support service, as a member of a multidisciplinary team, to Aboriginal families from pregnancy to child's first 3 years, where the woman misuses alcohol and/or drugs. Contact Odele on (02) 9218 2326 or email recruit2@barnardos.org.au

SOUTH EAST WEIGHT OF LOADS GROUP INSPECTOR

Applications are invited and will be received by the undersigned up until 4.00pm on 22nd October 2007 for the position of Authorised Officer with the South East Weight of Loads Group. The position assists the Chief Inspector with the day-to-day activities of monitoring and weighing of loaded vehicles on the state and local road network within the Group area.

The Group has been formed with the support of the Councils of Queanbeyan, Cooma-Monaro, Cootamundra, Goulburn-Mulwaree, Harden, Palerang, Shoalhaven, Snowy River, Wollondilly and Yass, in conjunction with the Roads and Traffic Authority Southern Region. Queanbeyan City Council is administering the activities of the Group.

It is anticipated that the successful applicant will be domiciled within 80km of Queanbeyan. Queanbeyan is a fast growing centre with a population of 38,000. It is situated on the border of the Australian Capital Territory, the population of which is 325,000. Queanbeyan has available to it the advantage of a metropolitan area but with a pleasant rural lifestyle. The area is well served with road, rail and air services and is in close proximity to the coast and snowfields.

The Group is seeking the services of an enthusiastic and motivated person to fill this position. Full training will be provided in conjunction with the Roads and Traffic Authority.

The salary for the position is \$799.63 per week, with an expense allowance of \$112.65 per night, when applicable. A percentage increase in salary will apply from November 2007. Appointment will be dependant upon qualifications, experience and satisfactory RTA/Police record check.

The position offers a 9 day fortnight and is an equal opportunity employer.

Intending applicants for this position 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 at the Human Resources section, at 263 Crawford Street, or by contacting the 24 hour answering service on (02) 6298 4504.

NAPSA (National Agreement Preserving the Local Government (State) Award) conditions apply. After reading the information package, further information can be obtained from the Group Secretary, Mr Greg Fogarty on (02) 6298 0245.

South East Weight of Loads Group
PO Box 90
QUEANBEYAN NSW 2620



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 9/10

Admin & Support Team
Asset Performance Directorate, Operations

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full Time

Position No: DOH-07-08046

Total remunerations package valued up to \$96,295 per annum (salary \$79,188 pa - \$87,263 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide project, organisational and administrative support to the Director Asset Performance to support the delivery of the Branch's agreed business outcomes.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated ability to manage a range of issues and provide quality information and advice to Senior Management.
- Significant experience in the provision of executive support and successfully handling confidential and sensitive issues at a senior level.
- Ability to coordinate the preparation of briefings, ministerial correspondence, reports and correspondence on complex and sensitive matters.
- Knowledge and experience in MS Office products, with specific expertise in MS-Excel.
- Experience in the coordination and preparation of business plans and the development, management and monitoring of budgets.
- Well developed oral and written communication and interpersonal skills, including demonstrated presentation skills and the ability to negotiate, influence and deal with staff at all levels.
- Demonstrated well developed relationship management skills including the ability to liaise/negotiate/consult at a senior level.
- Project management experience and the ability to manage conflicting priorities and timeframes, make sound judgements in high pressure situations and exercise authority when necessary.
- Common selection criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: 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.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers.

Inquiries: Con O'Donnell or Julian Neylan (02) 8753 8794.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

Closing Date: Friday 19 October 2007.

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPAL MINING ACT 1995 SECTION 55

TAKE NOTICE that members of the **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPAL MINER'S ASSOCIATION INC** of 5/31A Alexandrina Road, Mount Barker SA 5251 propose to carry out opal mining and exploration activities on the workings identified below (the land) that are situated Out of Hundreds (Wintinna) and described as Land Parcels: PE 2532, Q2048 DP 43520 (CL1644/76) - Welbourn Hill Station and S1517 H 831200 (CR 5343/163) - Telstra Corp. South Australian Opal Miner's Association Inc has served notices on all relevant parties in accordance with Section 55 of the South Australian Opal Mining Act 1995.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

Proposed Designated Area, specifically an area of approximately 187 square kilometres situated approximately 45 kilometres east of Marla comprising all of the land bounded by a line joining points of coordinates as set out in the attached table:

MGA Zone 53

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429188mE 6984750mN
429226mE 6978024mN
422490mE 6978024mN
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416495mE 6978024mN
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408392mE 6983545mN
411302mE 6983591mN
411290mE 6984595mN

All map co-ordinates are expressed in terms of the Map Grid of Australia 1994 co-ordinates as defined on page 3369 of the Commonwealth Gazette No 35 dated 5 September 1995.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows: pegging of precious stones claims, exploration drilling, open cut excavations using bulldozers, excavators and other earthmoving machinery, underground mining and the establishment of access roads and campsite facilities.

The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the following exploration authorities and/or tenements under the Opal Mining Act 1995: precious stones prospecting permits held by members of the South Australian Opal Miner's Association Inc.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPAL MINER'S ASSOCIATION INC seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 7 of the Opal Mining Act 1995 conferring an umbrella authorisation on behalf of its members.

The area is subject to Native Title Determination Application Number SC97/009 (being Federal Court Action SG6022/1998) (known as the Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinja Native Title Claim).

TAKE NOTE that if two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Opal Mining Act 1995, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPAL MINER'S ASSOCIATION INC** may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold Native Title in the land is invited to contact the proponent, the South Australian Opal Miner's Association Inc, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed exploration and mining activities on the land.

TAKE NOTE that if within four (4) months (in relation to exploration negotiations) and six (6) months (in relation to negotiations for any other case) of the initiation of these negotiations, no agreement has been reached, any party(ies) to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 61 of the Opal Mining Act, 1995 for a determination in relation to the conduct of the exploration and mining activities on the land.

If you require any further information please contact: South Australian Opal Miner's Association Inc at 5/31A Alexandrina Road, Mount Barker SA 5251.

Telephone number: (08) 8391 3116
Contact: Barry Lindner, Secretary.

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 |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|
| EPM16149 | Approx. 113 km W from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.18°22'S Long.142°12'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon | Area: 39 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2215 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s | Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195 |
| EPM16256 | Approx. 56 km SSW from Forsyth Centred at approximate Lat.19°03'S Long.143°25'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge | Area: 87 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 27 (each 1'lat x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2585 t, s, w, x 2657 b, g, h, m, n, o, r, u 2658 q, t, s, v, w, x 2730 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, l, m, n | Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195 |

* 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.

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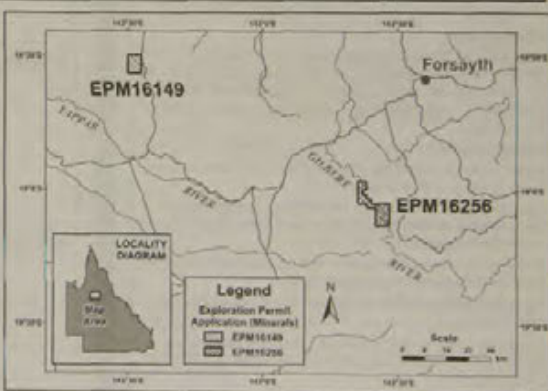
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Notification Day: 31 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Call for Board Member Nominations for the Northern Domestic Violence Service (SA)

The Northern Domestic Violence Service seeks Board Member submissions from Indigenous people with a background in either: human service, social justice, legal or community advocacy fields, to serve as a volunteer on the Board of Directors of this Northern Adelaide based agency from October 2007.

The NDVS is a community based Not For Profit agency. Our business is providing advocacy and support to women and children affected by domestic violence, managing associated accommodation support and increasing the communities awareness of domestic violence.

This is a significant and rewarding position.

The Board meets in person 12 times per year. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours per month plus additional project committee work, phone calls and e-mail.

To discuss your interest, find out more about the agency and access a position description and meeting dates please contact:

Allison Brash on: (08) 8271 6874 or 0448 158 390.

Email: AllisonB@semmons.com.au



North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health

Operations Manager

North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health operates a Brokerage Model of health service delivery to address identified gaps in existing service provision to the Indigenous populations residing in the Sunshine Coast & Gympie regions of Queensland.

This model ensures that services are accessible, provided at no cost to the client and offer consumer "choice".

NCACCH is a community organisation funded by the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing through the Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health, and governed by a community elected Aboriginal Board of Management.

Reporting relationship: This position reports directly to the Executive Officer.

Closing date for applications: 26 October 2007.

Postal Address: Executive Officer, PO Box 479 Colton Tree, QLD 4558. E-mail: ncaoch1@bigpond.com

The position description, selection criteria and further information can be obtained by contacting NCACCH on (07) 5443 3599 or by e-mailing ncaoch1@bigpond.com

"NCACCH is an equal opportunity employer and Indigenous people are encouraged to apply".

NCACCH Vision

"Striving for the improvement of the general health and well-being of the Indigenous Australian populations residing in the Sunshine Coast and Gympie Districts"



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

TECHNICAL OFFICER TEAM SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 5/6

Western Area - Dubbo

Temporary Full-Time (2 positions)

Position No. DOH-07-08044

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (salary \$61,128 pa + \$57,448 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Ensure the Department receives value for money in all work undertaken by contractors in the maintenance of the asset base, and that all work is done in accordance with the Department's specifications, standards and contract requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Good working knowledge of Australian Standards and the Building Code of Australia
- Demonstrated awareness of probity issues within a Government environment, and understanding of risk profiling/management
- Ability to use computer systems and spreadsheets to scope work, raise orders and monitor projects.
- Thorough understanding of the use of a Schedule of Rates (SOR) system.
- Building/project management experience, and a demonstrated capacity to research and analyse data and report on trends
- Knowledge of contemporary audit techniques, and capacity to conduct compliance and performance audits.
- Ability to communicate with a wide variety of people, including Departmental clients and staff, and maintenance contractors.
- 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: There are two (2) temporary full-time positions available in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the PSEM Act 2002, for a period of up to 30 June 2008 with possibility of extension. 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: Kerry McDermott (02) 6885 7111.

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 provided in the Information Package or email: nwwestern@bqlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 19 October 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:

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| EPM16267 | Approx. 118 km SSE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.19°12'S Long.142°38'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon | Area: 324 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2790 j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2791 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2792 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2793 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2794 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |
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| EPM16270 | Approx. 17 km SE from Gilbert River Centred at approximate Lat.18°17'S Long.142°52'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge | Area: 322 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 99 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1933 u, v, w, x, y, z 1934 f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 2002 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, o, p, u 2003 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2004 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2005 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i 2006 a, b 2075 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |
| EPM16271 | Approx. 27 km SSE from Gilbert River Centred at approximate Lat.18°23'S Long.142°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge | Area: 123 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 38 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2075 u, x, y, z 2076 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2147 c, d, e, h, j, k 2148 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |
| EPM16272 | Part 1: Approx. 128 km SE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.19°12'S Long.142°51'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon Part 2: Approx. 128 km SSE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.19°17'S Long.142°39'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon | Area of Part 1: 168 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 52 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2794 j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2795 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2796 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w Area of Part 2: 155 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 48 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2863 c, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2864 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2865 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |
| EPM16273 | Approx. 102 km SSE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.19°02'S Long.142°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon | Area: 324 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2647 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2648 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2649 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2650 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |
| EPM16274 | Approx. 134 km SSE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.19°18'S Long.142°46'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon | Area: 317 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2865 p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2866 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2867 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2868 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r 2936 a, b, c, d, e 2937 a, b, c, d, e 2938 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j 2939 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |
| EPM16276 | Approx. 138 km SSE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.18°31'S Long.142°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon | Area: 321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 99 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2068 x, t, u, x, y, z 2069 q, r, s, v, w, x 2140 d, e 2141 a, b, c, f, g, h, m, n, o, p, c, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2142 i, m, q, r, v, w 2213 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2214 a, b, f, g, i, m, n, q, f, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2215 v 2285 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, w, y, z 2286 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |

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| EPM16279 This Application consists of two separate parts | Part 1: Approx. 94 km SSE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.19°02'S Long.142°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon Part 2: Approx. 100 km SE from Croydon Centred at approximate Lat.18°59'S Long.142°45'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Croydon | Area of Part 1: 172 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 53 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2644 c, k, p 2645 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2646 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 139 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 43 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2576 o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2577 l, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2578 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2579 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |
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Notification Day: 31 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Riverina-Murray - Farrer Branch, Finley
Permanent Part-time
Position No: HCS-07-08128

Salary package is valued up to \$63,028 pa includes a salary range \$51,784 pa to \$57,117 pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation. Hourly rate: \$28.36 ph - \$31.28 ph.

Job Description: This position co-ordinates resources to provide client-centred services and provides leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge of the home & community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the needs of the frail aged, their carers, specific disability groups and specific cultural groups. Understanding of quality service principles.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Demonstrated ability to support and supervise staff.
- Demonstrated effective oral and written communication, conflict resolution, liaison and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation & maintenance of client & staff records, writing of complex reports, extracting data base information & ensuring accurate records & billing processes.
- Experience in a similar role in the community service sector or possession of relevant tertiary qualifications. Driver's licence and own vehicle.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and Understanding of Common Selection Criteria.

Job Notes: This is a permanent part-time position, 21 hours per week. The position will be based in the Finley office and will service surrounding areas, including Tocumwal and Barooga. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check. Applicants must be prepared to travel to support staff in remote locations. For further information about Home Care Service of NSW, please visit our website: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Mason Sorgdrager (02) 6024 8712.

Information Packages: Jane Devey 02 6024 8712.

Applications to: Mason, Sorgdrager, Branch Manager (Farrer), Home Care Service of NSW, PO Box 132 Albury NSW 2640.

Closing date: Friday 26 October 2007.

GAJ 03303



NSW Department of Commerce
For information on Commerce please see
www.commerce.nsw.gov.au.

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. All applicants will be expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

ELECTRICIAN, PLUMBER AND CARPENTER

PROJECT MANAGEMENT
HERITAGE AND BUILDING SERVICES

Wages Staff Level 4
REFERENCE NO: 2007/266

SALARY PACKAGE: Electrician - \$1955.40 per fortnight plus \$18.40 per day fares and travel allowance and superannuation.
Plumber - \$1848.50 per fortnight plus \$18.40 per day fares and travel allowance and superannuation.
Carpenter - \$1764.00 per fortnight plus \$18.40 per day fares and travel allowance and superannuation.

LOCATION: Sydney Metropolitan Area

JOB STATUS: Temporary / Full time

JOB NOTES: Initial term of employment up to three months and given that tradesmen will be working on Department of Education and Training properties, all recommended applicants will be subject to assessment by the Department of Education and Training through their 'Working with Children' process. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide trade services on various sites undertaking maintenance and refurbishment activities.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Trade Certificate or equivalent.
- Plumbers must be registered and electricians licensed with
- Office of Fair Trading.
- Knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety requirements.
- Proven performance within the industry at tradesman level.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence and willingness to drive is required.
- Common Selection Criteria.

ENQUIRIES: Steve Davies (02) 9672 5172.

CLOSING DATE: 26 October 2007

INFORMATION PACKAGES: Access Information Packages at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or if by post, contact Mick Gray, Resource Manager, on (02) 96725165.

APPLICATIONS TO:

Resource Manager
Heritage and Building Services
236 Richmond RoadDonside NSW 2767

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GARNDOO JAROWAIR - INCLUSION SUPPORT AGENCY
INCLUSION SUPPORT FACILITATORS (ISFs)

Based in Toowoomba or St George - South West Qld

Garndoo Jarowair - Inclusion Support Agency (ISA) is currently seeking applications for a full time or part-time Inclusion Support Facilitator position (Lifeline Community Care NAPSA 2006 Level 5) to complement and extend our existing team.

The major priority of these positions is to build the capacity of child care services to create an inclusive environment for all children and families, particularly:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- Children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, including refugee children and Australian South Sea Islander children
- Children with ongoing high support needs, including children with a disability

Please obtain your application package by phoning (07) 46875110 or emailing jdoer@lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au.

Enquiries should be directed to Manager- Community Support & Development Unit; on 0407 621 599. Applications will be closed at 12 noon Thursday 18th October 2007.

APPLICANTS FROM ABORIGINAL, TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AND CALD

BACKGROUNDS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

INNER WEST AREA ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

COORDINATOR

Inner West Aboriginal Community Company Ltd. - IWACC is seeking an experienced Early Childhood Educator to implement and co-ordinate Supported Playgroups for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families in the Inner West.

The program is funded under the Families NSW initiative.

The playgroups will specifically target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and will support in the provision of meaningful learning opportunities for young children. The Facilitator will be responsible for overseeing support staff and for maintaining strong community links. It is a 21 hour week position.

The successful applicant for Playgroup Coordinator Position should have:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background
- qualifications in early childhood development CCC Certificate
- extensive experience working with children and families
- ability to interact respectfully with parents and children
- an understanding of Aboriginal families and issues affecting disadvantaged communities
- a collaborative approach to service delivery and community networking
- a class C drivers licence and willingness and ability to drive a small bus.

The salary will be based on the SACS Award.

For an Information Package contact Joan Quinlin or Ann Weldon at IWACC on (02) 9572 7066.

Closing Date for Applications 30th October, 2007.

North Coast Institute

JOIN OUR TEAM

Have you got the skills we need?

Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?

The North Coast Institute encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for our vacant positions.

Check our website on:

www.nct.tafensw.au/staff/employmentvacancies/default.htm



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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 HERITAGE

CONSERVATION OFFICER (FEMALE)

Project/Research Officer Grade 1/2, Broken Hill, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-387. Total remuneration package valued to: \$76,658 p.a. (\$47,011-\$69,468) Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal heritage through identification, assessment, management, interpretation of objects and places. Encourage and facilitate Aboriginal community participation in cultural heritage management. **Selection Criteria:** Female gender and Aboriginality are requirements of the job, along with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage. Thorough knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management. Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works. Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues. Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems. Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is 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) 6966 8111 0417 270 415 Email: gary.currey@environment.nsw.gov.au. Information Packages: Manja Zelic (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 19 October 2007 PSN/C 985662.

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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 |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| EPM16112 | Approx. 47 km WSW from Quamby Centred at approximate Lat.20°25'S Long.139°50'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa | Area: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 311 v 382 e, k 383 a | Syndicated Metals Pty Ltd 115 768 986 |
| EPM16297 | Part 1: Approx. 20 km NE from Quamby Centred at approximate Lat.20°15'S Long.140°25'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 2: Approx. 15 km NNE from Quamby Centred at approximate Lat.20°16'S Long.140°23'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 23 km NNE from Quamby Centred at approximate Lat.20°12'S Long.140°25'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area of Part 1: 87 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 27 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 173 y, z 174 r, w 245 e 246 a, b, f, g Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 245 c, h Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 173 p | Exco Resources NL 080 339 671 |

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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). 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, Woolloongahba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

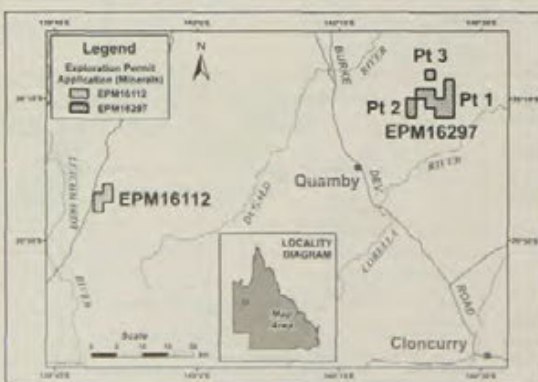
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Notification Day: 31 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE
SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

Grade 1

Community Access

Metro North Region - Various locations (Parramatta, Chatswood, Penrith)

Permanent/Temporary Full/Part-Time

Position No: DADHC-07-07991

Total Remuneration package valued up to \$71,537 per annum (salary \$46,320 pa to \$64,827 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$23.36 ph + \$32.69 ph

Job Description:

Provide therapy services in the areas of communication & dysphagia to people with intellectual disabilities and their families. All staff on community support teams may be involved in providing a service co-ordination role.

Selection Criteria:

- Recognised Degree/diploma in Speech pathology and eligibility for practising membership of the SPAA.
- Experience working with children with intellectual disabilities and their families.
- Ability to utilise a multi-disciplinary approach & experience working in community settings.
- Ability to provide assessments, intervention and consultancy services to carers, educators and others.
- Knowledge of and/or experience with augmentative communication systems & management of dysphagia.
- High level written & oral communication skills. Demonstrated computer skills in Microsoft applications.
- Knowledge of principles 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 and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: There are several positions available: permanent/temporary full/part-time (14hpw, 23 hpw, 30.4 hpw and 24 hpw). Temporary positions are for a period of up to 12 months in terms of the PSEM Act 2002. An eligibility list will be created. 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: Melissa Shina, Senior Speech Pathologist, Parramatta on 8555 3514 or Cecilia Rossi, Senior Speech Pathologist, Chatswood on 9450 7882.

Information Package: 1800 185 466 or email: Ann.Miller@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications To: Apply on-line as per link in Information Package or post to Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 19 October 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
MURRUMBIDGE CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
**PROJECT OFFICER
ABORIGINAL NRM**

Clerk Grade 4/5, Wagga Wagga, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No CMA2007/094. Total remuneration package valued to: \$69,592 p.a. (\$55,010-\$63,056).

Facilitate opportunities for Aboriginal communities to be involved in Natural Resource Management within the Murrumbidgee catchment. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues. Demonstrated ability in working with Aboriginal community groups. Good written and oral communication skills, including basic computer skills. Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping. Ability to work as part of a team/network. Ability to liaise with Government agencies, other organisations and individuals. Current driver's licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a temporary position under Sections 86 or 27 & 28 of the PSE&M Act 2002 for a period up to 30 June 2008.

Inquiries: Geoff Simpson (02) 8932 3249. **Information Packages:** cma.infolpack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 094 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 12 October 2007.

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Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RE-ADVERTISED

Biripi Aboriginal Medical Centre, Taree, is a community controlled health service catering for approximately 3,500 Aboriginal people of the Mid North Coast of NSW.

With an annual budget of \$5m, and 65 staff, the AMS provides a range of services that include general primary health care, social and emotional wellbeing, health promotion programs and programs in dental health and aged care.

Selection Criteria:

- Experience at a senior management level in a service delivery organisation. Previous experience in organisational and service delivery planning.
- Opportunistic and entrepreneurial. Proven ability to source funding to develop the organisation.
- Good understanding of financial management.
- Strong administration skills teamed with the ability to develop a vision for future growth.
- Strong communication and team building skills with demonstrated leadership ability.
- Excellent networking and relationship building ability.
- Understanding of corporate governance and experience working with community boards would be useful.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications would be an advantage.

The successful applicant will have a strong appreciation of the role of community controlled organisations and an understanding of the issues impacting upon the health status of Aboriginal people in rural communities.

A competitive remuneration package, including a motor vehicle and relocation expenses will be negotiated for the successful applicant.

Contact **HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS** on 02 4940 8700, or by emailing glynis@humanresourceconsultants.com.au to get a **Information Package** and full selection criteria. Applications close **23 October 2007**.

**NSW Sorry Day Committee Inc.
Aboriginal Coordinator**

The New South Wales Sorry Day Committee (NSW SDC) is located in Redfern and we are currently developing our premises and organisation. Our Committee is made up predominantly of members of the Stolen Generations who as children had been placed in institutions or fostered or adopted into non-Aboriginal families. Our aim is to provide a fully functioning support service for members of the Stolen Generations. We are seeking a motivated person to join our rewarding service.

Job Description: The Coordinator will be responsible for the day to day running of the NSW Sorry Day Committee and will be accountable to and take direction from the Committee.

Job Notes: The Coordinator's position is a full time position for 26 weeks with the view to an ongoing permanent position subject to obtaining further funding.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality; Familiarity of the Stolen Generations - preferably experience in working with members of the Stolen Generations and or willingness to learn from the Stolen Generations members; Proven organisational development skills; Demonstrated ability in coordinating the development of an integrated service delivery model with appropriate strategies; Demonstrated written and oral communication skills; Demonstrated financial management skills; Demonstrated ability in report writing, funding submissions and acquittal statements; Demonstrated level of computer literacy; Demonstrated understanding of EEO and OH&S; Current drivers license.

Package: The package for 26 weeks full time employment will be \$27,587 and will include employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

For Further Information: Ring Marie Melito Russell on 0437100121

Applications closing date: 30th October 2007.

Please Forward Applications to: Ms Marie Melito Russell, Secretary, NSW Sorry Day Committee, PO Box 3085, REDFERN, NSW 2016.

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.

10-14 October: Spirit of the Land. This is a four day event which will include

traditional indigenous smoking ceremony, art exhibits, picnic races, didgeridoo performance, celebrities, arts trail, sculptures, a national design competition, live music heritage and garden trails, bush tucker and more. Held in Lockhart. Details call (02) 6920 4280 or email spintofoheland@bigpond.com or visit www.spintofohelandlockhart.com.au

11 October: The Daphne Mayo Lecture: James Meyer Entropy as Monument. The lecture will address the recent fascination with Robert Smithson's entropic practice, as marked in the 2004 Whitney Biennial and in the work of Renee Green, Sam Durant, and Mike Nelson. From 6pm onwards. Free event, all welcome. Details call (07) 3365 3046 or email artmuseum@uq.edu.au

15 October: Fitness Instructor Classes.

Are you interested in health and recreation? Sydney Institute is offering free training for Aboriginal students who want to become a gym or aqua instructor. This is a great opportunity to get an introduction to this industry and entry into the Certificate III in Fitness. Held at Sutherland College, Loftus campus. Details call 1300 360 601 or email sydney.info@det.nsw.edu.au or visit www.sit.nsw.edu.au

15 October: Indigenous Youth - Stepping up and forward. This is a six week course including a 3 day cultural awareness camp featuring topics, understanding the past and present through Indigenous Cultural Studies Exploring career pathways and many more. Cost \$103 per student. Details call Lois Sloan on (03) 9286 9891 or email l.sloan@bhtafe.edu.au

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|---------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| EPM16164 | Approx. 146 km WNW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°44'S Long.138°12'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina | Area: 317 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3098 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3099 f, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 3170 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 3171 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3242 e 3243 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3244 v 3315 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u 3316 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t | Tasman Resources NL 009 253 187 |
| EPM16165 | Approx. 105 km WNW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.24°01'S Long.138°30'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina | Area: 229 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 73 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 3389 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3390 v, w Cooper Creek 5 t, u, x, y, z 6 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 78 d, e, k 79 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 80 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k | Tasman Resources NL 009 253 187 |

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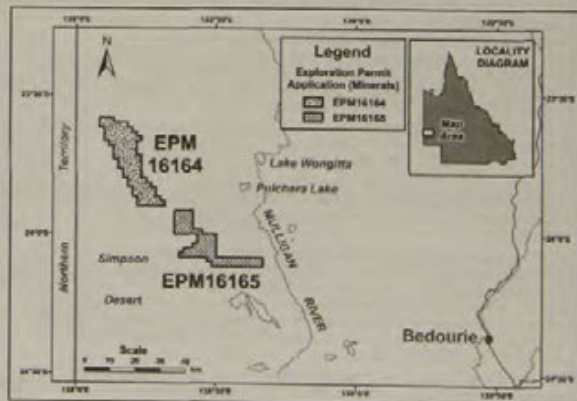
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17 October: Redfern Records Entertainment Official Label Launch. Brining the party from Redfern to Kings Cross. Details call Nikita on (0415) 095 661 or visit www.redfernrecords.com.au or www.myspace.com/redfernrecords

19 October: Yalbilanga Boori Day Care Centre celebrating their 20th Anniversary with an Open Day. The day will have lots of fun activities for the kids and a BBQ lunch. Held at Cowra RSL Club from 10am-2pm. Dinner and Karaoke from 7-11pm. Details call Caroline on (02) 6342 1300 or email yalbil@bigpond.net.au

19 October: Aboriginal Police Career Day 2007. A career in the NSW Police Force offers you excitement, challenge and the opportunity to contribute positively to the safety and security of the community. The Aboriginal Police Career Day is a great way to see the career options available and take

a first-hand look at what it's like to be a police officer. Held at the PCYC, Griffith from 2-8pm. Details call Steve Lowe on (02) 8835 9876.

22 October – 2 November: "World Records" Comes to Mackay. These two weeks of community workshops will be held as part of the development of a musical script that will highlight and honour the little known "World Record" achievements of the Torres Strait Islanders during construction of the Iron Ore tracks in the Pilbara in the late 1960's. Details call Irene Feuz on (0402) 717 913.

Until 13 October: Munda Gulli Goonagulla (Earth, Ocean, Sky) Art Exhibition by Wayne Quilliam. Held at Boscia Galleries Level 4, 175 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. All welcome. Details call Wayne Quilliam on (0413) 812 222 or call (02) 9639 0399 or email rsvp@bosciagalleries.com or visit www.bosciagalleries.com

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Until 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

Until 20 October: The bones of my people Exhibition. Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-operative is inviting you to join us at this Exhibition. Held in Leichhardt from 9am-5pm all welcome. Details call (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.org.au

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.jobfindindcentre.com.au

www.tribalwarrior.org

Until 26 October: NSW Youth Week Design Competitions for 2008. The competitions are to design two Temporary Tattoos and a Poster. These competitions provide young designers with the opportunity to win prizes, promote 2008 Youth Week in NSW and showcase their talents as a designer. The winner will also receive \$500 prize money. Details call Vanessa on (02) 9716 2872 or email vanessa.merewether@community.nsw.gov.au

Until 26 October: AFC Indigenous Branch Grants – Drama Development. An Australia Film Commission program to provide grants for the project-specific development costs of features, short features and shorts by emerging Indigenous practitioners. The AFC seeks outstanding drama projects which are based on strong ideas, are well-crafted, of varying styles and content, exhibit a high level of creative ambition and can demonstrate the possibility of being financed for production. Details call 1800 226 615 or email indigenous@afc.gov.au or visit www.afc.gov.au/funding

Until 31 October: Free Music Course. Young people who are interested in telling their stories and developing hip-hop music are encouraged to participate in Hip-Hop 101. This latest urban music course from ICE will encourage young people to develop their lyric writing skills, right through to making a video clip. Held at the Switch Multimedia and Digital Arts Centre and the Youth and Community Recreation Centre, Granville from 11am to 3pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Details call (02) 9897 5744 and press 7 or email urbanmusic@ice.org.au

Until 31 October: The Young Achievement Australia Business Skills Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Through the program, participants establish a company, write and implement a business plan, sell shares, produce, market and sell goods or services. Running over a 24-week period. Co-ordinating Mentor provided. Details: Sara Hamilton on (02) 9232 3088.

Until 1 November: On Site Sewage Management Grants. The aim of the program is to minimise pollution risks to the drinking water resulting from on-site sewer systems. Local Governments are responsible for the regulation and management of the on-site sewer systems within their respective boundaries. Details call Gwenda on (02) 4723 9238 or email fundingprograms@sca.nsw.gov.au or visit www.sca.nsw.gov.au

Until 15 November: OzCo Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Fellowships. Fellowship grants provide financial support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to enable them to undertake a major creative project or program in their art form. Grant is \$45,000 per year for two years. Details call (02) 9215 9065 or email atsia@ozco.gov.au or visit www.ozco.gov.au/grants

Until 18 November: The 24th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards. Visit www.darwinfestival.org.au

Until 30 November: The Innis Foundation Indigenous Scholarship. The Innis Foundation and Southern Cross University in association with Surfing Australia invite Australians of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to apply for the Innis Foundation Indigenous Student Scholarship. The scholarship is for a period of one year subject to satisfactory progress and covers course fees. Details call Peter Carter on (02) 6620 3475 or email peter.carter@scu.edu.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 visit www.worldvision.com.au/birring

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

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| EPM16017 | Approx. 14 km ENE from Dimbulah Centred at approximate Lat.17°08'S Long.145°15'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba | Area: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 951 o, p, l, u 952 l | NQ Mining & Exploration Pty Ltd 122 172 445 |
| EPM16171 | Approx. 41 km WNW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.16°57'S Long.144°12'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba | Area: 60 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 723 v, w 794 p, u 795 a, b, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, y, z | Ozmin Resources Pty Ltd 109 323 042 |
| EPM16215 | Approx. 50 km NNE from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.16°46'S Long.144°48'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba | Area: 160 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 49 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 585 o, p, l, u, y, z 586 g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 657 d, e, j, k 658 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, p, u 659 f, l, q, r, v, w 731 a, b, g | Queensland Ores Holdings Pty Ltd 122 282 366 |

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie: MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2001 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1a, 22nd August, 2001.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

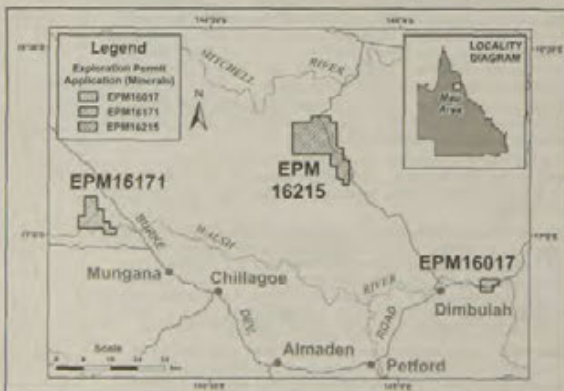
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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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

Until 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.ilbijerri.org.au

Until 12 October: Girls Cricket Camp. This program is perfect for girls of all levels of crickering ability. Registration at 12.30pm on Monday. Camp concludes at 12 noon Friday. Held at Borambola 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

Until 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

Until 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

10-12 October: Advanced Digital Filmmaking Workshop. In three intensive days this course aims to develop your filmmaking skills in one or two of the following disciplines: directing, screenwriting, acting for the screen, camera, sound, editing, music composition or art direction. From 10am-6pm and costs \$250. All welcome. Details call (02) 9361 5318 or email metro@metroscreen.org.au or visit www.metroscreen.org.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

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.

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Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| EPC1141 | Approx. 89 km SE from Pentland. Centred at approximate Lat.21°11'S Long.145°53'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Darymple | Area: 873 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 273 (each 11at x 11ong.) Block Number Sub-blocks 884 j, k, p, u 885 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 886 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 887 f, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 957 d, e, j, k, o, p, u 958 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 959 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 960 f, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 1030 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u 1031 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 1032 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 1033 a, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 1103 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, p, u, z 1104 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 1105 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, z, v, w 1106 a, f, g 1176 c, d, e, j, k, p | Swanbank Resources Pty Ltd 108 568 725 |

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Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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Department of Water & Energy

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

PA, J M & C J BASHAM 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 1 DP34479, Parish Corry, County Wakool
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 07/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1238 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484742)

Lindsay Gordon PARK & Jill PARK have submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Edward River):

Works: 1 x 50mm Pump
Location: Lot 3 DP605070, Parish North Denilquin, 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 07/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1239 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484742)

Douglas Charles FASHAM & Marilyn Ellen FASHAM 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 B DP406290, Parish Corry, County Wakool, OR Lot 4 DP756515, Parish Bookit, County Wakool
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 07/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1240 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484742)

Lindsay Michael HARRINGTON & Susan Maree HARRINGTON have submitted an application to amend an existing Water Supply Works & Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Murray River):

Works: 1 x 50mm pump (additional)
Location: Lot 134 DP756508, Parish Barham, County Wakool
Purpose: Stock & 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 07/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50CA502787 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484742)

Lindsay Holden
Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Denilquin NSW 2710



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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.ired.com.au

16 October: Night by the Fire with Donald Benrose. A monthly night by the campfire with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. These gatherings give the general public an opportunity to sit and yarn with local Indigenous people and have discussions. Free entry and starts at 6.30pm, all welcome. Details call Amanda Hayman on (07) 3842 9061 or email Amanda.Hayman@slq.qld.gov.au or visit www.slq.qld.gov.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

20-23 October: Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference 2007. All welcome. Held in Broome, Western Australia. Details call Angelique Fransen on (0419) 921 946 or email waitoc@westernaustralia.com or visit www.aaltc2007.com

20-21 October: All Blacks Carnival 2007: Held at the Junior Leagues Ground Mann Street. All welcome. Details email info@nzrugby.co.nz. Or visit www.allblacks.com

23 October: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander human resource and industrial relations workshops. This course will explain basic rights and obligations under NSW employment laws and the interaction with federal employment laws to help you understand how they apply in your workplace. Held at Campbelltown City Centre. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

23 October: Across the Great Divide featuring Silverchair and Powder Finger. Held at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong. Tickets \$99.90. All welcome. Details call Ticketek on 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

25-26 October: World of Women Film Festival 2007. The WOW Film Festival is a short film festival that promotes and awards the talents of women directors, producers, writers, editors and cinematographers in the Australian film industry and in Oceania. Held at Chauvel Cinema in Paddington, Sydney. Details call Sil Nyin on (0402) 246 601 or Julia Avenell on (02) 9805 6550 or email wowfilmfestival@nsw.wiff.org

26-29 October: Victorian Art Awards Ceremony and Exhibition. This is one of Australia's richest Indigenous art award programs with a prize pool of \$47,000. The awards encompass the visual arts, oral history, photography and the written word. Held at Koorie Heritage, Melbourne. Details call Elizabeth Liddle on (03) 9954 5017 or Magda Petkoff on (03) 9328 4522 or (0409) 436 473 or email info@purplemedia.com.au

26 October: Satellite Youth Engagement Workshop. Indigenous young people between the ages of 18 to 30 years are invited to this workshop to network and explore relevant issues impacting on Indigenous youth. Held in Perth. Details call Grant Paulson on (02) 6273 9200 mobile (0418) 872 717 or web www.reconciliation.org.au

28 October: Parramatta Filmmakers meeting. 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email lily@performancespace.com.au

29-30 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.ired.com.au

31 October: 2007 Aboriginal Justice Awards Ceremony. Outlined awards are: The Justice Medal, The Aboriginal Justice Award, The Pro Bono Partnership Award and Law and Justice Volunteer Award. Held at the Parliament House, Sydney. Details call Grainne Murphy on (02) 8227 3203 or email if@lawfoundation.net.au or visit www.justiceawards.lawfoundation.net.au

31 October: Law and Justice Foundation Grants. The Law and Justice Foundation's

grants program supports projects that meet the Foundation's objectives of improving access to justice. Details call Janette on (02) 8227 3210 or email jleggo@lawfoundation.net.au or visit www.lawfoundation.net.au

1-3 November: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival National Tour. This includes shorts, feature films and documentaries providing a powerful and insightful portrait of Indigenous Australia in the 21st century. Held at Federation Square, Melbourne, all welcome. Details call Emelda Davis on (02) 9321 6444 or email

emelda.davis@afc.gov.au or toll free 1800 226 615 or visit www.afc.gov.au/blackscreen

3 November: Sydney Pacific Unity Festival. The Pacific Unity Festival is a gathering of South Pacific communities and the general public in Sydney. The aims of the day are to raise awareness of Pacific communities, their businesses, sport and the support services. Details call Walter Nand on (0417) 362 758 or Lee Hemi on (0412) 533 704 or email enquiries@pacificunity.org or visit www.pacificunity.org

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|---|---|---|---|
| EPM16167 | Approx. 96 km NE from Gilbert River Centred at approximate Lat.17°32'S Long.143°29'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba and Etheridge | Area: 258 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 79 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1289 z 1290 r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1291 q, v, w 1261 e, k, p, u, z 1362 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 1363 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1434 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1435 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h | Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd 112 075 484 |
| EPC1118 | Approx. 135 km NNE from Gilbert River Centred at approximate Lat.17°13'S Long.143°40'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba | Area: 246 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 75 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1004 x, y, z 1005 v 1075 k, p, u, z 1076 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1077 a, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1078 f, l, q, v 1147 e, k 1148 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1149 a, h, c, d, e 1150 a | Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd 112 075 484 |
| EPM16169 | Approx. 106 km N from Gilbert River Centred at approximate Lat.17°14'S Long.143°08'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba | Area: 327 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 998 y, z 999 v, w 1069 h, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1070 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1071 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1141 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 1142 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 1143 a, h, c, f, g | Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd 112 075 484 |
| EPM16178 This Application consists of two separate parts. | Part 1: Approx. 88 km NNE from Gilbert River Centred at approximate Lat.17°29'S Long.143°19'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba and Etheridge Part 2: Approx. 101 km NNE from Gilbert River Centred at approximate Lat.17°21'S Long.143°20'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba | Area of part 1: 215 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 66 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1287 n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1288 e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1289 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1290 q 1359 d, e 1360 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, p 1361 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t Area of part 2: 111 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 34 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1144 t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1145 q, v 1216 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, t, u 1217 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w | Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd 112 075 484 |
| EPM16179 | Approx. 79 km N from Gilbert River Centred at approximate Lat.17°28'S Long.143°04'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba | Area: 258 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 79 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1289 z 1290 r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1291 q, v, w 1261 e, k, p, u, z 1362 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 1363 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1434 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1435 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h | Gold Finance and Exploration Pty Ltd 112 075 484 |

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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Number) 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, Woolloongahba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

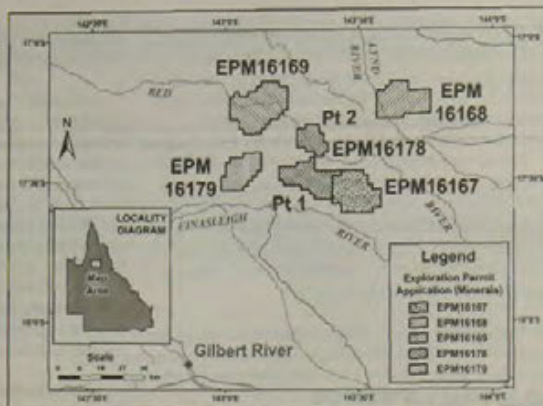
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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10-11 November: Tarerer Festival 2007. Tarerer is a festival for both koori and whitefellas and is a place to share the stories of the old people, a place to raise awareness about Indigenous culture and a place to celebrate and support both indigenous and non-indigenous performers. This is a weekend of fun, music, culture, dance and workshops. Held at the Killarney Recreation Reserve, South West Victoria. Details call Robyn (03) 5568 2095 or email robyn@tararer.com.au or visit www.tararer.com.au

11 November: Remembrance Day.

12-15 November: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association 2nd Annual National Basketball Championships held in Perth. Nomination fee \$250. Divisions available for teams: U14, U16, U18 and A grade men and women. Registrations have closed. This is a drug and alcohol-free event. Details: Nikita Ridgeway on (0415) 095 661, or go to www.atsibasketballassociation.com.au

13 November: Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of 'mouth-to-mouth' resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. Details call 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

14-15 November: Indigenous Career Development and Mentoring Conference 2007. Liquid Learning is delighted to present this highly interactive conference, featuring engaging case studies, expert insights and practical workshop sessions from leading practitioners. Details call (02) 9431 8755 or (02) 9383 7222 or visit www.liquidlearning.com.au

14 November – 8 December: Alick Tipoti – New Works Exhibition. Details call Andrew Baker on (07) 3252 2292 or mobile (0412) 990 356 or visit www.andrew-baker.com

14-15 November: The 3rd Northern Territory Indigenous Economic Development Forum. The theme for this year's Forum is 'Partnerships and Pathways' which will focus on 'doing business' - creating business opportunities, building partnership and celebrating successes for sustainable Indigenous economic activity. Held at the Holiday Inn Esplanade, Darwin. Details call (08) 8981 2010 or email ledforum@agentur.com.au or visit www.nt.gov.au/ledforum

20 November: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander human resource and industrial relations workshops. This course will explain basic rights and obligations under NSW employment laws and the interaction with federal employment laws to help you understand how they apply in your workplace. Held at level 2, Block F, 84 Crown Street, Wollongong. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

23-24 November: 2007 Schools Spectacular "MySpec". The Schools Spectacular includes more than 3,000 young performers who take part in an extraordinary showcase of colour, energy and music. Tickets are \$55 for adults, \$35 for students and concessions. Held at Sydney Entertainment Centre. Details call 1300 883 622 or visit www.schoolsspectacular.com.au

23 November: Aboriginal Chronic Disease Awareness. A healthy life makes a healthy community. Tickets \$55 per person. Held at the Lismore Workers Club from 6pm onwards. Details call Michelle Torrens on (0427) 502 181.

23-25 November: 14th Annual Sports and Cultural Festival. Includes Mixed Open and Men's Open Division, Battle of the State, Secondary Schools Division, Indigenous Australian Mixed vs NZ Maori Mixed. Prizes and Trophies valued up to \$30,000. Free kids rides, cultural stalls and entertainment. All welcome and is a drug and alcohol free event. Details call (07) 3420 4291 or toll free 1300 729 157 or email events@firstcontact.asn.au or visit www.firstcontact.asn.au

25 November: United Nations International Day to promote the elimination of violence against women. For details visit www.osw.dpmc.gov.au/international_day.cfm

25 November: Parramatta Filmmakers meeting 7-9pm Mars Hill Café. For details contact (02) 8571 9111, visit www.performancespace.com.au or email lily@performancespace.com.au

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Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 24 October 2007



National Native Title Tribunal

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 13084, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 23 January 2008. After 23 January 2008, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.

| Map | Application name | Federal Court File No | Date filed | Registration test status |
|-----|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Archer Point People | QUD352/06 | 06 September 2006 | The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration. |
| 2 | Melsonby (Gaaraay) People | QUD452/06 | 21 November 2006 | The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration. |



Location: The area subject to this application covers about 121km² and is located south of Cooktown and east of the Annan River as shown in the locality map.

Description: The application falls within the Cook Shire Council local government area.



Location: The area subject to this application covers about 198km² and is located approximately 45km north-west of Cooktown and 50km from Laura as shown in the locality map.

Description: The application falls within the Cook Shire Council local government area.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal or sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Water, Queensland.

For assistance and further information contact Karrell Ross, Case Manager on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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29 November: Satellite Youth Engagement Workshop. Indigenous young people between the ages of 18 to 30 years are invited to this workshop to network and explore relevant issues impacting on Indigenous youth. Held in Melbourne. Details call Grant Paulson on (02) 6273 9200 mobile (0418) 872 717 or web www.reconciliation.org.au

29-30 November: Money Minded Financial Education Course is an adult financial education program designed to help community workers/educators build confidence around every-day money matters. Details: Susan Allen (02) 4627 2792 or go to susana@bensoc.org.au or www.docep.org.au

30 November: Yan Yean Gathering 2007. Are you a young Indigenous performer, singer, comedian, dancer or are in a band? We are looking for young Indigenous performers to come and showcase their talents in dance, song or drama. Held at the Aboriginal Advancement League, Victoria from 10am-3pm. Details call Jade Colgan on (02) 9267 3788 or mobile (0423) 608 999 or email viyac@viyac.org.au

3 December: Hurstville Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting. All welcome. Meeting is held at the Civic Centre, Level 1, Meeting Room 2. Details: Louise Durmush on (02) 9599 0233.

10 December: Human Rights Day. Celebrates the

proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

11 December: 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 Travelodge, Cnr King and Steel Street, Newcastle from 9am. Details call Rae Hamilton on (02) 9020 4618 or 1300 361 968 or web www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au

13 December: Babies Proms; Santa Babies. Come and sing your favourite carols and help us decorate our very own Babies Prom Christmas tree. Ages 2-5. Tickets \$5. Held at the Sydney Opera House in the Utzon Room. Details call Eva Kaufman on (02) 9698 3775 or (02) 9698 9569 or call Sveta Gilerman on (03) 9250 7812 or email openhouse@sydneyoperahouse.com

13-14 December: Money Minded Financial Education Course. MoneyMinded is an adult financial education program designed to help

community workers/educators build confidence around every-day money matters. Details: Susan Allen (02) 4627 2792 or go to susana@bensoc.org.au or www.docep.org.au

15 December 2007 - 24 February 2008: Shepparton Gallery Indigenous Ceramic Art Exhibition. Shepparton Art Gallery offers these awards to encourage and stimulate excellence in Indigenous ceramic arts, and provide cultural exchange opportunities for Indigenous artists from around Australia and regional Victoria. All welcome. Details call (03) 5832 9861 or email art.gallery@shepparton.vic.gov.au or visit www.sheppartonartgallery.com.au

11 February 2008: Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of 'mouth-to-mouth' resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. Details call 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

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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 |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 04/1540 | Baracusa Pty Ltd | 52.26km ² | 105km NWly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat 17°27' Long 124°57' | Derby-West Kimberley |
| 06/1790 | Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd | 69.52km ² | 123km Sly of Onslow | Lat 22°43' Long 115°24' | Ashburton |
| 06/1800 | Desert Energy Ltd | 75.37km ² | 168km Nly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat 23°33' Long 115°31' | Ashburton/Carnarvon |
| 09/1464 | Athena Resources Ltd | 419.41km ² | 144km NWly of Yalgoo | Lat 27°13' Long 115°56' | Murchison |
| 09/1468 | Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd | 218.92km ² | 112km SEly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat 26°51' Long 115°53' | Murchison |
| 09/1469 | Regapoint Exploration Pty Ltd | 312.55km ² | 178km Sly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat 26°37' Long 115°29' | Murchison |
| 15/958 | Image Resources Ltd | 93.48km ² | 27km SWly of Widgemoor | Lat 31°38' Long 121°21' | Coalgate |
| 15/970 | Australian Nickel Mines NL | 49.64km ² | 19km Sly of Widgemoor | Lat 31°39' Long 121°31' | Coalgate |
| 15/976 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 52.66km ² | 11km Ely of Widgemoor | Lat 31°29' Long 121°41' | Coalgate |
| 15/980 | | | | | |
| 15/977 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 26.33km ² | 21km Ely of Widgemoor | Lat 31°27' Long 121°47' | Coalgate |
| 15/978 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 35.15km ² | 17km Sly of Kambalda | Lat 31°21' Long 120°49' | Coalgate |
| 15/981 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 43.85km ² | 29km Ely of Widgemoor | Lat 31°32' Long 121°52' | Coalgate |
| 15/982 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 35.05km ² | 32km Ely of Widgemoor | Lat 31°36' Long 121°53' | Coalgate |
| 15/984 | South Kal Mines Pty Ltd | 29.36km ² | 18km NWly of Kambalda | Lat 31°07' Long 121°30' | Coalgate |
| 15/987 | Australasian Resources Ltd | 145.88km ² | 115km SEly of Southern Cross | Lat 31°51' Long 120°17' | Coalgate/Dundas |
| 15/989 | St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd | 11.67km ² | 21km Sly of Widgemoor | Lat 31°41' Long 121°36' | Coalgate |
| 15/990 | South Kal Mines Pty Ltd | 113.84km ² | 40km SEly of Widgemoor | Lat 31°40' Long 121°57' | Coalgate |
| 15/992 | Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd | 182.44km ² | 74km SWly of Widgemoor | Lat 31°51' Long 120°55' | Coalgate/Dundas |
| | Athena Resources Ltd | | | | |
| 15/993 | Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd | 201.28km ² | 42km SWly of Widgemoor | Lat 31°46' Long 121°16' | Coalgate |
| | Athena Resources Ltd | | | | |
| 15/994-5 | Athena Resources Ltd | 303.88km ² | 49km Ely of Widgemoor | Lat 31°36' Long 122°04' | Coalgate |
| 15/996 | Lighthouse Investments Pty Ltd | 187.1km ² | 79km SEly of Kambalda | Lat 31°31' Long 122°24' | Coalgate/Dundas |
| | Athena Resources Ltd | | | | |
| 15/1019 | Mount Finer Pty Ltd | 26.54km ² | 57km Ely of Koolanobbing | Lat 30°51' Long 120°06' | Coalgate |
| 16/031 | Wayne Craig Van Bitterwijk | 23.63km ² | 51km NWly of Coalgate | Lat 30°16' Long 120°49' | Coalgate |
| 16/037 | Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd | 11.83km ² | 73km NWly of Coalgate | Lat 30°42' Long 120°40' | Coalgate |
| 16/039 | La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd | 2.95km ² | 27km Wly of Koolanobbing | Lat 30°40' Long 121°11' | Coalgate |
| 16/040 | La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd | 11.70km ² | 25km Nly of Coalgate | Lat 30°43' Long 121°10' | Coalgate |
| 25/041 | Murchison Resources Pty Ltd | 8.81km ² | 42km NWly of Kambalda | Lat 31°03' Long 122°04' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/046 | Gindalbie Metals Ltd | 5.91km ² | 45km NEly of Koolanobbing | Lat 30°29' Long 121°50' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/055 | Hampton Nickel Ltd | 2.95km ² | 30km NEly of Koolanobbing | Lat 30°26' Long 121°45' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/058 | Cazaly Resources Ltd | 26.69km ² | 37km NEly of Koolanobbing | Lat 30°27' Long 121°39' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| | Proto Resources and Investments Ltd | | | | |
| 29/1770 | Royce William Allen | 73.78km ² | 62km Ely of Koolanobbing | Lat 30°38' Long 122°06' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 29/1779 | Took Coninco Australia Pty Ltd | 201.49km ² | 92km Nly of Rowland | Lat 30°16' Long 124°51' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 29/1781 | Mineral Sands Limited | 61.38km ² | 105km Nly of Balladonia | Lat 31°31' Long 123°47' | Dundas |
| 29/1788 | Rumell Holdings Pty Ltd | 171.29km ² | 132km Ely of Koolanobbing | Lat 30°31' Long 122°49' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 29/1789 | Newmont Exploration Pty Ltd | 5.91km ² | 108km Ely of Koolanobbing | Lat 30°26' Long 122°32' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 30/030 | Regapoint Exploration Pty Ltd | 139.57km ² | 85km SWly of Menzies | Lat 30°06' Long 120°18' | Kalgoorlie/Menzies |
| 30/041 | Devonport Pty Ltd | 8.84km ² | 108km Wly of Menzies | Lat 29°44' Long 119°54' | Menzies |
| 45/0015 | Atlas Iron Ltd | 144.97km ² | 29km Wly of Goldsworthy | Lat 20°17' Long 119°16' | Port Hedland Town |
| 45/0018 | Atlas Iron Pty Ltd | 3.21km ² | 11km NWly of Goldsworthy | Lat 20°17' Long 119°25' | Port Hedland Town |
| 47/1539 | Pel Iron Ore Pty Ltd | 221.47km ² | 80km SEly of Willemoort | Lat 22°35' Long 119°01' | Ashburton/East Pilbara |
| 47/1557 | Orchem Resources Ltd | 126.92km ² | 71km Wly of Willemoort | Lat 22°02' Long 117°41' | Ashburton |
| 47/1558 | Orchem Resources Ltd | 57.09km ² | 69km NWly of Port Hedland | Lat 22°05' Long 117°17' | Ashburton |
| 47/1730 | Resource and Investment NL | 60.93km ² | 43km SWly of Port Hedland | Lat 20°33' Long 118°16' | Port Hedland Town |
| 47/1767 | United Iron Pty Ltd | 12.62km ² | 87km NWly of Newman | Lat 22°58' Long 118°59' | East Pilbara |
| 51/1244 | Everett Smith & Co Pty Ltd | 73.88km ² | 58km Nly of Meekatharra | Lat 28°04' Long 118°34' | Meekatharra |
| 51/1245 | Everett Smith & Co Pty Ltd | 3.08km ² | 73km Nly of Meekatharra | Lat 27°56' Long 118°39' | Meekatharra |
| 51/1246 | Everett Smith & Co Pty Ltd | 215.54km ² | 61km Nly of Meekatharra | Lat 26°06' Long 118°48' | Meekatharra |
| 52/2136 | Watwick John Fint | 3.14km ² | 17km SWly of Newman | Lat 23°22' Long 119°36' | Meekatharra |
| 53/1300 | Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd | 82.86km ² | 132km Ely of Wiluna | Lat 28°26' Long 121°32' | Wiluna |
| 57/588 | Gidley Resources Ltd | 212.73km ² | 39km Nly of Sandstone | Lat 27°38' Long 119°13' | Sandstone |
| 57/709 | Legend Mining Ltd | 21.34km ² | 79km Nly of Sandstone | Lat 27°18' Long 119°01' | Sandstone |
| 57/715 | Piccadilly Resources Pty Ltd | 206.35km ² | 36km NWly of Sandstone | Lat 27°45' Long 119°03' | Sandstone |
| 57/717 | Piccadilly Resources Pty Ltd | 142.35km ² | 58km Ely of Sandstone | Lat 28°05' Long 119°51' | Sandstone |
| 57/718 | Piccadilly Resources Pty Ltd | 181.38km ² | 66km SEly of Sandstone | Lat 28°18' Long 119°52' | Sandstone |
| 59/1394 | Spa Gold Ltd | 211.42km ² | 44km NEly of Yalgoo | Lat 28°11' Long 122°06' | Yalgoo |
| 63/1016 | Epsilon Energy Ltd | 165.91km ² | 75km NEly of Norseman | Lat 31°55' Long 122°30' | Dundas |
| 63/1113 | Select Minerals Pty Ltd | 26.17km ² | 27km NWly of Norseman | Lat 32°02' Long 121°33' | Dundas |
| 63/1123 | Lake Rivers Gold Pty Ltd | 31.74km ² | 29km Nly of Salmon Gums | Lat 32°44' Long 121°45' | Dundas |
| 63/1133-4 | Lonore Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 5.78km ² | 90km NWly of Salmon Gums | Lat 32°31' Long 120°49' | Dundas |
| 63/1135 | Lonore Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 99.05km ² | 118km SWly of Widgemoor | Lat 31°57' Long 120°25' | Coalgate/Dundas |
| 63/1136 | Lonore Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 43.66km ² | 127km SEly of Southern Cross | Lat 32°03' Long 120°14' | Dundas |
| 63/1137 | Lonore Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 20.34km ² | 128km Wly of Norseman | Lat 32°12' Long 120°25' | Dundas |
| 63/1138 | Lonore Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 2.89km ² | 109km Wly of Norseman | Lat 32°27' Long 120°39' | Dundas |
| 63/1139 | Lonore Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 14.51km ² | 114km Wly of Norseman | Lat 32°16' Long 120°34' | Dundas |
| 63/1140 | Lonore Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 57.84km ² | 90km NWly of Salmon Gums | Lat 32°36' Long 120°45' | Dundas |
| 63/1141 | Lonore Australia (Nickel) Ltd | 37.64km ² | 105km NWly of Salmon Gums | Lat 32°30' Long 120°40' | Dundas |
| 63/1156 | Broken Range NL | 5.76km ² | 66km Wly of Salmon Gums | Lat 32°50' Long 120°55' | Dundas |
| 71/1395 | Goldridge Pty Ltd | 29.91km ² | 139km Wly of Menzies | Lat 29°22' Long 119°39' | Menzies |
| | Peter Alexander Peabbles | | | | |
| 77/1399 | Sons of Gwalia Ltd | 11.56km ² | 79km Ely of Hyden | Lat 32°39' Long 119°42' | Kondinin |
| 77/1405 | Mindax Energy Pty Ltd | 100.48km ² | 60km NWly of Bulbinch | Lat 30°32' Long 118°41' | Westonia/Margaret |
| 80/0730 | Baudia Australia Pty Ltd | 298.69km ² | 213km NWly of Wyndham | Lat 14°00' Long 126°25' | Wyndham & East Kimberley |
| 80/0742 | Mennino Pty Ltd | 227.69km ² | 26km NEly of Halls Creek | Lat 18°10' Long 127°52' | Halls Creek |
| 80/0813-4 | Kalena Mines Pty Ltd | 660.43km ² | 114km Sly of Balgo Mission | Lat 21°07' Long 127°57' | East Pilbara/Halls Creek |
| 80/0890-3 | Nicholson East Pty Ltd | 2599.44km ² | 75km Ely of Halls Creek | Lat 18°16' Long 128°22' | Halls Creek |
| 80/0895 | Sipa Gold Ltd | 302.53km ² | 93km Sly of Halls Creek | Lat 19°17' Long 127°36' | Halls Creek |
| 80/0897 | Sharon Heng | 74.63km ² | 34km Sly of Halls Creek | Lat 18°32' Long 127°41' | Halls Creek |

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 10 October 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 10 January 2008. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 10 February 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE - MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES

TAKE NOTICE that **INTERNATIONAL METALS PTY LTD** (ACN 110 663 155) of 1/22 Maple Avenue, Forestville, SA 5035, is the registered holder of Exploration Licences 3323, 3313 and 3800 and proposes to carry out exploration activities on the said Exploration Licences which incorporate the land bounded as set out below:

Exploration Licence 3323 - Lake Tallacoota Area - approximately 200 km northwest of Ceduna, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°45'S and longitude 131°45'E, thence east to longitude 132°02'E, south to latitude 30°46'S, east to longitude 132°04'E, south to latitude 30°58'S, east to longitude 132°14'E, south to latitude 31°00'S, west to longitude 131°42'E, north to latitude 30°55'S, east to longitude 131°45'E, and north to the point of commencement. Total area: 938 square kilometres approximately.

Exploration Licence 3313 - East Nullarbor Regional Reserve Area - approximately 200 km northwest of Ceduna, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°00'S and longitude 131°42'E, thence east to longitude 132°04'E, south to latitude 31°10'S, west to longitude 132°02'E, south to latitude 31°11'S, west to longitude 131°59'E, south to latitude 31°12'S, west to longitude 131°58'E, south to latitude 31°13'S, west to longitude 131°57'E, south to latitude 31°14'S, west to longitude 131°55'E, south to latitude 31°15'S, west to longitude 131°42'E, and north to the point of commencement. Total area: 885 square kilometres approximately.

Exploration Licence 3800 - Nullarbor Area - approximately 220 km northwest of Ceduna, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°43'S and longitude 131°38'E, thence east to longitude 131°45'E, south to latitude 31°10'S, east to longitude 132°02'E, south to latitude 31°11'S, west to longitude 131°59'E, south to latitude 31°12'S, west to longitude 131°58'E, south to latitude 31°13'S, west to longitude 131°57'E, south to latitude 31°14'S, west to longitude 131°55'E, south to latitude 31°15'S, west to longitude 131°53'E, south to latitude 31°16'S, west to longitude 131°52'E, south to latitude 31°17'S, west to longitude 131°38'E, and north to the point of commencement. Total area: 939 square kilometres approximately.

All the above latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated 6 October 1966 (AGD66).

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploration operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation which may include but is not limited to the following: magnetic gravity, electrical and seismic surveying, geochemical sampling, shallow trenching, auger, rotary, air blast, core, reverse circulations and diamond core drilling.

The proposed operations are authorised by Exploration Licences 3323, 3313 and 3800 held by International Metals Pty Ltd under the Mining Act 1971. In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

International Metals Pty Ltd seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, International Metals Pty Ltd may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, International Metals Pty Ltd and any native title parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations, or the Minister, may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land is invited to contact International Metals Pty Ltd through its legal advisors as follows:

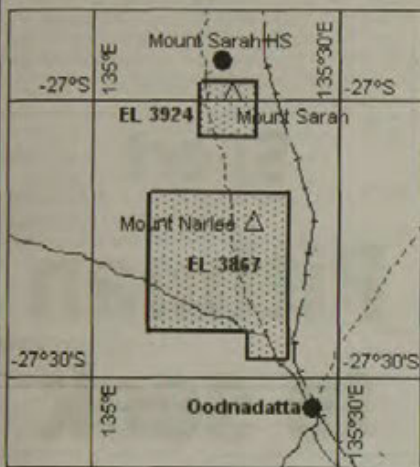
International Metals Pty Ltd
C/- McDonald Steed McGrath, Lawyers
262-266 Pine Street, Adelaide SA 5000.
Telephone: (08) 8223 5088
Facsimile: (08) 8223 5290
Contact person: Kate Bickford

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SA MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE: that Caldera Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 062 603 123) and Ellendale Resources NL (ACN 061 836 708) of PO Box 208 South Perth WA 6951 propose to undertake mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence 3867 and Exploration Licence 3924 on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

OODNADATTA AREA - between approximately 11 km and 67 km northwest of Oodnadatta, covering Exploration Licence 3867 (Mount Narlee) and Exploration Licence 3924 (Mount Sarah) bounded as follows (see diagram below):



EL 3867: Commencing at a point being the intersection of longitude 135° 07' E latitude 27° 10' S thence east to longitude 135° 24' E thence south to latitude 27° 28' S thence west to longitude 135° 19' E thence north to latitude 27° 25' S thence west to longitude 135° 07' E thence north to the commencement point.
AREA - 822 square kilometres.

EL 3924: Commencing at a point being the intersection of longitude 135° 13' E latitude 26° 58' S thence east to longitude 135° 20' E thence south to latitude 27° 04' S thence west to longitude 135° 13' E thence north to the commencement point.
AREA - 128 square kilometres.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Exploration activities to determine the geological structure of the Land and presence of economical mineralisation, which may include geophysical surveys (including magnetic, gravity and electrical survey techniques), geochemical sampling, and drilling (which may include auger, rotary air blast, reverse circulation and diamond drilling).

TAKE NOTICE: that Caldera Resources Pty Ltd and Ellendale Resources NL seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971. Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact Caldera Resources Pty Ltd and Ellendale Resources NL for the purpose of negotiating an agreement permitting Caldera Resources Pty Ltd and Ellendale Resources NL access to the Land for the purpose of undertaking the proposed mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE: that if two (2) months after notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to native title in the Land, Caldera Resources Pty Ltd and Ellendale Resources NL may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE: that if within four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, Caldera Resources Pty Ltd and Ellendale Resources NL and any native title party(ies) have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Caldera Resources Pty Ltd and
Ellendale Resources NL
PO Box 208
South Perth WA 6151
Telephone: (08) 9368 2800
Facsimile: (08) 9368 2661
Contact: Mr Chris Reindler

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 |
|---|---|--|--|
| EPM15914 This application consists of three separate parts. | Part 1: Approx. 80 km NW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°27'S Long.139°35'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Burke Part 2: Approx. 84 km NW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°27'S Long.139°32'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry, Burke and Mount Isa Part 3: Approx. 81 km NW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°29'S Long.139°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area 1: 32 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2900 v 2971 u 2972 a, f, l, q, v 3043 d, e 3044 a Area 2: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2971 a, f, g, h, j, n, s Area 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2971 w | Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017 |
| EPM16031 This application consists of three separate parts. | Part 1: Approx. 50 km N from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°35'S Long.140°07'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Burke Part 2: Approx. 58 km N from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°31'S Long.140°11'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry Part 3: Approx. 57 km N from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°31'S Long.140°09'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry | Area 1: 81 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3049 k, p 3050 b, f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3122 a, b, c, e, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w Area 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3051 a, b, f, g, i Area 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3050 j | 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 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

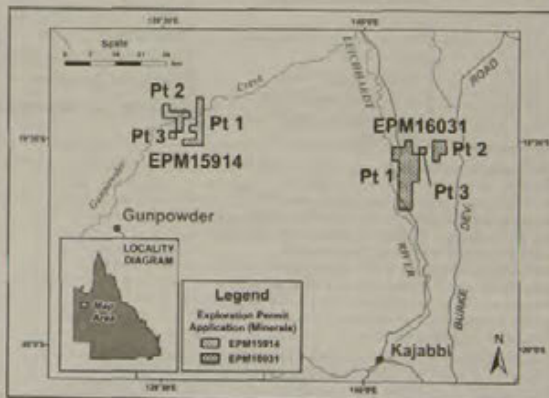
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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Calendar

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22 February - 16 March 2008: Adelaide Fringe Festival. One of the world's largest and most vibrant open-access arts festivals with a diverse program of theatre, dance, circus, comedy, cabaret, new media, music, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, film and the visual arts. Details call Christine Anthony on (08) 8100 2000 or email buzz@adelaidefringe.com.au or visit www.adelaidefringe.com.au

25-29 February 2008: 8th Australian Performing Arts Market. APAM brings together more than 400 of the most important performing arts presenters and producers from around Australia and overseas. It is the prime destination for promotion, networking and gaining an insight into Australia's performing arts. Details call (08) 8271 1488 or email apadmin@artsprojects.com.au or visit www.performingartsmarket.com.au

29 February - 16 March 2008: Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts. Australia's leading international multi-arts festival, featuring the performing, visual and literary arts. Details call Brett Sheehy on (08) 8216 4444 or email afa@adelaidefestival.com.au or visit www.adelaidefestival.com.au

5 - 13 April 2008: Youth Week in NSW. Youth Week provides young people throughout the state, no matter where they live, with an opportunity to participate. It is

organised by young people, for young people in local communities across the state. Details call (02) 9716 2872 or email youthweek@community.nsw.gov.au or visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

8 April 2008: Resuscitation Course. This course is for anyone 15 years and over that is interested in learning the correct methods of 'mouth-to-mouth' resuscitation and external cardiac compression. Cost \$35 per person. Bring a pencil and paper. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation, Sydney Olympic Park from 5.30-7.30pm. Details call 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

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Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Holders |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| EPC956 | Location of Excluded Land Approx. 29 km NW from Gympie Centred at approximate Lat.25°57'S Long.152°33'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Tairo and Kilkivan | Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land Area: 271 km ² Block Identification Map: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 88 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1614 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1615 a, b, f, i, q, v 1686 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, o, p, r, t, u, z 1687 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 1688 v, w, x, y, z 1759 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, u 1760 a, b, c, d, e, f | Core Coal (Qld) Pty Ltd 114 142 237 (50%) Jandale Holdings Pty Limited 110 606 909 (50%) |
| EPC957 | Part 1: Approx. 30 km SSW from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°44'S Long.152°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Tairo and Woocoo Part 2: Approx. 18 km S from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°42'S Long.152°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Tairo and Woocoo Part 3: Approx. 31 km S from Maryborough Centred at approximate Lat.25°48'S Long.152°38'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Tairo | Area of Part 1: 207 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 67 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1399 l, m, q, r, s, t, x, y 1470 u, z 1471 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 1541 p, u, y, z 1542 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 1543 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 1613 e Area of Part 2: 28 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1472 k, o, p, t, u 1473 a, b, f, g Area of Part 3: 25 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1544 m, n, r, s, t, w, x, y | Core Coal (Qld) Pty Ltd 114 142 237 (50%) Jandale Holdings Pty Limited 110 606 909 (50%) |

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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: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) pursuant and subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August 2001. On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Exploration Permit(s). This authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Exploration Permit(s).

Name and address of person doing Acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) will be granted by the Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, Coorparoo, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed future Acts including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed future Acts. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldcrg@fedcourt.gov.au

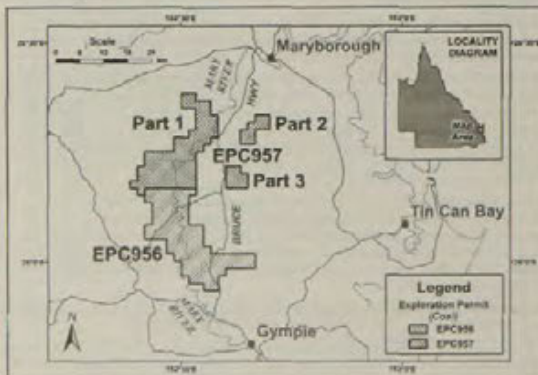
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The Government party considers the future Act(s) is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

The application to add the Excluded Land to each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the future Acts attract the Expedited Procedure.

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Notification Day: 31 October 2007



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Sport

Pittman to seek world title fight



UNDEFEATED Koori boxing sensation Jamie 'Mr Business' Pittman is off to China in what could turn out to be the most influential overseas trip of his career.

Showing the regard in which he is held, Pittman (15-0-7 knockouts) has been invited by the WBA to attend their annual conference as a special guest in Chengdu, in Sichuan Province.

The oldest and most recognised boxing organisation in the world, this will be the WBA's 86th year holding the annual conference.

As the current Pan Asian Boxing Association and Pan African middleweight champion, Pittman and manager Dean Singleton will be in high demand as they meet with the movers and shakers of the boxing world. Singleton will meet with members of the WBA world ratings committee to push Pittman's claims as he continues to make his presence felt on the world stage.

German champion

With the Southern Hemisphere now successfully conquered (Pittman has held/holds titles in Australia, Asia and Africa), Singleton will now turn his attention to gaining Pittman a dream shot at the WBA world middleweight crown against Germany's Felix Sturm.

Over the course of the five-day conference, Singleton will also meet with representatives of Sturm's camp to gauge their interest in a bout with the Australian dynamo.

Should the Germans not want to 'play ball', Pittman will look to win the WBA Fed Latin title and force the champion's hand by gaining the number one ranking and a mandatory fight with the German.

While in China, it won't be all work for 'Mr Business' and 'Singo'. Chengdu is home to one of China's most popular tourist attractions, Panda Hometown, the Disneyland of Panda sanctuaries. The Sichuan province is known throughout Asia as the 'Land of Abundance' - it includes the magnificent scenery and is famous for the centuries-old and mysterious culture of Ancient Shu Kingdom.

Once the convention is wrapped up, Singleton and his team from DSP Events will be clearer on the path Pittman will take on his way to world middleweight domination.

Indigenous boys in AIS squad

By PETER ARGENT

THREE Aboriginal lads are members of the 30-man squad, all of whom will receive an Australian Institute of Sport scholarship and become a member of the 11th AIS-AFL Academy Squad intake.

West Australian pair Clinton Garlett (Swan Districts) and 2007 Kevin Sheehan Medallist Michael Walters (Swan Districts/Midvale JFC), along with Liam

Jones (North Hobart FC), add their names to a long list of Indigenous stars who have moved through this career pathway.

The program has been a launching pad for many careers, with past Indigenous graduates including Shaun Burgoyne (Power), Matthew Stokes (Cats), Xavier and Raphael Clarke (Saints), Ashley Sampi (Eagles), Daniel Wells (Kangaroos), Richard Tambling (Tigers), Lance Franklin (Hawks), Rhan Hooper (Bears) and Patty Rider (Bombers).

The squad will take part in a

non-residential program, allowing scholarship holders to remain at home to complete their secondary schooling.

Of the players currently listed at the 16 AFL clubs, 135 – or 19 per cent – have graduated from the AIS-AFL Academy.

Over the next year, the players will meet for three camps during school holidays and also travel on an international tour of South Africa.

AIS-AFL high-performance coach Alan McConnell will again manage the squad. Candidates were considered if they had

displayed the potential to play Australia football at the elite level, had represented their State at the NAB AFL under 16 or under 18 championships, or were nominated for consideration by their relevant State talent managers.

They also needed to be ineligible for the 2007 NAB AFL Draft.

Another criteria was for the candidate to display evidence of appropriate values and attitudes needed to become an AFL player, along with a commitment to school and education outside their football interests.



Department of Water & Energy

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

RESORT ENTERPRISES 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: Strata Plan 61934, Parish Taitalia, County Cadell
Purpose: Industrial (Resort)

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 7/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1277 on all correspondence.

(03) 5898-3900

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy
PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

CHRISTOPHER SVEN PETERSEN and SARAH LISA NANCY PETERSEN have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

1 x 80MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP at/adjacent to Lot 3/1035160 in the Parish of SOUTH MAROWIE, County of NICHOLSON for IRRIGATION of 15.00 hectares (citrus & stonefruit).

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6850 2800.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 07/11/2007. Please quote the application number 70CA603380 on all correspondence.

Viv Russell, Licensing Manager, Forbes,
LICENSING (SOUTH), Department of Water & Energy
PO BOX 136, FORBES, NSW 2871

Commencement Date: 10/10/2007.

Closing Date: 07/11/2007.

WILFRED ALEXANDER ADDISON and VIRGINIA ANNE ADDISON have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

1 x BORE at/adjacent to Lot 4/750890 in the Parish of JURAMBULA, County of BOYD

for IRRIGATION at/adjacent to Lot 4, 10, 13, 14, 31, 63, 64, 65, 66 & 67 /750890 in the Parish of JURAMBULA, County of BOYD.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269330700.

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 07/11/2007. Please quote the application number 40WA404933 on all correspondence.

S.F. Webb, Licensing Manager, Licensing South
Department of Water and Energy
PO BOX 156, LEETON, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 10/10/2007.

Closing Date: 07/11/2007.

JOHN BOODE and CHRISTINE ELIZABETH BAKLIS have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE 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
on Lot 132/1013085 in the Parish of COTTADIDDA, County of DENISON, and

1 x 150MM SUBMERSIBLE PUMP
on Lot 36/859774 in the Parish of COTTADIDDA, County of DENISON for IRRIGATION purposes

within Lot 36/859774 in the Parish of COTTADIDDA, County of DENISON.

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 7th November, 2007. Please quote the application number 1224 (50CA506210) on all correspondence.

Clare Purdie, Senior Licensing Officer,
MURRAY REGION, Department of Water & Energy
PO BOX 829, ALBURY NSW 2640

Commencement Date: 10th October, 2007.

Closing Date: 7th November, 2007.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|---------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| EPM16268 | Approx. 115 km SW from Greenville Centred at approximate Lat. 19°40'S Long. 144°09'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Etheridge and Flinders | Area: 316 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1° lat x 1° long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3026 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3027 q, v 3097 z 3098 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, m, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 3099 a, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 3100 f, g, l, m, q, r 3169 e, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 3170 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, q, r, v, w 3171 a, b, c, f 3241 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |
| EPM16275 | Approx. 90 km SW from Greenville Centred at approximate Lat. 19°36'S Long. 144°24'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Etheridge, Flinders and Dalrymple | Area: 300 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 93 (each 1° lat x 1° long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3028 h, j, k, n, o, p 3029 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3030 e, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, v, w, x 3031 a, b, f, g, l 3100 h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 3101 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 3172 c, d, e, h, j, k 3173 a, b, c, f, g, h | Bowen Energy Limited 120 965 095 |

* 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.

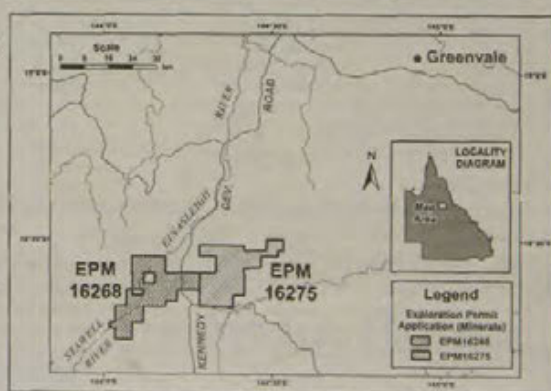
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 31 October 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Cairns Marlins overcome PNG national basketball side



THE Cairns Indigenous Marlins overcame the Papua New Guinea national basketball team 113-89 on 15 September at the Bendigo Bank Basketball Centre in Cairns.

The touring PNG Kummels were joined

by local brothers Peterson and Charles Opio, after they were named in the national squad earlier in the year, and Marlins 'legend' Gausa Arnold, who has PNG heritage.

It was the Kummels' first opportunity to play together since finishing ninth at the Arafura Games in Darwin this last June

and the team used the game as a hit-out before heading to Samoa for the South Pacific Games.

The exhibition game was the first time the Indigenous Marlins had played together since taking out the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander basketball championship in Sydney in

October 2006 and was valuable preparation before they travel to Perth in November to defend the title.

Joel Khalu, Brent Khalu, Jacob Pilot, Michael Paiwan, Thomas Samuel and Richard Ketchell were joined by former Taipan Deba George, who will also be suiting up for the team this year.

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 25609 sought by ARNHEM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 112 776 360 over an area of 33 Blocks (93 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



Exploration Licence 26304 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1587 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the LIGNUM locality.



Exploration Licence 26109 sought by BENHALL RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 122 839 525, and IAN GREGORY PARNWELL over an area of 72 Blocks (235 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the BRUNETTE locality.



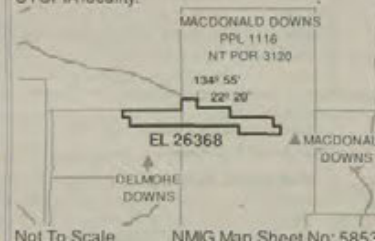
Exploration Licence 26110 sought by BENHALL RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 122 839 525, and IAN GREGORY PARNWELL over an area of 130 Blocks (423 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the BOREE locality.



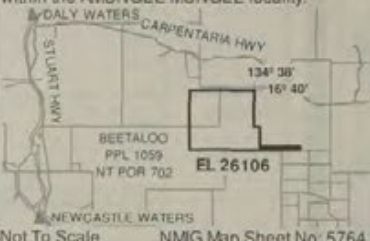
Exploration Licence 26367 sought by BLUEKEBBLE PTY LTD, ACN 116 988 508 over an area of 21 Blocks (67 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the UTOPIA locality.



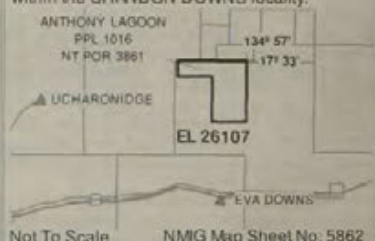
Exploration Licence 26368 sought by BLUEKEBBLE PTY LTD, ACN 116 988 508 over an area of 97 Blocks (112 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the UTOPIA locality.



Exploration Licence 26106 sought by DUNMARRA URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 037 612 over an area of 470 Blocks (1541 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the AMUNGEE MUNGEE locality.



Exploration Licence 26107 sought by DUNMARRA URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 125 037 612 over an area of 105 Blocks (344 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SHANDON DOWNS locality.



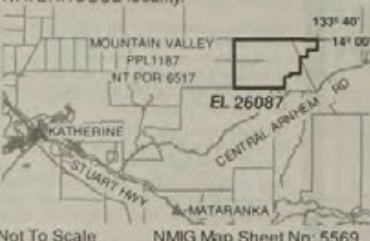
Exploration Licence 26360 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ACN 120 855 352 over an area of 1 Block (4 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



Exploration Licence 26273 sought by MILLRIDGE HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 108 705 291 over an area of 150 Blocks (494 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MONTEJINI locality.



Exploration Licence 26087 sought by NORTH AUSTRALIAN DIAMONDS LTD, ACN 009 153 119 over an area of 281 Blocks (936 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WATERHOUSE locality.



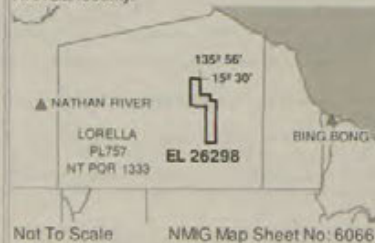
Exploration Licence 26315 sought by REGALPOINT EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 122 727 342 over an area of 45 Blocks (140 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ANNINGIE locality.



Exploration Licence 26323 sought by REGALPOINT EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 122 727 342 over an area of 11 Blocks (29 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KATHERINE locality.



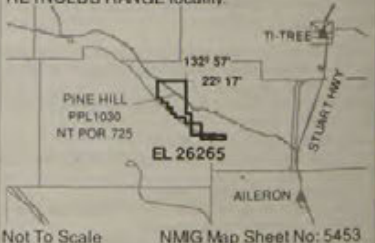
Exploration Licence 26298 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 29 Blocks (96 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TAWALLAH RANGELAND locality.



Exploration Licence 26217 sought by SWANCOVE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD, ACN 076 507 849 over an area of 231 Blocks (766 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the VICTORIA RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 26265 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 43 Blocks (137 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGELAND locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 10 October 2007



Imparja Cup action at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, during this year's tournament. The imposing McDonnell Ranges are in the background.

Imparja Cup gears up

After an epic final in 2007 between New South Wales and Queensland, cricket's Imparja Cup 2008 is gearing up for another fantastic carnival.

With every State and Territory competing for the coveted trophy, it promises to be more competitive than ever.

Northern Territory Cricket, in conjunction with Cricket Australia, will again host the event at Alice Springs from 11-16 February 2008.

In addition to the State and Territory division, there will be three other divisions to cater for all levels of cricket, with formats of Twenty-20 and Super 8s.

With the women's division improving in numbers and standard each year, it will take another huge step forward in 2008 with Cricket NSW sending a team for the first time.

This should encourage other teams to get cracking in their preparation to ensure a competitive event.

Coinciding with the finals day, Traeger Park will be the location for a fun family day with rides, jumping castle, have-a-go cricket games, on-ground entertainment and a fireworks display.

The State and Territory division games will consist of Twenty-20 and 40-over games that will showcase the best of Indigenous cricket.

With the close results in 2007 where Western Australia missed out on the final by the barest of margins, the Imparja Cup 2008 is certainly not a two-horse race.

New South Wales Far North Coast Aboriginal cricket teams are on the lookout for sponsors for upcoming fixtures.

Major sponsors are wanted for the FNC Aboriginal Under 13 team to play in the L J Hooker Ballina under 13 carnival at Ballina in January, the FNC Aboriginal under 17 team, and the FNC Aboriginal open men's team to play Lower North Coast on the Sunday 25 November.

In previous years, the open men's shirts and hats were about \$400. To kit out the under 13s will cost about \$450.

These costs include shirts, hats and embroidery of the sponsor's logo on the shirt.

Potential sponsors can contact Far North Coast Aboriginal cricket development Officer Andrew Gordon on

(02) 66 868 782 (home) or mobile 0429 868 782 or email MICHAEL.A.GORDON@education.nsw.gov.au

Other dates on the cricketing calendar to look out for are:

- Saturday 10 November, Twenty-20 Bundjalung Aboriginal Cricket Carnival as a Selection process for Far North Coast opens senior men's.

- Sunday 18 November, Aboriginal junior development day acting as a selection process for Far North Coast selection trials under 13s and under 17s.

- Sunday 25 November, Lower North Coast v Far North Coast selection trial to choose North Coast Team. Venue to be arranged.

- 7-9 December, North Coast v Central North at Moree, which will include a dinner, workshop and a game.

- 7-11 January 2008, Far North Coast under 13s playing the L J Hooker Ballina under 13 carnival.

- 26 January 2008, Australia Day, Twenty-20 games for under 13s and open men's team to play Ballina interdistrict sides.

- Sunday 10 February 2008, NSW

Aboriginal team trial game in Sydney.

- 12-16 February 2008, Imparja Cup in Alice Springs.

Cricket NSW has appointed Indigenous cricket development officers around the State.

Their task is develop Indigenous cricket across all regions of NSW. The roles are aimed at:

- Identifying talented young Indigenous cricketers and developing their skills.

- Enhancing the pathway so they may have more opportunities to further their cricket.

- Strengthening Cricket NSW's commitment to the goal of seeing more Indigenous cricketers play representative cricket.

At present four regions have an Indigenous person with excellent cricket coaching skills starting in the position. Cricket NSW says it hopes to fill the remaining positions in the near future.

The appointments so far are: Sydney East, Ryan Bulger; North Coast, Andrew Gordon; South Coast, Darren Beckett; Newcastle and Central Coast, Cory Wright.

Mark at home in dragon boat Time running out to make Contact

Met Mark Newell, a Wiradjuri man who is making a name for himself in dragon boat racing.

The 49-year-old's family comes from around the Mudgee area.

He is a qualified chef, who trained at the Cordon Bleu College in London.

While living and working in Europe, he cooked for royalty.

He now is a world skills judge and recently judged in Finland.

Two years ago, he took part in a fitness test and saw an advertisement for dragon boat crews, so decided to have a go.

He joined a club, became dedicated to the sport, and eventually was selected for NSW and Australia.

He competed in the senior division for Australia at the recent World Championships. These were held at the International Regatta Centre at Penrith, west of Sydney, on 20-23 September.

Mark came away with three silver medals and a bronze in Australia's best result ever.

Twenty nations competed, including USA, Canada, Germany and Russia.



Mark Newell is in the crew in the picture above, but if you can't pick him, that's him at left with one of his medals.

Nominations for the 14th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane close on 26 October.

The cornerstone to the festival is touch football, which brings together the best Indigenous touch footballers in Australia.

A highlight of the festival is the Battle of the States encounter between New South Wales and Queensland.

The festival will be held at Whites Hill Sports and Recreational Reserve, Coorparoo, on 23-25 November.

The men's open and mixed open divisions carry minimum prizemoney of \$6000 for the winners, and \$2000 for the runners-up.

The open men's plate and open mixed plate each carry prizemoney of \$1000 for the winners and \$600 for the runners-up.

Trophies are given to the winners and beaten finalists in the junior divisions.

Details of the festival and nomination forms are available at www.firstcontact.asn.au or email admin@firstcontact.asn.au

Postal Address: PO Box 941, Mt Gravatt, Qld, 4122. Telephone (07) 3849 23298.

These boots are made for us

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



BEHIND every great kick in footy, there's a boot. It doesn't matter if the code is rugby league, rugby union, Aussie rules, soccer or touch footy – there is a boot behind it.

Now there's a boot that's sure to catch on with Aboriginal footballers ... it comes in the Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow.

South Australian Aboriginal men Troy Bond and Farin Wanganeen are behind the Aboriginal boot. They were at a drug, alcohol and football talks, where, it just happened, there were two reps from the sports shoemaker, Azuma.

"We said to them, wouldn't it be good to make a boot that all Aboriginal players would be

proud to wear," Mr Bond said.

"We wanted something of quality that many Aboriginal kids who loved their sport, rugby, AFL or soccer, could wear.

"We came up with a boot that can be used in all sports and something they can be proud to wear.

"We also wanted to make it flash because Aboriginal people are pretty flashy and skilled."

Mr Bond also said there had been a lot of support for the boot from the Aboriginal community.

The boot was designed by Mr Bond and Mr Wanganeen with two Azuma sale representatives. The boot has been named 'Starlight'.

"Starlight represents dreaming for the Wanganeen family ... it can relate to Aboriginal communities all over Australia, not just South

The Starlight football boot



Australia," Mr Bond said.

"The response to the boot has been fantastic.

"It's a first and it is a positive thing."

Mr Wanganeen said creating

the Starlight boot had been new territory for him.

"It was just an idea and now there are people ringing from all over Australia about this boot. It is pretty surreal and exciting,

You could win a pair of boots

The Koori Mail and Azuma are giving one pair of boots to a woman and a man. Send in a Koori Mail front page logo from this edition, with your shoe size in men's or women's, phone number and address to: Starlight Boot Give Away, Koori Mail, PO Box 117, Lismore, NSW, 2480

The Starlight Boot is available for \$125 for Koori Mail readers. If you are interested, call Paul Smart on (0416) 114 295 and mention Koori Mail.

and it has been great to be a part of it," he said.

Azuma director Paul Smart said the making of the boot had been a big learning curve and that interest had been amazing.

Choc 'legally blind'

Anthony Mundine in Sydney late last month.



But 'The Man' says that won't stop him winning world super title

DUAL world champion boxer Anthony Mundine says he is legally blind in his left eye but believes it won't stop him winning the undisputed world super middleweight crown next year.

"I don't need two eyes to beat them. I'll fight with one eye," Mundine said.

The 32-year-old WBA champion is making slow progress from a serious eye infection picked up two months

ago when he used his tongue to clean a protective contact lens he was wearing following surgery to remove a growth in the eye.

He spent 10 days in hospital and is being treated with daily steroid drops and antibiotics.

"My vision is not great – maybe 40-50 per cent – which is pretty much legally blind at the moment," Mundine said.

"It's not sore, but there's still a bit of cloudiness in the eye."

Mundine, whose last fight was a successful title defence against Argentinian Pablo Zamora Nuevas on the Gold Coast in June, said he was not certain how much vision he would recover.

His doctor John Males believes he is unlikely to regain his full eyesight.

But Mundine is determined to carry on with his career. His priority is to fight Denmark's Mikkel Kessler for the so-called Super belt next year.

The undefeated Kessler, who outpointed Mundine in a WBA title defence in Sydney in June 2005, is scheduled to fight unbeaten WBO champion Joe Calzaghe in Cardiff on 3 November.

Mundine thinks Kessler will be too strong for the Welshman.

"I'm the only guy that's got the tools to beat Kessler, and he knows it, and hopefully I can get the fight in next year, with God's will," he said.

"I want to be the king of kings. I want all the marbles. I want to be the greatest fighter that's ever come out of this country.

"All I need is for my eye to be about 60 per cent. If I can see a silhouette under them lights in my left eye, I feel that I can still become what I have always desired.

"I want to go through the adversity of having an impediment and beating the best in the world with one eye." – AAP

Bunnies to use redeveloped Redfern Park

NSW

THE South Sydney Rabbitohs will return to Redfern Park in mid-2008 under a proposed agreement with the City of Sydney to use the oval for the next 20 years.

This will follow the completion of the \$25-million upgrade of Redfern Park.

At the same time, the agreement to be voted on by Council ensures the ground is shared with local sporting teams such as the South Sydney All Blacks and local schools, and available and open for the public to use.

The Rabbitohs will use the new Redfern Park for 10 hours a week in the pre-season (from 2009) and 20 hours a week during the season.

Souths will also be responsible for maintaining a specific area within the state-of-the-art grandstand, including change rooms, a gym, store rooms and a physio room.

Souths can also play a small number of pre-season and exhibition games at the Park.

CEO Monica Barone said the new Redfern

Park would be a great boost for the local community.

"We are creating an open, attractive and accessible park, with professional sporting facilities. The oval will be used as a professional training facility for Souths and an attractive first-rate playing field for the local juniors, community, school and sporting teams," Ms Barone said.

Major improvements for Redfern Park also include:

- More open space, through the removal of old grandstands, high concrete walls and barbed wire;
- gentle grass terraces and a state-of-the-art architect-designed spectator stand;
- new children's play areas, including an interactive water play feature designed by renowned Indigenous artist Fiona Foley;
- new trees, shrubs and groundcover;
- upgrade of all paths and kerbs;
- new lighting throughout the park; and
- restoration of the park's historical elements such as the fountain and the War Memorial.

An artist's impression of the redeveloped Redfern Park.



More than just a game

DEANO'S LEAGUE



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To be called up into the Prime Minister's XIII to tour Papua New Guinea was an unexpected privilege and a great way to finish what has been one of my most satisfying years in the game.

It is always a privilege to play alongside some of the best players in the game in representative football and to seek to improve your own game through the experience.

It was especially a privilege to be coached by two of the greats in the game in Mal Meninga and Brad Fittler.

But what made the whole trip a real privilege was to experience the passion of the people of PNG have for the game and to be a part of a trip with a special mission to help these great people.

First, let me deal with the football which was played at a frenetic pace and in the second half in probably the worst conditions I have experienced in a game of football.

Let me say I am surprised that Scott Prince was not selected in the Kangaroos' side as he was one of our best performers after having a great season for the Gold Coast Titans.

Under Prince's direction, we dominated most of the first half, but were put under pressure by some strong late surges close to the line by the Kumuls, although PNG failed to score.

Luke Douglas - a player I believe will be a leading forward in our game - scored a try four minutes in, which was converted by Kurt Gidley.

Joel Monaghan then scored an unconverted try in the corner, which was

followed by a try to Chris Lawrence in the opposite corner, converted by Gidley.

Within 10 minutes, Lawrence crossed the line again after being set up by our captain Mark Gasnier for a long run down left field.

First points in the second half went to Kumuls player Menzie Yere, soon followed by team-mate Nigel Hukula who took a difficult high ball close to the tryline.

Monaghan came back with another try but three minutes later another sharp pick-up off a loose ball enabled Kumuls player Keith Peters to score.

The final Kumuls try went to Jessie Joe after another good pick-up of the loose ball as heavy rain fell.

For the rest of the second half, tryline surges by both sides failed to bring points.

After the match PNG Coach Adrian Lam said the Kumuls had beaten every other playing nation in the world but the draw was the side's best ever result against Australia.

"That's a great performance considering only three or four are full-time players, the rest of them are part-time players," Lam said.

"We defended a lot better in the second

half, we realised what we were working on. Against Australia you need a bit of luck, I think we got that today. I still would have liked another point to win.

"It's a special day for PNG because we're the only country in the world where rugby league is the national sport."

Meninga described some of the second half as 'monsoonal'.

"It was sort of a game of four seasons there today. We got a lot of footy in the second half when the torrential rain came in," he said.

"We went all right, it was pretty hard to fault our guys' effort, I thought their attitude was fantastic.

"You've got to be there to take advantage; the Kumuls kept on coming, they hang in there and don't quit.

"We put ourselves under a bit of pressure. We could have won the game up here but unfortunately we kept on knocking the ball away.

"But the crowd was great and it's done a world of good for rugby league."

Prince, for his part, put aside his personal ambitions to talk about the equal importance of the game in what was

achieved off the field.

We were all aware that some people had questioned the value of the annual match following the withdrawal of a number of players.

Prince spoke for all of us on the trip when he called on the ARL to retain the fixture, saying the visit was 'bigger than just a game'.

Each year the team has used the trip to bring awareness to social problems in the country, with the prevention of domestic violence and safe sex practices in the AIDS-stricken nation at the top of the list this year.

"The game is huge here and it is great for the locals, but getting out and bringing some awareness to those issues is so important," Prince said.

"It makes you realise how lucky you are when you fly an hour-and-a-half and see the problems they are dealing with here, and I think it is good we help out where we can."

When I witnessed the impact of some of our community visits, it made me doubly proud to wear the Australian jersey.

It was our great game at its very best.

Australian centre Mark Gasnier with a young Papua New Guinea fan.



Action during the international between the Papua New Guinea Kumuls and the Prime Minister's XIII in New Guinea.

Selection blunder



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No matter what the result of this week's Test, the national selectors have failed in their duty with the omission of Matt Bowen and Scott Prince an absolute disgrace.

This comment should be in no ways be interpreted as a criticism of the quality of the players chosen as Australia has sufficient depth to select three quality Australian sides.

It is just that by any independent standard Bowen and Prince had outstanding seasons and – with the exception of Dally M winner Jonathan Thurston – both were the best players in their respective positions.

Once again, it appears that selectors believe that size and perceived toughness are more important qualities than skill and attacking brilliance.

A 'shocked' Johnathan Thurston has wondered what his North Queensland team-mate Matt Bowen had to do to earn Australian selection after Manly's Brett Stewart was handed the vacant Test No1 jersey.

The incumbent Test halfback said he was 'hurting' for Bowen after the reigning Fullback of the Year failed to even earn a bench spot for Australia's one-off Test against New Zealand at Wellington on October 14.

Bowen was in career-best form as he combined with Thurston to guide the injury-ravaged Cowboys to within one win of a second grand final appearance in three years.

He was in a three-way race with Stewart and classy Melbourne custodian Billy Slater for the Test fullback role left vacant by an injured Karmichael Hunt, of Brisbane.

However, Stewart got the nod despite a disappointing performance in Manly's 34-8 NRL grand final loss to Melbourne.

He was well held by Melbourne in the first half before being taken from the field with concussion early in the second.

"I was pretty shocked. After the season he has had, I thought his chances were fairly high – he's produced all season," Thurston said of Bowen.

"What else has he got to do? I really don't know.

"I'm hurting for him. I'm sure it hurts him as well."

Bowen won the Dally M Fullback of the Year award. He finished the season with a league-leading 22 tries and led the NRL in line breaks with 32 – eight ahead of nearest rival, none other than Stewart.

Rugby League needs to promote the talents of Bowen at every opportunity.

No other player has the same ability to create something from nothing.

No other player has the same capacity to bring fans from all sides to their feet to applaud his attacking prowess.

No other player appears to enjoy his football as much as this mercurial magician.

"There's a few surprises in the (Test) team. But look, I still want them to win, I still think they should do well," Thurston said.

Of Melbourne No7 Cooper Cronk being handed his Test halfback jersey, Thurston said: "I didn't have mixed emotions, I wasn't considered because of the (shoulder) surgery.

"He (Cronk) has got Smithy (hooker and captain Cameron Smith) there to help him, he should go well."

I believe Thurston is being a loyal Queenslander in these comments because – as solid a player that Cronk is – there in no way that his current credentials match those of Scott Prince.

Even if the selectors placed a greater emphasis on the combination between Smith and Cronk, I cannot believe they overlooked Prince's claim for the five-eighth position.

Again, there is no disrespect to Greg Bird in this statement as I believe he was worthy of a position in the top XIII.

I am certain the selectors are aware that Prince played much of his junior and early grade football in the five-eighth position.

I can remember comparing Benji Marshall to a young Scott Prince debuting for the Cowboys fresh from the hardened fields of Mt Isa.

Even then my imagination was inspired by the thought of Prince one day partnering



Scott Prince and assistant Australian coach Brad Fittler after the game between the Prime Minister's XIII and Papua New Guinea.

Thurston at the highest level.

Prince has represented Queensland and Australia previously and has led a team to grand final victory winning the Clive Churchill Medal in the process.

His performances in helping establish the Gold Coast Titans as a competitive team in their first season in the NRL has been nothing short of outstanding.

His inspirational co-captain at the Gold Coast, prop Luke Bailey, claimed Prince is more important to the NRL club than former Test captain Andrew Johns had been to Newcastle.

There can be no greater praise than this coming from a fellow player and it is a further indictment on the job of the selectors.

As I said earlier, I was pleased to see Greg Bird rewarded for a great season and at least the selectors have earmarked him as a player of the future.

But if ever you needed further proof to support my questioning the ability of the current selectors, need I do anything more than to point to the selection of Churchill Medal winner Greg Inglis on the wing.

Although I agree that pivot is not his best position, why would you hide such a rare talent on the wing?

Australia may well win the match, but even a victory can not disguise the failure of the selectors in this instance.

Bowen's non-selection is the greatest selection blunder since the omission of Wayne Pearce 20 years ago.



Cherbourg/Murgon girls keep in touch with the State's best



TWO Indigenous girls from Cherbourg/Murgon were members of the Sunshine Coast under 14 girls' touch football team that won the Queensland championship.

They are Rosie Willmot and

Myisha Saltner.

The Queensland titles were held in Rockhampton.

Rosie and Myisha have participated in Queensland touch football development programs with the support of First Contact. This has allowed them and many other young Indigenous athletes to

continue to trial, train and participate.

In the Queensland touch titles, Sunshine Coast beat Brisbane City Cobras 5-0, South Queensland Sharks 3-0 and played a scoreless draw with South-West Queensland.

They were beaten 6-5 by Central Queensland in one of their preliminary games, but Central Queensland never made it to the final.

In the final, Sunshine Coast beat the South Queensland Sharks 4-3.

● LEFT: Rosie Willmot and Myisha Saltner and the Sunshine Coast girls after their Queensland title success.

High on life

Magic's Moments



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The issue of drugs in sport is not going to disappear until the issue of drugs in society is addressed.

Living in Sydney, you gain a different perspective on a number of issues because AFL is just one voice in a dialogue of many sports.

Earlier this year I copped a bit of flak because of my call for players who test positive to illegal drugs to be publicly named.

My comments were actually based on what I believe would be the best for the welfare of the player in that I believe it would hasten their rehabilitation.

I believe that once you've done the damage, you've probably got to get named and get the counselling rather than allow unnecessary speculation continue to grow.

Having said that, I believe that sports people are often unfairly treated in comparison with other sections of society.

I noted with interest that NRL chief David Gallop recently pointed out that players in his sport were tested more than members of the Federal Police – and they carry guns!

When it comes to footy and doing drugs, I just think it's pretty silly.

I just don't see the point. It's a touchy subject – as much as footballers are getting involved in this, it's Australian society as a whole that has to address the issue.

When I speak to community groups and kids, I try to get away from the problem of illicit drug use in sport and try to see it from the point of view from a family.

Do any of us want to see anyone in our family or community taking drugs?

As a father, when I hear of a child that has died after taking drugs, I feel dreadful and fear for the future of my own daughter.

It's just heartbreaking to see a young life taken away.

I think where we are missing the point a bit when we just focus on drugs in sport.

Clearly, we don't want to see sports players taking drugs, but

that's a cop-out.

We know to take the other approach and if you know someone taking drugs, I think it's your responsibility to tell their parents, help them get off it, educate them because they're putting their lives at risk.

Drink-driving is a really good comparison.

It wasn't that long ago drink-driving was an acceptable behaviour in society.

Everyone got into the car

So let's stop calling cocaine, ecstasy and methamphetamines recreational drugs or party drugs.

Let's start calling them exactly what they are: Drugs of death.

Maybe then more people will start to take notice of the real dangers of illicit drug use.

Often, people take drugs to escape from their reality.

The trouble is that reality is still there when the sober up.

There are so many natural highs in life, I cannot understand why people have the need to escape.

I realise for many drug use is a symptom of other issues, but it is up to us all to help them through their issues.

Life should be full of hope – not despair.

Sport can play a role in helping to curb illicit drug use, but it's also an issue for all of society and I think we can all help.

We all want a better society for our children and we should all experience less despair in our lives.

Drugs may induce a dream-like state, but they rob us of our true dreams.

And what is life without our dreams?

We should all be able to part company by saying, until next time... Keep Dreaming!

'So let's stop calling cocaine, ecstasy and methamphetamines recreational drugs or party drugs. Let's start calling them exactly what they are: Drugs of death.'

equally we don't want to see more young people dying from drugs.

We as a society need to take a greater stand.

Have you seen someone take drugs?

Tell their parents, tell their teachers.

If you watch someone use illicit drugs, you are as guilty as the person who is taking them.

I know we talk about not being a society of doblers, you don't dob on your mates, but

after a barbecue, regardless of whether you were a footballer, a journalist or a labourer.

Now, it's unacceptable and simply not tolerated by society and the law.

Smoking cigarettes is rapidly heading down the same path.

We are going to great lengths to point out the dangers and people who do smoke feel alienated by society.

And it's time as a society we say no to drugs.

It's not acceptable.

Boys' AFL careers KickStarted



FIFTY-ONE boys aged 14 and 15 have just completed the experience of a lifetime – taking part in the 2007 Qantas AFL KickStart camp in Melbourne. They came from throughout Australia, having been chosen by Australian football State

development officers.

The camp was designed to offer the Indigenous boys a rare football and educational experience.

They played a curtain-raiser to the Round 20 match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground between Collingwood and Richmond.

The Qantas AFL KickStart

program uses Australian football as a vehicle to promote healthy lifestyles in Indigenous communities.

As part of the selection criteria, the boys must attend school.

● **ABOVE:** Josh Wittwer, from Elizabeth Grove, a suburb in the north of Adelaide, who took part in the Qantas AFL KickStart camp.

Keeping Bowen up north 'not that simple'



FRUSTRATED North Queensland chief executive Peter Parr would love to sign Matt Bowen for the rest of his NRL playing career, but it's not that simple.

Former Australian captain Gordon Tallis and others have called on the Cowboys to move quickly to lock popular superstar Bowen into a new long-term deal.

Off contract after next season, Bowen has already been linked to the Sydney Roosters in 2009 and Tallis urged the Cowboys to act well before rivals came knocking.

Parr said the Cowboys were well aware of Bowen's worth, not just as a footballer who could score tries from anywhere, but also his impact off the field.

"We'd love him to play his whole career here but let's not forget Matthew has a say too," Parr said.

"We can't force him to sign here for the next 10 years.

"I've said it on a number of occasions that if there's one player I'd hate to see play for another club, it would of course be Matthew. He epitomises what this club is about.

"He grew up in Hopevale, came here as a teenager, went through our development system and has played for his State and country since coming into the NRL.

"He's one of the genuine superstars of the game – of course we want to keep him, we want to keep him for as long as we can.

"But we have to fit 24 other players into our salary cap and we already have another superstar (captain Jonathan Thurston) here."

"We understand his standing in the game, we understand his worth to the team and to the community. – AAP

Palm's Thaiday coup

By ALF WILSON



STAR National Rugby League back Milton Thaiday looks certain to line up for the Palm Island Barracudas when

they contest the prestigious Daisy Cup rugby league carnival in Townsville this weekend.

The carnival is named after two of the greatest rugby league players produced in north Queensland – brothers Vern and Frank Daisy – and up to \$40,000 could be on offer for the winning side, depending on how many final nominations are received.

Barracudas spokesman Roy Prior told the Koori Mail that the 27-year-old NRL Newcastle Knights back would arrive two days before the carnival started. "Milton will arrive on the Thursday 11 October and will join us for a training session in Townsville the night before the carnival starts," Prior said.

Thaiday has been a regular fullback since the 2005 season.



Palm island Barracudas spokesman Roy Prior.

Thaiday suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in round five of the NRL and missed the remainder of the 2007 campaign.

Thaiday initially began his football career playing rugby league, but switched to rugby union and joined the NSW Waratahs in Super 12. He later returned to rugby league and was playing with the Ballina Seagulls before being spotted by the Newcastle Knights.

He is also a talented poet and songwriter, who has competed in *The Footy Show's* search for league's most talented musician.

As a youngster, Thaiday played for Townsville-based club Bindal Sharks when they travelled far and wide for All Blacks carnival.

In 2005, Thaiday was a special guest at the Townsville All Blacks carnival, where he caught up with friends and relatives.

"It has been great to come here and watch the games," he said at the time.

Thaiday played for Bindal Sharks United when they won the plate grand final for the losing teams on day two and scored a try in the 74-18 victory over Jabarus.

Cherbourg recorded a nail-biting 31-30 win over Yarrabah in the grand final of the first Vern and Frank Daisy Cup in February 2006, at which rugby league legends Arthur Beetson, Ricky Walford, Colin Scott and Larry Corowa were special guests.

Cherbourg again looks certain to be amongst the fancied sides this year, along with the Townsville Cannonballs and



Vern Daisy, left, brother Frank Daisy with Cherbourg's player of carnival Neil Stanley at the inaugural carnival in 2006.

Kulpiyam, from Badu Island, in the Torres Strait.

Kulpiyam has won the 2005 Townsville All Blacks carnival and beat another Badu island side, Mulga Tigers, in the June Island of Origin carnival on their home soil.

The Origin series is considered the premier sporting event in the Torres Strait and Kulpiyam never competed at the recent Torres Cup on Thursday Island, preferring to concentrate on the Daisy Cup.

Organiser Obe Geia told the Koori Mail that it looked liked being one of the best carnivals in north Queensland history, with women's football an added spectacle.



Milton Thaiday, right, at the 2005 Townsville All Blacks carnival with respected coach Kevin Aldridge.

Boxing team's race against time



TIME is running out for a national Indigenous boxing team that is supposed to leave Australia on 22 October for tournaments in Fiji.

The team has been appealing for funds to allow it to compete in Fiji after being refused financial assistance by boxing authorities.

The Indigenous team is supposed to fight in two tournaments in Fiji.

The team was chosen following the Murriss v Kooris boxing tournament at the Broncos League Club, Brisbane, last 27 July.

The tournament is regarded as Australia's biggest Indigenous boxing event, bringing together the best Indigenous fighters in Australia. It was founded by Syl Jones and sanctioned by Boxing Australia. Winners are recognised as the national Indigenous champions.

Following the tournament, the team to tour Fiji was announced. It comprises: 91 kg, Adrian Andrews (winner of best boxer award at Murriss v Kooris), Steven Pitt; 81 kg, James Roberts; 75 kg, Nathan Carrol (AIS residential scholarship holder); 75 kg, Freddy Capes; 69 kg, Sam Leone (AIS residential scholarship holder); 69 kg, Tyler Johns; 64 kg, Joel Hutchison (AIS

residential scholarship holder), Cameron Hamond (AIS residential scholarship holder); 60 kg, Michael Chong; 57 kg, Matty Garling; 54 kg, Luke Jackson (AIS residential scholarship holder); 52 kg, Timacoy Williams (AIS residential scholarship holder).

Accompanying the team will be manager Syl Johns, head coach Don Abnett, team coaches Neville Munn and Jason Williams and referee/judge Ceru Whippy.

Syl Jones has been busy trying to raise the funds to get the team to Fiji. He has appealed to the Indigenous community in particular to help out.

The fundraising target is \$15,000. As of last Wednesday, the total raised was \$8961, leaving another \$6000 to be raised in 16 days.

Officials have broadened their appeal and now are asking for corporate donations.

People wishing to help out can send cheques/money orders to Dreamtime Kullilla-Art – AIABT 2007 PO Box 137, Redcliffe Qld 4020

By Direct Deposit to Bank: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633 000 A/c 120654421 Name: Dreamtime Kullilla-Art – AIABT 2007.



● ABOVE: Adrian Andrews with the fighter of the tournament trophy.

● LEFT: Steve Pitt, left, and Adrian Andrews after their fight. Andrews won the bout, but both boxers are in the team to tour Fiji.



● LEFT: Uncle Stan Smith, a Yuggerra Elder, was one of the former professional fighters, including Uncle Lionel Rose, who were invited to the Murriss v Kooris boxing tournament. All the Elders were presented in the ring with plaques as a token of their support of the tournament.

Knockout packs a punch

By guest writer DANIEL CONIFER

For many years, Aboriginal people have used the New South Wales October Labour Day long weekend as an opportunity to meet with family and friends and proudly celebrate their heritage.

They also like to have a game of footy or two. The 2007 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout ventured to the city of Lismore, with more than 10,000 people coming out to see the best Aboriginal league talent on offer.

They were treated to four sun-soaked days and scintillating action on the field, at Oakes Oval.

The second game of the carnival on Saturday, following Wes Patten's La Perouse powering over Narwan Eels Firsts in front of an already large and buzzing crowd, was the shock first-round exit of the Cec Patten-Ron Merritt Memorial side.

As tournament co-hosts, they were looking for their fifth successive knockout. However they struggled against Coraki United throughout, tax defence combined with brilliant United ballwork ensuring defeat.

One knockout official said Merritt-Patten's poor form was a symptom of injury.

Daniel Conifer is 16 years old and lives in Sydney. His family come originally from Brewarrina, in NSW. Daniel teams with Paul Ryan to co-present the Koori Radio Sports Show on, you guessed it, Koori Radio in Sydney. The hour-long show is broadcast on Saturday, from 9am til noon. Paul and Daniel also commented the Knockout for National Indigenous Television (NITV), which will be available through Foxtel from November.



combined with a lack of desire to continue their record streak.

Sunday's second round saw a game that had been predicted by some to be dull turn into a nail-biter between two sets of Warriors – Mindaribba and Wollumbin.

Mindaribba scored and converted on the final siren to send the game into extra time. Wollumbin, however, came out victorious, entering the third round.

A blockbuster began the third round, with La Perouse taking on a Moree United side labelled by official Paul Ravenau as the best since 1985 (the year Moree Boomerangs won the knockout).

After over 50 minutes of exhilarating football, including a Panthers comeback to level the full-time scores and three periods of golden-point extra-time, La Perouse broke the 18-all deadlock and clinched victory with a try in the corner.

However, Moree called La Perouse's victory into question. Disputing the commencement of a third extra stanza, United players, officials and supporters

made protest by peacefully sitting on the oval for two hours, halting third round games.

Eventually they were moved and later that night, following discussions, La Perouse were declared the winners.

In games that night, Wollumbin defeated Northern United, and Walgett defeated a Tingha Tigers side with ex-NRL player Nathan Blacklock



Things weren't going Wollumbin Warriors' way when this La Perouse Panther scored a first-half try in the grand final. The Panthers held a commanding 38-14 lead mid-way through the second half, but could not hold off the fast-finishing Warriors, who won 44-38.

and current Gold Coast Titan Preston Campbell among its ranks.

Monday's first semi-final/local derby between the Waterloo Storm and La Perouse proved the Panthers' status as contenders. Despite a Waterloo side fielding Randwick rugby union player Willie Gordon, La Perouse were simply too strong, easily booking their place in the final.

Semi-final two saw BAC Walgett, a side with three knockouts and league tradition under its belt, take on the Wollumbin Warriors in their first ever knockout semi. Wollumbin called on Brisbane Bronco Sam Thaiday and halfback Ian Lacey to boost their chances. Wollumbin were too good, consistently building pressure and points against a Walgett side that struggled.

In the under 15s final, Northern United Young Guns clashed with a Merritt-Patten side which had progressed after playing two exhausting golden-point games.

The Young Guns carved Merritt-Patten's defence apart, winning 46-0 with 15-year-old junior player of the carnival Chris Binge Jr highly influential for United.

The most hard-hitting game of the tournament was then played, with mass-excitement and big tackles. The

Lower Clarence Tiddas met North Casino in a thoroughly entertaining women's final. North Casino dominated throughout, in a game where family ties were put aside for bruising action.

The excitement was built further for the men's final between La Perouse and Wollumbin. The result went down to the wire, and an astonishing 15 tries were scored.

A depleted La Perouse outfit opened up a sizeable advantage at the break and, at one stage in the second half, led 38-14.

With the Warriors down, Lacey and Thaiday placed unforeseen pressure on the Sydneysiders.

With Wollumbin looking again to score, a La Perouse player committed a professional foul and was sent to the sin bin for ten minutes. This was the catalyst for Wollumbin, who ravaged the under-strength Panthers defence.

With five minutes remaining, Wollumbin crossed the line to take the lead for the first time in the match.

La Perouse couldn't alter the 44-38 score in the dying minutes, giving the Wollumbin Warriors their first taste of knockout success.

Moree protest delays carnival

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players, officials and fans staged a two-hour sit-in on the ground.

Playing La Perouse in a final qualifying match, Moree led 18-0 at half-time, but at the end of regulation time, the score was 18-all.

The score remained unchanged after two golden-point sessions. Moree believed they had won the game because they had scored the first try of the match.

But carnival co-ordinator Phil Hall announced over the loudspeaker that play would continue.

La Perouse scored a try in that period and were declared 22-18 winners.

But as players from Northern United and Wollumbin Warriors took

to the field for the next match, the Moree players and officials were joined on the field by supporters and proceedings were held up for two hours.

The carnival finally continued, but the Moree officials still believed their team should have been declared the winners over La Perouse.

However, their appeal failed and the La Perouse Panthers progressed to the next round, where they beat Waterloo Storm.

The Wollumbin Warriors, after eliminating Northern United, beat Walgett to qualify for the grand final.

Northern United's under 15 team thrashed Merritt-Patten Redfern 46-0 in the final, while in the women's division, North Casino were too strong for the Lower Clarence Tiddas, winning 18-4.



Sistas-in-war: They may have been fierce rivals on the field, but these North Casino and Lower Clarence Tiddas players warmly embraced after full-time in the women's final, won by Northern Casino.

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A Walgett Warrior being tackled by a Wollumbin Warrior in a semi-final.



Northern United's Dylan King, named Best Back in the Under 15s final, receives his trophy from Minister Linda Burney.



Player of the final Ian Lacey after the presentations. With him is his Wollumbin Warriors captain, Corey Togo.

Pictures on these pages by the Lismore Echo's Laurie Axtens and Koori Mail Editor Kirstie Parker



Australian and Brisbane Broncos star Sam Thaldy and NSW Youth and Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney. Thaldy played a big part in the grand final win by the Wollumbin Warriors.



Northern United's winning under 15 team.



Stacks on the mill ...



Player of the women's final, Northern Casino's Alinta Hippi receives her trophy from NSWALC board member Patricia Laurie.



A North Casino player receives her winning team trophy from Ms Burney after the women's grand final.



A Coraki United player on the attack against Merritt-Patten Redfern in the opening round. Coraki bundled out the defending champions.

Highlights of NSW Aboriginal Rugby League KO Carnival – Lismore



An exhausted Merritt-Patten Redfern under 15s player after the final against Northern United.



Winners are grinners – the North Casino women's team after their grand final victory over the Lower Clarence Tiddas.



Ms Burney with Reece Robinson, of the La Perouse Panthers, who was named player of the carnival.



Try time ... a North Casino player about to touch down in the women's grand final against the Lower Clarence Tiddas.



La Perouse star player Wes Patten had a fair bit to say on the field, even to the referee.



Sam Thaiday doesn't hide his jubilation as a team-mate runs in a try during the Wollumbin Warriors' amazing second-half comeback in the final against the La Perouse Panthers.



Players and officials from the defending champions, Merritt-Patten Redfern.



Northern United players and officials.



A Moree defender gets a 'don't argue' from a La Perouse Panther in a game that ended in controversy. The teams were locked at 18-all after regulation time and remained deadlocked after two golden point terms. More extra time was played and the Panthers scored a try to break the deadlock. Moree claimed they should have won and staged a sit-in, delaying the carnival.

Another Thaiday shines



MACLEAY Valley Mustangs/All Blacks were beaten 42-36 in the grand final thriller at the NSW Aboriginal Knockout Carnival at Kempsey.

While the Brisbane Broncos' Sam Thaiday was leading the charge at the rival Aboriginal knockout carnival in Lismore, the Newcastle Knights' Milton Thaiday was doing the same at Kempsey.

The Newcastle All Blacks looked to be heading home empty-handed until a late try in the second half from Thaiday set up the impetus for attacks on the Macleay Valley line that proved too great in the end.

But Macleay Valley by no means made it easy for Newcastle.

A teeth-grinding second half battle between the two tiring teams had all players on the field digging deep for the next burst of effort, with a hot sun above and hard field below.

While Macleay Valley let Newcastle dominate the first half, heading into the break down 30-12, the Kempsey boys came out firing for the second half.

Relentless running and exceptional ball skills and vision had the Macleay team running rings around Newcastle, and combined with big hits and high tension, it was anyone's game despite the gap in the scores.

Wave after wave

The locals just kept on coming with wave after wave of attacks, and three converted tries saw the scores level.

Supporters from both sides were on edge. But with quick hands, the ball travelled to Milton Thaiday on the wing. He found a gap and set sail for the tryline. The conversion gave Newcastle the break they were looking for.

In other grand final games, the Macleay Valley women's team beat All Stars 30-10 and Nulla Sunrise juniors pasted Mt Druitt 42-12.

The Kempsey carnival was staged by New South Wales Aboriginal Rugby League and Sports Incorporated (NARLASI).

Chairman Danny Thorne said the event was a huge success.

"Everything went well. There were no problems," he said.

Twelve men's teams entered the carnival and officials decided to split them into four pools of three, with each team playing each other in their pools.

The pool winners then proceeded to the semi-finals.

Mr Thorne said the Newcastle All Blacks now had the right to host next year's carnival.

He said NARLASI delegates and Newcastle All Blacks would meet in a couple of weeks to assess the Kempsey carnival and to begin planning for the 2008 carnival.

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● ABOVE and BELOW: Action shots from the Kempsey Aboriginal Knockout Carnival

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Knight helps Bourke claim victory in Peachey carnival

By BARRY HILDEBRANDT



NEWCASTLE Knights halfback Luke Walsh orchestrated a magnificent 55-40 victory for the Bourke Warriors over a gallant

Blacktown Western Warriors in the David Peachey Foundation Knockout final at Apex Oval, Dubbo, during the October long weekend.

A huge crowd was on hand to watch a try-fest with exciting play from specialist players on both sides.

Bourke went into the final as favourite and played like that to lead 34-16 at

half-time.

But when Kirri Ryan, William Ryan and Shaun Stanley scored for Blacktown, the scores were locked up 40-all mid-way through the second stanza.

However Walsh, a Knights understudy to Andrew Johns for the past couple of years, got his backline going again and the issue was put beyond doubt in the final minutes.

Bourke coach George Orcher paid tribute to the courage of his players to finish on top of Blacktown.

"All the boys are locals, most of them are related in some way to the Orcher family and everyone chipped in," George

Orcher said.

"A lot of these boys have played together in the junior league in Bourke at one time or the other and the town has a great record.

"We won the NARLA Knockout at Moree in 1995 and we hosted it in 1996. We've always had good sides and been in the semi-finals most years, but this is as good as it gets."

While they won the major final, Bourke didn't have the best player of the tournament. That honour went to Blacktown's 18-year-old centre Coedi Towney.

He has just signed with West Tigers for next season.

His elusive running tested every side in the knockout and he was easily the talk of the weekend.

In the repechage final, a strong David Peachey Foundation team beat Enngonia 60-22 in a thrilling match, with the Louie brothers — Mick and Anthony — two of their best.

BOURKE WARRIORS 55 (Ken Forest 3, Craig Orcher, Matt Knight, Luke Walsh, Ben Orcher, Shaun Skuthorpe, Calub Rivers, Chris Young tries; Walsh 7 goals, field goal) d BLACKTOWN 40 (Shaun Stanley 2, Coedi Towney, Phillip Ingram, Kirri Ryan, William Ingram, Jade Hooper tries; William Ingram 4, Hooper 2 goals).

Long road to glory

By PETER ARGENT



MATHEW Stokes is a real case of taking the road less travelled.

For his dedication, hard work and perseverance, he now holds a prized premiership medallion and was a part of Geelong's amazing and record-breaking

119-point, 2007 Australian Football League grand final victory against the Port Adelaide Power.

Starting his football in Darwin with the Palmerston Magpies, Stokes was already playing NTFL league football at 14, but because of his perceived body shape, had to wait for longer than most to get his opportunity at the top level.

At under-age level, Stokes played for the North Territory Thunder for three years and then decided to continue his football in the SANFL, before being the Cats' fourth round selection at selection number 61 at the end of 2005.

The 177cm, 80 kg midfielder/forward was already 21 when he was picked up and by this time, many players had been in the system for up to four years.

Between 2003 and 2005, in South Australia, Stokes had three seasons with the Woodville-West Torrens Eagles, playing 67 games and being involved in the club's grand final losses to Central District in the last two of those winters.

After making his AFL debut, (being initially selected as an emergency) in round nine of 2006 against Richmond, he played nine games in his rookie year, before returning to the Cats' VFL combination to be a part of their grand final team.

It took to round four of the 2007 minor round to claim his spot back, but except for missing round six, he was a consistent member of a very potent side.

Integral part

A focus in his second year at the club was regular selection, with the former NT lad happy to become an integral part of this powerful combination, being honoured each time he ran out with the senior side.

"Last year, I was in and out, and this year I just wanted to make sure that once I got in there, I stayed in there," Stokes said.

"It was pleasing to be able to play good footy and contribute every week through the season. The side was going well, and to be able to play every week was a privilege."

Stokes' preparation for the biggest day of his football life was routine. He had felt the ecstasy and heartbreak of grand finals previously. Back in 2001 as a 17-year-old he was a part of Palmerston's triumph, then endured grand final defeats over the last three years.

Consecutive losses at the Eagles in 2004 and 2005, then last year's loss by the Geelong VFL team against Sandringham.

"We know Choco (Port Adelaide coach Mark Williams) plays those mind games," Stokes said, on Port Adelaide's words in the week leading to the grand final.

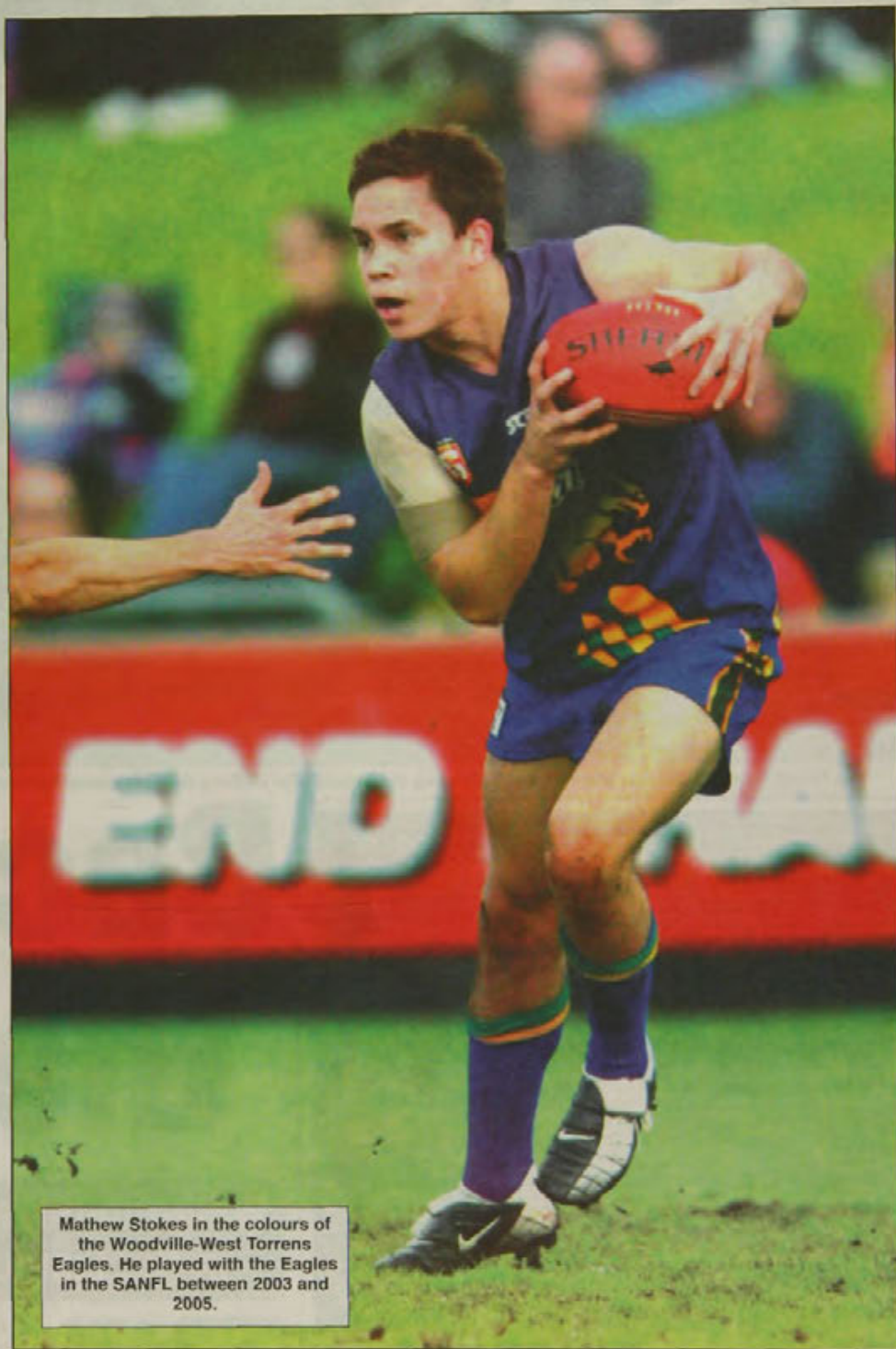
"We didn't really get that wrapped up in it.

"Maybe, if they were talking that much, they were a little bit scared of us.

"Come game day, we just wanted to play our footy and we did and we've got the medallion around our necks."

Now, a couple of months short of his 23rd birthday, Stokes now joins the elite group of AFL premiership players.

After the Cats' emphatic and domineering performance on grand final day, he also becomes the 26th known Indigenous player to secure Australian rules' 'holy grail'.



Mathew Stokes in the colours of the Woodville-West Torrens Eagles. He played with the Eagles in the SANFL between 2003 and 2005.

Gillespie looking for Test recall

By PETER ARGENT

As strange as it sounds, the retirement of Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne looks to have been a blessing in disguise for veteran Indigenous fast bowler Jason Gillespie.

With the departure of McGrath and Warne, the South Australian elder statesman has an opportunity to return to the top level.

His credentials as a Test

cricketer are still impressive. In the 71 tests since his debut in 1996 as a 21-year-old, Gillespie has secured 259 wickets at an average of 26.13.

In his last appearance in an official 'baggy green' cap, Gillespie made an impressive double century (201 not out) against Bangladesh at Chittagong. This created a record many believe will be unsurpassed for a nightwatchman at the

batting crease.

After the 2005 Ashes tour of England, he fell out of favour with the national selectors.

The 32-year-old hopes that Australia's exhausting Test schedule for the next 18 months will mean opportunities will arise for him.

"With a lot of cricket coming up, there will be scope to rotate bowlers in different conditions purely to get through," Gillespie said.

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The Tweed-based Wollumbin Warriors and their swag of trophies after winning the 37th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Lismore.

Back from the brink

Wollumbin Warriors' amazing fightback in the Lismore knockout grand final



THE NSW far north coast looks set to host another NSW Aboriginal Rugby

League Knockout Carnival following a stunning win by the Wollumbin Warriors in Lismore on 1 October.

The Warriors staged a remarkable second-half comeback to beat the La Perouse Panthers 44-38 in the grand final before 2000 screaming fans at Oakes Oval.

The Panthers raced to a 38-14 lead mid-way through the

second half and the game looked to be over.

But in an amazing turnaround, the Panthers were reduced to 12 players for the last 10 minutes after a player was sin-binned.

Led by Brisbane Broncos star Sam Thaiday and man of the match Ian Lacey, the Wollumbin Warriors stormed home, scoring 30 unanswered points.

The Warriors scored three tries in the time that the Panthers were down to 12 men.

The drama of the grand final

was a fitting climax to four great days of rugby league.

The carnival was held in Lismore this year after the host club, Merritt-Patten Redfern, agreed to move it from Sydney.

The Lismore-based Northern United club co-hosted the carnival.

Twenty-six men's teams entered the knockout.

The carnival was not without controversy.

On the second day of the men's knockout, Moree United

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