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Festival blessed with success



IT took three years of planning and hard work, but the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation's

Cultural Festival held in Cardwell recently was well worth all of the effort, says Girramay Elder Claude Beeron.

Mr Beeron said the festival, which followed the 2nd National Indigenous Land Management Conference at Cardwell, attracted more than 4000 people.

Mr Beeron, who translated the Welcome to Country, delivered in the Girramay language by senior Elder Jack Maurita, said the festival was a dream come true for his people.

"It's a great feeling to be here and meet so many people from all over Australia and even overseas," Mr Beeron told the Koori Mail.

He said the festival highlight was seeing so many people having a wonderful time on the traditional dancing grounds for the Girramay, which these days are used as a football field.

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Indigenous issues front and centre as...

Election looms

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander rights and recognition have emerged as key issues in the

federal election campaign, following the Prime Minister John Howard's announcement that Australia will go to the polls on Saturday, 24 November.

Mr Howard got the ball rolling with a pledge, less than 48 hours

before naming the date, to hold a referendum to recognise Indigenous peoples in the preamble to the Australian Constitution if he and his government were re-elected.

In an apparent about-face on 11 October, he used a speech to current affairs forum The Sydney Institute to admit that he'd struggled with reconciliation throughout his eleven years in the country's top job, and should have paid more attention to symbolic matters.

"I announce that, if re-elected, I will put to the Australian people within 18 months a referendum to formally recognise Indigenous Australians in our constitution - their history as the first inhabitants of our country, their unique heritage of culture and languages, and their special, though not separate, place within a reconciled, indivisible nation," he said.

"I would aim to introduce a bill that would include the preamble statement into parliament within

the first 100 days of a new government.

"The Indigenous people of this country are different from anybody else because they were here first and they have a very special place and I think we have an opportunity to honour that place in a respectful, symbolic fashion by putting something in the Constitution."

The Australian Labor Party (ALP) immediately offered bipartisan support for the referendum proposal, irrespective

of the election result, taking the edge off any electoral advantage the pledge may have won the government.

"Constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians has been long held Federal Labor policy, and this was affirmed at the ALP National Conference in Sydney earlier this year," an ALP statement said.

Mr Howard said his new policy, and personal change of heart, had been driven by the public's

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This is me and some of my mob at the recent Koori Knockout held in Lismore, in NSW. Basically we found a shady spot and set up camp for the long weekend.

My wife Naomi and I, and our one-year-old daughter Gillinga-Belle are currently living in Darwin where I've got a job with Scouts Australia in a community development capacity.

Naomi and I met as uni students about four years ago and got married last year. Nay's family are from far north Queensland. She's my queen.

We moved north a couple of months ago and have been missing my family down south so the Knockout was a good chance to catch up with some of them and a bunch of other people we know.

Most of the people in this photo are from Wreck Bay, on the NSW south coast, which is my home, including my mum Coral and my old man Bruce, and my aunts Lisa and Lorraine.

The Wreck Bay mob love their footy; it was pretty hard to drag Mum and the old man away from the oval.

Fiona is my cousin-sister and she lives in Wollongbar, near Lismore. Andrew is her husband and Aunt Emma is her mum and I call her Mum too because I lived with her in Perth before she came back home.

I love my kids Tisha and Gillinga, as well as Lewis and Eliza like they are my own. They're all good kids, they're all good-looking like me and they're all cheeky!

I've got another mum and dad in Maitland, near Newcastle - Leon and Carol Willis, who reared me, and I'm close to them too.

I've got lots of brothers and sisters: Phillip and Anthony Charles, Emma Willis, Bronwen Smith, Sandra Flanders, Charles Nye, Gill Moody, Adrian Wills, Kirstie Parker, and Jay and Kirra Blackie.

I've seen my share of challenging times, especially when I was younger. I know what it is like to be on the grog and living rough but I've been a teetotaler since I turned 21.

I'm into film-making. Last year, I made a documentary about a good mate of mine - John de Satge - who died too young after a long period of ill health.

I want to do something about the poor health of my people; a lot of it is through eating crap food and just not looking after ourselves. We really have to care about ourselves more.

I have a strong belief that we as Aboriginal people should be determining our own futures and that non-Aboriginal people should respect that and not call us troublemakers when we stand up for our rights.



Back, from left, Fiona Hyland, Lee Willis, Bruce Yuke and Andrew Taylor. Seated on chairs, from left, Aunt Emma Hyland, Coral Yuke, Eliza Wellington and Lisa Ardler. Second row seated on rug, from left, Faith Hyland-Taylor (in pink), Lewis Archibald, Naomi Willis and Loretta Wellington. Front row, from left, Jaymin Hyland-Taylor, Teesha Archibald holding Gillinga-Belle Willis, and Lorraine Ardler.

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OUR CHILDREN



Who was that masked man? And woman, and girl and boy? Students from Kaurna Plains School in Adelaide received a visit from members of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) during the recent 2007 AIDA Symposium. Indigenous doctors talked to the children about their pathways into medicine and encouraged the kids to follow their dreams - whether it be in medicine or any other profession. Judging by the thumbs up, the pep-talk was well-received.

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Councillor's crash course

By DARREN COYNE



BRISBANE'S first Aboriginal councillor, Robbie Williams, has been sworn in to fill a vacancy on the Brisbane City Council.

He replaces Holland Park councillor Kerry Rea, who resigned this month to contest the seat of Bonner in the upcoming federal election.

But Mr Williams will serve in the Holland Park ward for just five months before contesting the adjacent ward of Wishart in council elections next March, because of electoral boundary changes.

The move into local government politics for the Mount Gravatt businessman is, he says, a 'natural stepping stone'.

As a former Commissioner with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), and founder of the Indigenous service company First Contact, Mr Williams has developed a solid network and understanding of community politics, and he believes he has what it takes to represent his community, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

"I come from a working-class background and social issues have always been high on the agenda," Mr Williams said, adding that the Australian Labor Party had endorsed his selection for the council position.

Mr Williams grew up in Brisbane as the son of a butcher. He left school as a teenager to follow in his father's footsteps before a long stint in the public service and years spent as a community worker.

His mother Hazel was a local Aboriginal



Aboriginal businessman and former ATSIC Commissioner Robbie Williams in the Brisbane City Council chambers following his swearing-in last week. - AAP Photo

woman connected to the Yugambeh language group. She married Bob Williams, manager of Malletts Meats on Logan Road, Mt Gravatt.

Now living in the same suburb with wife Trish and their three daughters, Mr Williams said he was proud of his heritage but a servant of the entire community first and foremost.

And as a servant to that community, he has 'hit the ground running' since being

sworn in last Tuesday, familiarising himself with the internal workings of the council, and attending community meetings.

"I've got to get out and get my face about. It's only a short time before the election and I've taken this position so there won't be a breakdown in the continuity of service to the people."

"My main priority at this stage is to get about and listen to the people."

He said it was a great honour to be the

first Aboriginal man to represent the ALP as a councillor in Queensland.

As an Indigenous man, Mr Williams said the inner strength required to achieve in life would bode well for his time in council.

"You bring it into the job and it gives you drive," he said. "I was born and bred in this area and you can be assured I will continue to listen closely to the views of all local residents."

TOs to oppose leasing land to Govt for development



TRADITIONAL owners in Western Australia's Kimberley region have expressed serious

reservations about a proposal to lease their land to the State Government so that it can negotiate direct with gas development companies.

Last Tuesday, WA Development Minister Eric Ripper announced new terms of reference for the taskforce assigned to identify future gas development hubs in the region.

The terms of reference propose the WA Government takes on the role of direct negotiations with companies instead of traditional owners. The Northern Development Taskforce would consult with community and industry to identify the best location for one or more Browse Basin gas processing hubs.

WA is in the midst of a billion dollar mining boom, with mineral and development companies recording bumper profits and struggling to find and support qualified staff to keep up with demand.

However, the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) said traditional owners wanted to negotiate directly with companies over resource deals on their custodial lands,

'because that would create the best outcomes for Indigenous people, the environment and cultural heritage'.

"Sustainable long-term development for the people of the Kimberley is dependent on traditional owners being able to negotiate directly with companies," said KLC Executive Director Wayne



Kimberley Land Council Executive Director Wayne Bergmann: "We don't want another Burrup Peninsula where Indigenous cultural sites have been destroyed."

Bergmann the following day.

"We are the ones who are best equipped to negotiate packages that produce long-term social and economic benefits whilst protecting cultural and environmental values."

"The KLC has already

successfully negotiated numerous multi-million-dollar packages. We don't want another Burrup Peninsula where Indigenous cultural sites have been destroyed."

"Gas developments can have lifetimes of over 50 years and a direct relationship between traditional owners and the companies involved is vital."

The taskforce, which incorporates the previously announced Burrup Taskforce, was established in July to ensure the unique environmental, cultural and heritage values of the region were protected alongside any development of gas resources.

Mr Ripper said there were tremendous commercial opportunities in the Kimberley, but development needed to be sensitive and responsible.

"Western Australia is experiencing an extraordinary period of growth, and the gas resources of the Kimberley are an important part of this new phase in the State's development," he said.

"The Government's aim is to work with gas processing companies to ensure development is balanced against the exceptional environmental, cultural, tourism and heritage values."

The first workshop of Kimberley gas development stakeholders was being held in Broome last week.

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I have struggled: PM

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response to his government's emergency intervention into Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory, announced in June.

"What we have seen in the last few months is an overturning of the attitudes previously argued and accepted in relation to Indigenous policy; and we have seen a new approach," he said.

"There's been a change in attitude on my part; I guess there was a stage where I

didn't think the symbolic part of it mattered at all.

"I thought the only thing that mattered was the practical side of reconciliation - I think the practical side of reconciliation is very, very important but I do recognise that the symbolic part of it is very important.

"But the symbolic part of it has to occur and be expressed in a way that is acceptable to 'traditional Australia'."

Echoing the reception given to the Government's emergency intervention announcement in June, Indigenous people

and other stakeholders were at first broadly and cautiously supportive of the referendum proposal.

"An important first step" summed up the mood, with Patrick Dodson, Noel Pearson, Tom Calma, Dr Sue Gordon, Reconciliation Australia and others all welcoming the PM's frankness.

Mr Dodson, Chairperson of the former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and often described as 'the father of reconciliation', said he did not doubt the Prime Minister's sincerity.

"There's no reason not to (accept his sincerity)" he told ABC radio. "I think that it's a big shift for him, but this is about the nation's reconciliation, it's not about John Howard's reconciliation ... this is something quite different."

Former ALP President Warren Mundine said Mr Howard should have moved two years ago to recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution but such a referendum would help unite the country.

"I think he should have done this a couple of years ago," Mr Mundine told Sky News. "But we need to be positive; it's a step forward."

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Barbara Livesey said she was sure many people would comment about the timing of the Prime Minister's announcement.

"But what's important for us is there's bipartisan support for a long-term vision recognising the special place of Indigenous people within this country and addressing Indigenous disadvantage," she said.

However, cynicism grew as the Prime Minister book-ended his pledge with a fresh and vehement refusal to issue a national apology to the Stolen Generations, and as legal opinion filtered down that changing the preamble would be unlikely to enhance Indigenous rights in any practical way.

"I still believe that a collective national apology for past injustice fails to provide the necessary basis to move forward," Mr Howard said.

"Just as the responsibility agenda is gaining ground it would, I believe, only reinforce a culture of victimhood and take us backwards."

Stolen Generations groups were especially critical of the PM's ongoing refusal to apologise to them on behalf of the nation. They were supported by the likes of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT).

"What hurts deeply is the absence of any apology for the impact of past cruel and heartless government policies that damaged the health of so many Indigenous Australians," AMSANT said in a statement.

To these Australians, a simple apology for past hurt and injustice would allow the blanket of sadness and despair to be lifted.

"That simple apology would mean more to Indigenous men and women than reshuffling a few words on a document that means little in the day-to-day misery of black Australia."

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Prime Minister Howard during a press conference in Sydney on 12 October in which he spoke about his new plan for reconciliation between black and white Australians.
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History plan row

By DARREN COYNE



PRIME Minister John Howard has proposed a new Australian History curriculum amid

criticisms that it whitewashes over Australia's racist past.

Under his Government's proposed curriculum, the teaching of history in junior high school would be split into 10 topics, allowing students to acquire a variety of skills including being able to construct a sequenced narrative of Australian history.

The topics cover early Australian history including first peoples; early encounters; British colonies and the emerging nation, covering the period 1851 to 1900.

Moving into the 20th century, the curriculum topics would focus on the new commonwealth, covering the period 1901 to 1919; the roaring twenties and the lean thirties and World War II and post-war reconstruction.

The latter half of the century would be examined in the topics building modern Australia; times of prosperity and social change; and Australia and the shrinking globe, which examines globalisation and its impact from 1976 to 2000.

But some historians have argued that Mr Howard's history is too white.

Bond University history lecturer Dr Shirfeene Robinson described the guide as narrow

and selective. She said the guide appeared to underplay early conflict between

Aborigines and Europeans, the removal of Aboriginal children from their families and the 'White Australia Policy'.

"It is an unfortunate fact that racism was a major motivating factor behind Federation and this does not appear to be covered

at all," she said.

Under Mr Howard's plan, funding for the next four-year schools funding agreement, beginning in January 2009, would be conditional on the States and Territories accepting the government plan.

But most states said their students were already taught history at a comparable or more intensive level.

The Government commissioned Monash University's Professor Tony Taylor to develop a model history curriculum following the Australian history summit in Canberra last year.

In June, the Government announced a four-member panel had been appointed to review the draft curriculum.

Members included right-wing political commentator Gerard Henderson, who has written a history of the Liberal Party, and conservative historian Professor Geoffrey Blainey - who in 1993 coined the phrase 'black armband view of history' to describe the portrayal of European colonisation as shameful.

The other panel members were Australian National University senior fellow Nicholas Brown and NSW Board of Studies inspector Jennifer Lawless. However, Mr Della Bosca barred Ms Lawless from being a member of the panel, claiming it was biased.

Former Presbyterian Ladies College principal Elizabeth Ward replaced Ms Lawless.

With AAP

PM's plan 'too little too late'

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Although constitutional reform has long been something of a 'holy grail' for Indigenous campaigners, the preamble is considered by some to be symbolically important but little more than a feel-good curtain raiser for the main document (see opinion piece by Aboriginal lawyer Megan Davis).

Some Indigenous leaders and commentators labelled the referendum plan insincere, desperate, 'too little too late', 'a cruel and demented joke', just a pre-election ploy, and incongruous against the government's emergency intervention in the NT and its recent refusal to back the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

They argued that the PM's timeframes for drafting a new preamble and holding a referendum were doomed because they would not allow enough time to consult with Indigenous Australians. They said any constitutional change would be meaningless unless backed up by non-discriminatory legislation and real commitments to addressing Indigenous disadvantage in areas such as health and housing.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma called for a human rights framework to underpin the activities of government.

"The Prime Minister also needs to commit to achieving reconciliation through non-discriminatory means," Mr Calma said. "This will require some changes to those aspects of the NT emergency response legislation which remove the protections of the Racial Discrimination Act for Indigenous peoples in the NT. Such measures are not consistent with the Prime Minister's vision for a 'dignified and respectful reconciliation process'."

Mr Howard in his Sydney Institute speech admitted that relations between he and Indigenous leaders had not been



Electoral officer Wilfred Strangways enrolls first time voters Melissa and Francis Curtis on 16 October during one visit to the town camps around Alice Springs.

'without sidetracks and dry gullies'.

"There have been low points when dialogue between me as Prime Minister and many Indigenous leaders dwindled almost to the point of non-existence," he said, later telling journalists that he could have handled things better at the 1997 national reconciliation convention in Melbourne.

Mr Howard's podium-thumping refusal to apologise to the Stolen Generations led convention delegates to literally turn their backs on him, setting the tone for government and Indigenous relations for years to come.

Discussion on the reconciliation referendum consumed mainstream media for days after the PM's announcement, especially on talkback radio, but has waned somewhat since the election was called.

The election date announcement was followed by the dissolving of the Federal Parliament and propelled politicians and other aspirants out on to the hustings.

In the first week of the election campaign, the major parties focussed on the issues of leadership, tax reform, housing affordability and health. The Coalition's

opening campaign salvo of \$34 billion in proposed tax cuts appeared to slightly dent the big polling lead opened up by the Opposition since Kevin Rudd took over as its leader. As the Koori Mail went to print on Sunday, the Opposition courted families by announcing plans to build hundreds of new childcare centres. The televised debate between Mr Howard and Mr Rudd on Sunday night, complete with the notorious 'worm', was expected to crystallise the electorate mood.

In Indigenous affairs, the ALP's announcement this month that it would re-introduce a re-vamped CDEP scheme if elected emerged as a clear point of difference between it and the Government.

The Opposition's Indigenous affairs platform commits it to a national apology and consulting Indigenous people on a new elected representative body. However, some people believe the ALP's bipartisan support for the Government's NT intervention may spur some of its Indigenous support base to vote instead for minor parties such as the Greens, the Australian Democrats or independents in an attempt to ensure that

no party controls both houses of parliament. Greens leader Bob Brown has indicated that his party will direct its preferences to the ALP.

Meanwhile, Democrats Deputy Leader and Indigenous Affairs Spokesman Andrew Bartlett said neither the Coalition nor Labor was giving Indigenous issues enough consideration.

Senator Bartlett last week unveiled his party's Indigenous affairs policy, calling on the major parties to prioritise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. He said the Democrats' policy focused on Indigenous health, housing, education and employment.

"It is not until all political parties, all politicians agree and commit to putting first Australians first, giving top priority to Indigenous issues, that we will address that chronic inequality that still bedevils Australia's future," he said.

The Australian electoral roll closed last Wednesday, about a week earlier than usual because of recent changes to the Australian Electoral Act - something which lobby group GetUp said had effectively disenfranchised hundreds of thousands of Australians.

GetUp Executive Director Brett Solomon said the AEC had revealed only hours before the roll's closure that it had actually unenrolled 143,000 Australians in recent months, many of whom were not aware of it, despite many having made efforts to correct their enrolment.

In the NT, the AEC signed 2000 new Indigenous voters up to the roll in recent months.

Voters who had changed their address since the last election had until yesterday to update their address details.

● Read the next edition of the Koori Mail for extensive coverage of what both the major and minor parties say they'll do for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians if elected.

Preamble has no legal effect: lawyer

OPINION

THE Australian Constitution is Australia's founding document. A preamble is the introductory statement that explains what a legal instrument is. The preamble precedes the actual legal provisions of the Constitution also known as 'the operative text'.

100 days

The Prime Minister's proposal is to hold a referendum during the first 100 days of his next term, if elected, and ask the Australian people to amend the preamble to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first inhabitants of Australia, to recognise our unique heritage of culture and languages, and recognise our 'special (though not separate) place within a reconciled, indivisible nation'.

A referendum is necessary because Australia's Constitution is one of the most difficult to amend in the world. Unlike ordinary legislation that can be easily amended by Parliament, a Constitution is the most important law in the land and therefore the drafters made it rigid.

Section 128 makes it mandatory for any proposal to change the text be agreed upon by a majority of Australians in a majority of states and; a national

majority of Australians.

The preamble is technically the preamble to the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900*. This is an Act that was passed by the British Parliament to give legal force to the Australian Constitution. The rules of constitutional interpretation give us a good idea as to what legal effect recognition of Indigenous peoples in the preamble will have and those rules clearly tell us that it will have no legal effect. It is a symbolic gesture intended to make Australians feel proud of their Indigenous heritage, however, there are some problems with the proposal.

Special laws

Section 51(26) of the Constitution was amended in 1967 to give the Federal government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people or more precisely, "The people of any race, for whom it is deemed necessary to make special laws".

What is ambiguous in constitutional law is whether that power can be applied to pass laws to the detriment as well as benefit of Indigenous peoples. The Federal government argued in the High Court during the Hindmarsh Island case that they could in fact use that power to pass laws that have a negative consequence for Indigenous peoples. It is this



MEGAN DAVIS

provision that is safeguarding the discriminatory legislation underpinning NT intervention. A successful preamble outcome would thus create an unacceptable tension between an inclusive preamble that showcases an exclusionary, potentially racist constitutional text.

Unacceptable

This is an unacceptable situation for us, not just as Indigenous peoples but as Indigenous Australians who live in a democracy and have keen sense of justice and equality before the law. The races power is an odious provision and it has created an unacceptable ambiguity for any modern democracy. It is telling that

Howard never mentioned the races power in the context of his proposal. Why didn't he mention it? Was it deliberately excluded because it is too complex an issue to introduce before an election? Perhaps he does intend amending or deleting the power? The question we need to ask ourselves is, why would Indigenous peoples support an amended preamble that acknowledges us yet creates no new rights for us and leaves untouched a power that can be used diminish our rights?

Political footballs

How do other democracies secure Indigenous peoples so they do not become 'political footballs'? They provide them with constitutional recognition. Constitutions are powerful instruments and recognition in the operative text would mean governments cannot diminish our rights easily. They would require a referendum and only 8 out of 44 referendums have been successful. A preamble on its own is not a measure that will provide us with any real outcomes.

This proposal creates no new rights and has no legal impact and that is why conservatives, unmoved by the stories of the Stolen Generations, support it. It would be viewed by constitutional experts and historians as a legal step backwards (or to the side). It

may be that if Howard wins office, Australians will come to learn of this insidious presence in their founding document and demand that the races power be abolished or amended. They may demand the inclusion of a provision prohibiting discrimination against people on the basis of race or even one recognising Indigenous rights. It is only by inclusion in the operative text in a positive way, that any accompanying amendment to the preamble would be a truly meaningful and honest statement of reconciliation, because only then would it precede a Constitutional text that treats all Australians equally in law.

● Megan Davis is the Director of the Indigenous Law Centre at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). Her areas of academic interest and scholarship include Indigenous peoples' issues in public law involving the application of and developments in Indigenous law and policy and the importance of constitutional reform. Ms Davis has also examined Indigenous peoples in international law, in particular UN treaty body jurisprudence, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous issues and the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Howard's recognition referendum proposal

What the people say

ON 11 October in Sydney, Prime Minister John Howard announced that a re-elected Coalition Government would hold a referendum encouraging

recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the preamble of the Australian Constitution. Last week, the Koori Mail took to the streets around the

country and asked a range of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for their reaction. Some people hadn't heard about the proposal, others offered their

comments but declined to be recorded or photographed. When asked what he thought of the Prime Minister's election pledge, one man – perhaps tellingly – asked 'do

you mean the 1996 election?' but did not wish to be identified. Here's what those people who were prepared to comment had to say.



Miriam Luta, 35, Townsville, Qld: Howard is only talking this referendum to get votes. He can't even say sorry to my people. Rudd looks like beating him and is right up there.



David Heath, 40, North Hobart, Tas: I don't know the Constitution well enough to know if it's a good thing. If you're going to do it let's have half a dozen things; change the national anthem, flag etc.



Annetta Barnes, 29, Townsville, Qld: Hopefully such a referendum would be a start of peace for both black and white and we can come together. Saying sorry means nothing as it is just a word.



Geoff Jones, Perth, WA: I'm in agreement with Prime Minister Howard, absolutely. He's left it for 11 years but you've got to do it some time and at this time it's better than not doing it at all.



Julianne Fraser, Bidjara (Augathella from Qld) Melbourne, Vic: How are those words going to heal all that has happened in the past? How do we know he's genuine?



Robert Hopkins, 58, Townsville, Qld: I have spoken about this with my wife and it is very good, it's about time Indigenous people were recognised through the Constitution.



Katrina Main, 34, Hobart, Tas: It's about time that (Indigenous people) were recognised. It's about time he said sorry. He's said sorry about interest rates, so why can't he say sorry again?



John Rixon, 61, Canberra, ACT: I think it's a move in the right direction. I guess he's always spoken words about one Australia. There's no simple answer, I think it's good.



Eileen Yeatman, Yarrabah, Qld: He's just trying to get more Indigenous votes because he's on the way out and seems to be making an effort to give us what we're looking for, but he's not.



Tony Peck, Melbourne, Victoria: The referendum idea is purely about self-interest, on the Prime Minister's part as a leader and as a representative of a party in crisis.



Crystal McKinnon (Wongail from WA), Melbourne, Vic: I think it is tokenistic and he is doing it to deflect from the recent racist laws he has forced on people in the Northern Territory.



Roger Plant, Perth, WA: I think it's a very late priority, it's been a long time coming and from everything he's said in the last 11 years, I don't believe him. If he gets elected it will be dropped.



Ricky Maynard, 46, Launceston, Tas: I see him foreshadowing the referendum – quite cynical. He's had 11 years to do something positive. Why leave it to the eve of the election?



Megan Torpey (Eora from NSW), Melbourne, Victoria: I think it's convenient. I doubt there is much truth to his statements in the front pages; and I'm sure it has got people worrying.



Ben Everett, 25, Hobart, Tasmania: I like his idea and the changes he wants to make. But I hope after the election he keeps his promises. That's why I don't vote for him.



Genami Geia, 36, Townsville, Qld: It's a load of crap, because he has been in power too long and has promised our people this for votes. He hasn't shown us anything in the past.



Loretta Maynard, 60, Cape Barren Island, Tasmania: I reckon we vote for him. I don't like him much though. What's he doing about disability pensions? Is he putting them up or down?



Elvira Hughes, 36, Palm Island, Qld: I reckon it would be an important thing as there is bad racism around Townsville and being recognised in the Constitution could make a change.



Anita Heiss, Sydney, NSW: John Howard's latest political stunt and his apparent 11th-hour about-face on reconciliation are as transparent as cling wrap.



Keysar Trad, Islamic Friendship Association of Australia: This announcement could be a counter to his proposals to move Indigenous Australians from their land.



Sue Andrews, Yarrabah, Qld: Howard's made this commitment and what does that mean for Indigenous people in Australia? I think it's just a political ploy, again.



Jidah Clark (Tjap Whurrong from Vic), Melbourne, Vic: A 'special, though not separate place within a reconciled and indivisible nation' effectively denies our sovereignty.



Ili Dabea, 40, Palm Island, Qld: It depends of what Howard wants to put forward in the referendum and what is in it for our people. I would have to see it first.



Kelly Feeney, 26, Kingston, Tasmania: I think he should keep his word on it and make sure it goes through, and not let our people down all the time.

Inquest into Carl Woods' death in custody

Family waits for Coroner's ruling

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



ON the opening day of the coronial inquest into the death in police custody of Carl Woods, his home town of Katanning, in southern Western Australia, was hit by its biggest earthquake in 40 years.

The action in the Perth Coroner's Court last week was no less volatile.

Despite the insistence by four police officers involved in Carl Woods' apprehension that they had not used batons or torches to subdue him, a woman whose Parmelia home Woods had broken into on 11 April last year told the court she saw an officer using a black baton-like object to strike the 35-year-old father on the thighs and buttocks.

The witness said she had asked a senior sergeant from the Major Crime Squad overseeing the investigation to add those details to her police witness statement but was told that police already had sufficient evidence and statements would be reviewed at some later date.

The police internal investigators' report into the Nyongar man's death noted that no batons, and only two of the four attending officers' mag torches, were tested for Mr Woods' blood.

During the inquest, the court heard a recording of police operator Ben Fields confirming an ambulance officer's query about whether Woods had 'received a hiding', but lead police internal investigator Darren Bethel said Fields had 'made up' his response.

In the tape-recorded call, Fields said Senior Constable Aiden Sloan told him it had 'got a bit rough in there' and 'there's a fair amount of blood around the place'. Fields added that officers 'must have used a baton'.

Forensic pathologist at the State Mortuary in Perth, Dr Gerard Cadden, said linear bruising on Woods' back and legs appeared to be consistent with downward strikes from an object such as a mag torch or baton.

After answering a call about a home invasion in Parmelia, WA police officers Caleb Johnson, Todd Francis, Aiden Sloan and Graeme Taylor found Carl Woods leaving the premises, substance-affected and confused. He died after a violent struggle with police.

An autopsy conducted by Dr Cadden determined that Woods died of heart failure after the physical arrest, and the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee of Western Australia (DICWC, WA) and the Woods family and friends called for an independent inquiry into injuries sustained by Woods before his death.

On the one-year anniversary of the death, Woods' parents Berona Winmar and Humphrey Woods agreed to the circulation of flyers bearing mortuary photos showing the extent of their son's injuries at death.

During the inquest last week, the Coroner's Court, presided over by Evelyn Vicker, also heard an emergency call from the occupant of the house that showed how frightened she became when Carl Woods smashed down her door.

On the tape, Woods could be heard yelling erratically in a panicked state. He kept repeating the words 'I love you' to the elderly female occupant and kissed her, even though he did not know her.



The stress shows as Carl Woods' mother Berona Winmar talks to the media after an emotional first day of hearings.

A police emergency operator told officers that Woods was attacking the occupant's grandson, which raised the emergency priority of the call, although the occupant said Woods later assured her that though he was upset, 'he would never hurt kids'.

When asked by barrister John Rove if he thought updated information from the police operator could have allowed for a better outcome, Constable Caleb Johnson said 'yes'.

Constable Johnson said Woods had not thrown any punches during the arrest but had struggled violently to break free from the officers, who had difficulty holding him because he was sweating profusely.

'Knee thrust'

The young officer, who was a probationary constable at the time of Mr Woods' death, said that during the arrest he attempted to use a 'knee thrust' technique but did not recall making contact with Woods' body or face.

Constable Johnson said that after the arrest, a doctor at Rockingham hospital had asked him if a cut on his knee may have been caused by Woods' teeth, which were broken.

He also said he had found Mr Woods was not breathing after being placed in the police van, and was alerted something was wrong when Woods appeared to be overheating.

Psychologist Detective Kris Geeson told the court the description of Woods' behaviour was indicative of psychosis and could have been caused by marijuana and speed that toxicology tests detected in his system.

Dr Cadden, of the Perth Morgue, said degenerative heart conditions were 'not infrequently' seen in young people from certain backgrounds, including Aboriginal people.

He said he believed the 'degree of cardiac

illness' and 'acute methylamphetamine intoxication in the context of violent exertion' were the most central facts in Mr Woods' death, but that he could not rule out the possibility of asphyxia as relevant.

Dr Cadden also said that police officers should be aware of 'post-exertion peril' when arresting people obviously in a high-risk health categories.

He said vigilance was vital on the part of police officers to reduce the risk of death in vulnerable people after violent struggles, and resuscitation needed to be applied promptly to increase the likelihood of recovery.

He added the involvement of ambulance officers at early signs of trouble would improve outcomes.

Ambulance officer Brian Fitzgerald, who performed CPR on Woods as he was dying, said it would be beneficial and an alternative option for police officers to get ambulance officers to use chemical restraint rather than force in similar instances.

The officer also said that when faced with an anxious and confused person, ambulance staff were expected to 'talk them down' until they were calm enough to accompany them to hospital voluntarily.

Carl Woods' mother Ms Winmar, who attended every day of the inquest said, 'we heard from the State's leading pathologist, Dr Cadden, who has told us seven marks to his body have come from a baton'.

Family friend Mervyn Eades said the investigation process was 'only a procedure of law, not justice' and questioned the appropriateness of 'police investigating police'.

'The family just want closure,' he said.

The inquest was expected to conclude on Friday, with the Coroner reserving her finding.



Carl Woods' friend Mervyn Eades outside the court.

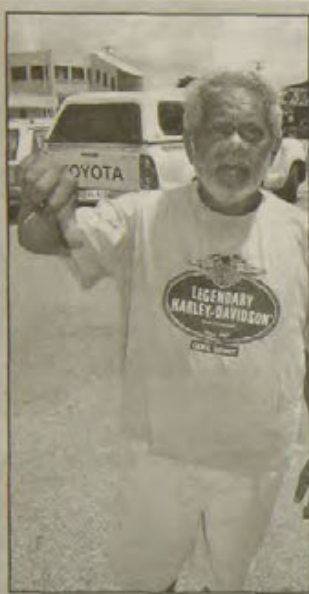


Marc Newhouse, from DICWC (WA), heads into court.



Humphrey Woods entering the court.

Plenty of praise, but agreement



Elder David Ryan, aged 64, gave the agreement the thumbs down.



Minister Mal Brough and Mayor Delena Foster sign the agreement with traditional owner Allan Palm Island, right, looking on.



Former Mayor Erykah Kyle was unhappy about the agreement.

Story and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



THE Palm Island Council has signed a two-year agreement with the Federal Government committing the

community to welfare reform in exchange for more houses on the overcrowded island.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough visited the community on 11 October to announce the \$14 million agreement, which is similar to one signed for Hope Vale, on Cape York, in May, and another signed for Yarrabah, near Cairns, last month.

The agreement sets out conditions on tenancies, including who can live where. Families who pay their rent, maintain their houses, send their children to school and participate in an income-management plan will be eligible for housing upgrades and to access low-interest loans.

In return, and subject to the State Government committing to 99-year leases in Queensland's DOGIT communities, the Federal Government will build 20 new houses on the island, and develop a new 40-lot subdivision. Employment strategies will be developed to encourage local jobs.

While many people on Palm Island hailed the agreement as a major positive, others — including two former mayors of the community — were critical of it.

The Koori Mail was on Palm Island for the agreement signing. Before the plane carrying Mr Brough and Federal Member for Herbert Peter Lindsay touched down, another one packed with local and national print and electronic media arrived.

The media were allowed into the Palm Island Council meeting room to take photographs as Mr Brough told how he played rugby league in the Townsville competition in the early 1980s for now-defunct club Estates.

He joked that he taught

Palm Island housing deal signed

champion North Queensland Cowboys hooker Aaron Payne all the skills he now showed in the NRL.

"I played in the team with his father and joke that I taught Aaron everything, but he was only a small kid then," Mr Brough said.

Afterwards, media were ushered out so the Minister could

provide home ownership opportunities as well as personal money management and other measures that will improve economic independence for individuals and families," he said.

"There will be increased economic development and job opportunities; improved services and support for families, individuals and organisations so

people a night once friends and family visiting from the mainland are factored in.

Outside the council chambers, some residents including David Ryan, aged 64, were sceptical about the agreement.

"I was born here and this is another con job," Mr Ryan said. "Brough has never been here before and we only see these

From there he walked to the nearby PCYC building and after a period media left and waited for Mr Brough to arrive at the Esplanade Tent where the signing took place and a barbecue spread was laid on.

As Mr Brough walked towards the tent, he was confronted by an angry former Mayor, Tom Geia, who questioned if the agreement would benefit all residents.

Afterwards, Mr Brough said that change was never easy.

"This is a beautiful island and I wonder why we have 50 whitefellas working here when locals could do the jobs," Mr Brough said.

Current Mayor Delena Foster was excited about the path ahead.

"This is a significant day for Palm Island and I have been very emotional thinking about it," she told those gathered. "We talked about this happening for years and meeting the needs of people."

Media later filmed as another fired-up former Mayor, Erykah Kyle, protested to Mr Brough about the agreement.

"This is a grab for our land and another case of stealing land from Aboriginal people," she said.

Mr Brough also talked to 40-year-old Lex Wotton who is still facing charges related to the riot which followed the 2004 Palm Island death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee. During the riot, the police station and barracks were torched. A Townsville jury acquitted the police officer involved in Mulrunji's death of manslaughter and assault charges in June.

Mr Wotton told Mr Brough that Palm Island had a future as long as the rule of home ownership was introduced properly, and no promises broken.

Before leaving, the Minister talked for several minutes to one of Mulrunji's sisters, Elizabeth Doomadgee.

Ms Doomadgee told the Koori Mail that she hoped to be one of the 60 residents who would be given the opportunity to own homes under the agreement.

'This is a significant day for Palm Island and I have been very emotional thinking about it. We talked about this happening for years...' — Palm Island Mayor Delena Foster

meet with the council, including Mayor Delena Foster who approached the Government after hearing about the Hope Vale agreement.

Mr Brough said the Mayor and other members of the council convinced him of 'their strong commitment to moving forward after some difficult times, and to achieving real change and prosperity for residents of the community'.

"This agreement aims to improve school attendance, housing, tenancy arrangements,

that Palm Island is safe and prosperous into the future."

The Minister said work would begin as soon as the State Government amended laws to provide for home ownership opportunities, something it had committed to do by the end of 2007.

Palm Island is one of the largest Indigenous communities in Australia, with a population of about 3500 people. There are currently 325 houses on the island, each of them accommodating an average of 17

politicians when an election is coming. We won't see him here once the election is over."

Several other residents gave similar views but declined to be named because they planned to apply to rent or later buy one of the 60 new homes to be built under the agreement.

Mr Brough then walked over to the Bwgcolman Primary School where he was met by Principal Ray Armit. He spent time in the classroom with Grade 5 pupils and inspected some fishponds at the Marine Studies block.

still has critics



Palm Island local Robert Blackman (right) shares his perspective with Mal Brough (centre) and Federal Member for Herbert Peter Lindsay.



Inside the Palm Island Council chambers, Deputy Mayor Zac Sam makes a point to Mal Brough as Maggie Blackley looks on.



Mal Brough answers a question from ex-Mayor Tom Geia.



Mal Brough talks to Elizabeth Doomadgie, the sister of Mulrunji who died in police custody in 2004.



Lex Wotton, still facing charges over the 2004 riot, had a kerbside conversation with the Minister.

Dismay at Burrup go-ahead



ABORIGINAL people and environmentalists have responded with dismay to the Federal Government decision to allow gas giant Woodside's Pluto gas development in Western

Australia to proceed, paving the way for the removal and/or destruction of some of the world's most important rock art.

The development involves the construction of a gas processing plant on the Burrup Peninsula near Karratha and will necessitate the removal of up to 200 examples of Aboriginal rock art, some of it up to 30,000 years old.

Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull approved the further development on 12 October under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 but attached 'strict environmental conditions'.

"The decision to grant environmental

approval for the Pluto project will ensure that industry development can proceed with environmental conditions to protect threatened and migratory species, ecological communities and the Commonwealth marine environment," Mr Turnbull said.

The environment conditions attached to the decision include requirements for management plans to mitigate any impacts on threatened species, notably the olive python, sea turtles and other marine mammals.

Woodside will also be required to put in place management plans to protect the Commonwealth marine environment, including a dredging and spoil disposal management plan, an oil spill contingency plan as well as offshore drilling operations, construction, installation and operations management plans.

The decision was welcomed by Federal Industry, Tourism and Resources Minister Ian Macfarlane, who said environment and heritage protection could be balanced with economic and industry development.

"One does not have to come at the expense of the other," Mr Macfarlane said.

Aboriginal groups want a full inquiry into the value of Aboriginal heritage on the Burrup, with traditional owner representative Wong Goo Ttoo Elder Wilfred Hicks telling the Koori Mail earlier this month that the Pluto development ranked as 'one of the worst incidents of the destruction of

Aboriginal heritage and world-class rock art'.

However, Mr Turnbull last week rejected a Wong Goo Ttoo native title group application to have this area declared a Significant Aboriginal Area.

He sought to placate Indigenous interests by saying that minimum targets for Indigenous participation in the project, including in the construction and operational workforce and local supply contracts, would also encourage the long-term development of the local Indigenous community.

WA Greens Senator and environment spokesperson Rachel Siewert likened the move to bulldozing the Great Pyramid or developing Stonehenge.

"By making this decision, the Minister is paving the way for the destruction of a significant number of unique works of Aboriginal art," she said.

"This Government would bulldoze the

Great Pyramid if it stood in the way of economic development.

"The farce of this situation is that the Government could have easily ensured that this development went ahead in an area that did not threaten rock art. Where is the Government's leadership? It is essential that none of the cultural values of the area are disturbed or affected by any activity," she said.

"It is clear that Malcolm Turnbull has failed to guarantee the protection of this area, and is part of an overall reckless approach to our environmental and

cultural heritage.

"This is just a last-ditch attempt to push ahead with these projects while the Prime Minister is still in government."

Lobby group the Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) said it would continue to oppose the decision, which it said Minister Turnbull 'will have to live with'.

"So will his masters at Woodside," the group said in an update to its members and supporters. "FARA will continue to oppose any destruction of rock art on Murujuga."

The group is taking legal advice on Woodside's plans to remove rock art from the development site.

Mr Macfarlane said the Woodside Pluto development would inject \$17.6 billion into the national economy, including up to 3000 direct jobs during construction and a further 200 direct jobs and 3000 indirect jobs during its operation.



Traditional owner representative Wong Goo Ttoo Elder Wilfred Hicks ... 'one of the worst incidents of the destruction of Aboriginal heritage and world class rock art'.

Time to heal

By DARREN COYNE



THE 'father of reconciliation' Patrick Dodson has called for a national dialogue to heal the rifts between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia.

"I get a sense that the Government's intervention in the Northern Territory and the manner in which it abused its control of Parliament to rush through legislation amidst the deafening silence of the Opposition's acquiescence has disturbed the consciousness of a great many Australians," Mr Dodson said.

"A political tipping point about Indigenous and non-Indigenous relationships has been reached. Whether it comes from Labor or the more conservative side of politics, Australia is destined for new political leadership and with a sense that it is time for a serious national dialogue over the position of Indigenous people in Australia's future."

Speaking at a forum at La Trobe University in Melbourne on 10 October, Mr Dodson, who is the founding chair of the Lingjari Foundation and former inaugural chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, proposed holding a series of gatherings in every State and Territory.

Those forums would involve Indigenous leaders, industry representatives, politicians, public servants, trade union and church leaders, academics, and others with a desire for reconciliation.

He wants them to explore in detail a policy and philosophical framework that can support the rebuilding of Indigenous communities and honour Indigenous people's place in the Australian nation.

"I have confidence that such a process would result in a consensus for a comprehensive national commitment and policy framework that should be supported by the federation of Australian governments and secured into the future with bipartisan political agreement," Mr Dodson said.

"It really only requires the courage to act and seek something better than what we have delivered for two lost centuries and to begin the dialogue that we are all capable of but so fearful of beginning."

Mr Dodson said a national dialogue would enable Australia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders to reach agreement on a way forward where practical measures of regional governance, land title, fiscal and service delivery arrangements could begin to overcome Indigenous disadvantage.

Key principals

He suggested key principals to guide such a dialogue. They were: Mutual respect for differing views and political positions; a search for common ground in pursuit of a nation that is seen as upholding the highest standards of international human rights; a desire to enhance and sustain cultural and social values as important components of Australian nation building; and an openness for the need for change, where change will contribute to a better sense of Australian nationhood.

Mr Dodson issued a challenge: "Will Australians living in this epoch be seen as providing the informed or tacit consent for governments to embark on a disguised process of cultural genocide? Or will this generation be celebrated for its wisdom and imagination that fundamentally transformed Australia from its racist colonial past, and entrenched Indigenous culture as a fundamental plank in our nationhood?"

He cited the deal between the Federal

'Father of Reconciliation' calls for national dialogue



PATRICK DODSON

Government and Galarwuy Yunupingu (foreshadowing a 99-year-lease over the community of Gunyangara near Nhulunbuy in north-east Arnhem Land) as evidence of the current dysfunctional relationship between Indigenous Australia and the Federal Government.

"Yunupingu is a recognised warrior of the land rights movement whom the government has depicted as being won over to the positivist side of enlightened modernity and leaving behind the primitive image of communal title with its baggage of passive welfare and Hobbesian despair," Mr Dodson said.

"The truth is that this agreement was forged in the context of coercion and government intervention and the lure of resources for an identified group in order to maximise political benefit for the Government."

Mr Dodson said the Yunupingu deal and the Northern Territory intervention raised serious questions about the Government's integrity.

"In this situation, the Government is prepared to negotiate a treaty that leaves the Gumatj holding the head lease and the Crown obtaining the necessary subleases, but in other cases, such as the Tiwi Islands, the Government will hold the head lease for 99 years and the Tiwi traditional owners will have to seek sub-leases from the lessor of their traditional lands. There is no guarantee that they would be given such leases."

Mr Dodson took a dim view of the Government's current approach, but offered advice for the way forward.

"While many Indigenous people hold the view that the Government's motivation to

take control of 70 or so Indigenous communities in the NT has an ideologically driven agenda to crush the structures that support self-determination, it is hard to imagine a collaborative partnership emerging.

"Only a partnership based on goodwill and trust can achieve sustainable positive change."

He said however that the Australian Government's approach so far was to disregard the Indigenous organisational capacity and leadership — the social capital needed to address the social crisis.

Mr Dodson also issued a warning, saying that the NT intervention was the 'first incubator' designed by a new breed of social engineers intent on mainstreaming Indigenous people.

"The Australian Government's approach has eschewed dialogue with Indigenous leaders and representatives because such a course is contrary to its assimilationist position," he said.

"For so many Indigenous Australians, whether living in remote settlements or in towns and cities, the crisis in Aboriginal Australia is lived as a daily reality and marked by the parade of funerals for loved ones, the noise and pain of drunken violence, the visits to hospitals and prisons and the numbness of pervasive despair.

"This reality is a festering cancer on the nation's soul and cannot be dealt with solely by intervention by government authority and the imposition of a new social and economic order ordained by conservative ideologues and implemented by dysfunctional bureaucratic machinery."

Reaction

Meanwhile, on 12 October on the eve of announcing the federal election, Prime Minister John Howard outlined his latest vision for dealing with Australia's Indigenous people.

Admitting that he had 'struggled' with aspects of the reconciliation process in the past, Mr Howard said his Government's intervention into Indigenous communities in the NT — and the public response to it — had overturned 30 years of attitudes and thinking on indigenous policy, 'with individual rights to a decent life now more important than group rights'.

"I announce that, if re-elected, I will put to the Australian people within 18 months a referendum to formally recognise Indigenous Australians in our Constitution — their history as the first inhabitants of our country, their unique heritage of culture and languages, and their special, though not separate, place within a reconciled, indivisible nation."

Mr Howard also said he wanted a new statement of reconciliation incorporated into the Constitutional Preamble.

After years of refusing to apologise to Aboriginal Australians over their past treatment, Mr Howard admitted he had failed to recognise the importance of symbolism in healing the rift.

As justification for his shift in thinking, he talked of 'a new mood'.

He said, however, there needed to be a balance of rights and responsibilities of the practical and symbolic.

"...any symbolic moves in this area have got to carry the entire nation with them."

Mr Howard said the Government was attempting to overturn failed policies of the last 20 to 30 years, which were based on separation, not unity.

He also said that reconciliation would not be achieved if an apology for past wrongs continued to be raised.

Labor finance spokesman Lindsay Tanner was scathing in response.

"John Howard's like an atheist who calls for a priest when he's worried about dying ... The position he's put ... we broadly support because it's pretty much the position we've held for a number of years, it's our policy. But it's no surprise a lot of people are questioning just how fair dinkum he is. What's he going to do next? Become a republican?"

Church condemns

And while the political point-scoring will now doubt continue up until the election, the calls for an apology are unlikely to go away. Just last week, 17 October, the United Church's Northern Synod added its voice to the debate. The Synod released a statement condemning the intervention in Aboriginal communities as abusive and damaging.

The Synod's statement said its members condemned the radical and sweeping reforms to combat child sex abuse.

"This Synod condemns the current legislative response as abusive, intrusive and damaging," the statement said.

"(We) call on the Australian Government to enter into a real partnership with Indigenous people."

The Synod — which said it would support initiatives to keep communities safe — also voiced concerns with modifications to the permit system, which controls the access of non-Indigenous people onto Aboriginal land.

The statement quoted an Arnhem Land

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church leader who said Aboriginal people were confused.

"We are now under three laws – our own Aboriginal law, Australian law for all Australians and this new white man's law for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory," the leader said.

The statement also quoted other 'cries for help and expressions of concern', including a child from Galiwinku who asked: "Is there a war between black and white people?"

The Synod said it shared peoples' sense of betrayal.

"Through our partnerships as Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the Northern Synod we share a sense of pain, loss, confusion and sadness generated by the Federal Government's intervention," the statement said.

The Synod called on the Government to repeal the NT Emergency Response Act 2007 and start a consultative processes that would uphold human rights and affirm self-determination.

Domestic Violence Orders

Meanwhile, in another response to the Federal Government's intervention, the Northern Territory Government last week announced legislation which would allow children to apply for Domestic Violence Orders (DVOs).

Under the changes to NT law, victims of economic abuse and intimidation would be able to make applications for DVOs.

NT Justice Minister Justice Syd Stirling said the act was overhauled after a thorough review.

The changes are expected to be passed during the November sittings.

Under the new legislation, children would be able to apply for domestic violence orders, and the maximum penalty for breaching an order would increase from six months to two years.

There also would be a presumption in favour of a DVO applicant who had children in their care, and mandatory sentencing in cases where a perpetrator was guilty of a second breach of an order when that breach had caused the victim harm.

The new measures, however, were almost lost as the NT Government again became embroiled in a stoush with the Federal Government, when Indigenous



Prime Minister John Howard meets with community members in August this year in the community of Hermannsburg.

PM admits he may have got it wrong, but still rules out an apology

Affairs Minister Mal Brough used the arrest of a man for grog running as proof that the intervention was working.

The Territory's Licensing Minister Chris Burns quickly responded, saying the man was in fact arrested under local laws.

"Mr Brough is very desperate ... to try and say that their laws are working," Mr Burns told ABC radio.

But a police statement appeared to deflate the stance of both politicians.

Police said while liquor sale records from Alice Springs were part of an intelligence gathering process, by the time the information was passed on three people had already be found with the alcohol.

Adding to the alcohol debate, a recent study into bans on drinking in Aboriginal communities delivered a fresh blow to the

thinking behind the intervention program.

The study conducted by the National Drug Research Institute showed policies that had support from the ground up were more effective at solving social problems than those that were imposed.

The Institute spent two years studying the effects of alcohol restrictions in Indigenous communities across Australia.

Education funding needed

And another report into the impact of the intervention found that at least \$1.7 billion over five years in additional funding was needed to deliver a high quality education to all NT children.

Education is the key: An education future for Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory by the Australian Education Union,

calculated as many as 7500 Indigenous children were missing out on pre-school or school, and up to 5000 potential students under the age of 18 in remote areas had no access to secondary or vocational education services. And while on the ground research revealed enrolments had surged in some community schools as a result of the intervention, many schools had been left to struggle. "Now the Federal Government has taken the step of intervening it must show leadership and back up its actions with resources," said AEU Federal President Pat Byrne.

"For the intervention to be successful education must be a priority and the Federal and NT governments must work in partnership with local communities."

— with AAP

Meanwhile, army boss announces retreat to Darwin



Major-General David Chalmers



THE focus of the Commonwealth's intervention in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities is shifting to the Top

End according to the head of the NT emergency response task force.

Major-General David Chalmers has given his final briefing on the rollout of Federal Government initiatives in central Australia since they began three months ago, detailing more than 3200 child health checks carried out in 35 communities.

Major-General Chalmers said it was appropriate for Alice Springs to be the base for the emergency response task force

during the first few months of the intervention.

"I had always planned that it would be appropriate at a point to move the operations centre from Alice Springs to Darwin," he said.

"That will enable me to more closely link with the Northern Territory Government and the Northern Territory police. It'll also be a little logistically simpler to support."

Major-General Chalmers also said the Federal Government was unlikely to begin lifting the permit system in the Territory before the election.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said he would begin removing restrictions on entry to

Aboriginal communities before the end of the year.

Major-General Chalmers said government officials had not needed permits to enter communities since the legislation was passed.

"The change will take place for all people six months after the legislation or if the Minister makes a determination before then and I suggest that because we're now in the caretaker period that won't happen," he said.

"So right now, I'll assume that those changes for all people will take place some time around February."

The lifting of land permits has sparked renewed concerns with some Aboriginal communities

that public access will soon be allowed.

But Major-General Chalmers said the lifting of permits only affected 0.2 per cent of Aboriginal land.

"Sacred sites remain off-limits. Most of Aboriginal land, outstations remain off-limits. In communities, people's homes remain off-limits," he said.

"The changes to the permit system won't allow people to enter places where they wouldn't normally enter and shouldn't normally go in any other community."

"But it does allow people to go to the store, the art centre, the normal public areas of a small town."

— AAP

Second National Indigenous Land

Caring for Country strategy is closer



Indigenous Advisory Committee members Damein Bell, Vic McGrath, Chrissy Grant, Daniel Oades, Dave Johnston and Joe Morrison with chairperson Melissa George.



Peter Yu and Noel Pearson at the national conference.



Hundreds of volunteers like these made the conference and associated Girringun Cultural Festival a reality.

Story and photos by
CHRISTINE HOWES



DELEGATES to the Second National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference held in Cardwell, south of Cairns, earlier this month have endorsed the first steps towards a national Caring for Country Strategy.

After moving that the final product should be driven and owned by traditional owners separately to government and the private sector, it was also agreed that the next stage in discussions around the strategy would be the development of a brief discussion paper to go back to communities.

The paper would be based on the results of workshops held at the conference to establish the views of the more than 600 delegates on the benefits, drawbacks and ingredients of what was needed to progress a unified national strategy.

The conference was held over four days and featured more than 40 case studies, plenary sessions and workshops as well as expedition tours to significant cultural sites for every delegate.

Hosted by the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation, which represents nine tribal groups from Mission Beach to Hinchinbrook Island, across to Herberton on the Tablelands and Rollingstone, just north of Townsville, the conference was held in conjunction with a major cultural festival over the following weekend.

National Caring for Country strategy workshops were part of the main program and hosted by an Indigenous Advisory

Committee (IAC) to the Federal Minister for Environment and Water Resources, Malcolm Turnbull, who said in a pre-recorded video to the event that he was 'keen to hear the stories and advice' that would come from the conference.

"We look to gatherings like this to make sure we are well-informed on what caring for country means for you and how we in the Government can support Indigenous people working to manage the land and the sea," Mr Turnbull said.

Girringun CEO Phil Rist said carrying forward the development of the strategy was probably the most important outcome of the conference.

Ownership and protection of information was a key theme emerging from plenary speakers such as Mick Dodson and Peter Yu, while other speakers such as Noel Pearson and Murrandoo Yanner spoke of community capacity and the importance of taking on responsibilities in land and natural resource management.

Professor Dodson said Indigenous knowledge was vulnerable to misuse and in 'desperate need of protection'.

"The key point I want to make today is that the proper protection of Indigenous traditional knowledge is an Indigenous issue and Indigenous people should be central to the process of developing appropriate protection of our unique knowledge," he said.

Professor Dodson said that in the context of work he had done in international forums such as the UN, he believed it was not an issue 'that can simply remain within the domestic domain'.

"In my view there clearly needs to be

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MICK DODSON



MURRANDOO YANNER

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and Sea Management Conference



● **ABOVE:** Girringun's Peter Leo with Cairns Green Corps volunteers who attended the conference.

● **RIGHT:** Traditional owners and Elders from the Girringun area, Jack Maurita with Girringun Chair Pastor John Andy and Abe Maurita.



Girringun CEO Phil Rist with his daughter and volunteer Jessica Rist.



Bandjin Elder Russell Butler Snr with didgeridoo player Daniel Fisher.

Traditional owners will have their say

● From facing page

an international standard to guide domestic implementation," he said, inviting delegates to provide him with feedback on his work for the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (see 'Report on Indigenous Traditional Knowledge' under 'Documents submitted by the Secretariat' at www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/session_sixth.html).

North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) Chairman Peter Yu said the Australian nation was in a 'watershed period' within which Indigenous Australians held a defining place.

"We as a nation will soon be forced to make decisions on how half full or half empty the glass we're going to leave for our children and for their children is," he said.

"The importance of cultural knowledge is something to be respected and embraced by the mainstream.

"When it is all said and done, matters of ownership and an attempt to address this issue of improving the position of our communities is through keeping our people on their country and working on it."

Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership director Noel Pearson told the conference that land management and caring for country was

'fundamentally the struggles for land rights'.

"I count welfare reform and land rights as equal principles that need to be equally and energetically pursued," he said.

"And if our principle concern is the maintenance of our culture, as we say, then we have to get socially and economically strong."

In a self-described 'blunt' speech, Mr Pearson questioned delegates about how 'socio-economically dysfunctional people' would be able to retain their cultures and traditions.

Questions

"How can we transmit our cultures when we're in with the pokie machines; how can we transmit our cultures when we're drunk down at the pub; how can we take our children out on to country when we've spent all our money on the TAB?" he asked.

Carpentaria councillor Murrando Yanner was unapologetic about disagreeing with Prime Minister John Howard's approaches to land and social issues.

"Don't worry, I'm not going to preach to you about drinking," he said.

"I want to talk a little bit about this family intervention crap, you might think it's got nothing to do with land and sea management, but everything's connected.

"We've got to nip this stuff in the bud aggressively, stand up and be counted and shout down the mob who have supported this racist rubbish.

"We have nowhere near (got) back our traditional lands but we have parts of it, and they're already talking about applying the Territory model into Queensland, through the Gulf, up the Cape and over to Western Australia.

"The danger of all this is that it doesn't recognise what our own people have been doing for years ... no-one cares more about these problems in our communities than us, but it's got to be done properly and empower our mob to do it."

Mr Yanner said nothing was more important 'right now' than land and sea management.

"I think we need to thank the old people for getting us this far. It's not something that's come out of government, (and) scientists are now catching up and acknowledging what we've always known," he said.

"You can't let them take a single right away, no matter what it is, you know grog is not the greatest right on earth to argue about, but it is a right like everything else. They take one away, they take the lot away."

● See Pages 36 and 37 for photos from the Girringun Cultural Festival, and Page 38 for more photos from the conference.



Don Lyons, from the Leech Lake Tribal Nation, with Bucko, from the Baymills Indian community, who travelled from Michigan, in the United States, to be at the conference.



Madeline Dixon, Rowena Tasman and Tim Collins, from Yuendumu and Lajamanu, in the Northern Territory.

Co-operation 'vital' to healing, truth, justice



MORE than 200 people attended a gala dinner in Darwin earlier this month to launch the

Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) and commemorate the 13th anniversary of the Coming Home conference.

Among those attending were Alliance patron Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue, Bringing Them Home Co-commissioner Kathy Mills, and Labor Senators Trish Crossin and Kate Lundy.

The dinner took place during the first annual conference of the Alliance, which drew more than 100 people from every State and Territory. The conference brought together representatives of Stolen Generations organisations, Link-Up workers, Bringing Them Home counsellors, other support workers, academics and advocates.

At the opening meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the chairs of the Stolen Generations organisations in Western Australia's Kimberley region, Central Australia and the Top End. The four chairs - Mark Bin Bakar, Zita Wallace, Cynthia Sariago and Juanita Heparia - and their colleagues had met for three days before the conference to develop the MoU.

In her speech, Professor O'Donoghue welcomed this

evidence of co-operation between Stolen Generations organisations, something she said was widely needed. She said immense harm was being done to Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory by the Government's lack of consultation in its emergency intervention there, and co-operation was vital if the Alliance's aims of 'healing, truth and justice' were to be achieved.

Professor O'Donoghue read a message from her fellow patron, former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

"You have worked steadily for a decade to heal the harm done by the removal policies," Mr Fraser wrote.

"You have made considerable progress, despite the intransigence of the Federal Government. And you have helped open the eyes of the wider Australian community to the discrimination that all Aboriginal Australians face."

"The next few years should see a greater readiness to give serious attention to Aboriginal concerns, including the *Bringing Them Home* report, and your work will be important. I look forward to working with you."

The conference also heard from Bob Randall, of the Multijulu community, author of the song *Brown Skin Baby*, and from Bruce Trevorrow who, after a 15-year struggle, recently won compensation from South

Australia's Supreme Court for wrongful removal from his family as a child.

At the Alliance's inaugural general meeting, Christine King was elected Indigenous Co-Chair of the SGA. Ms King is a Larrakia woman who was removed from her family in Darwin as a child and taken to Croker Island.

She now works in Canberra, and is Chair of the Indigenous Social Workers' Association. The non-Indigenous Co-Chair is Phil Elsegood, Managing Director of Cross-Cultural Consultants, Darwin.

The Secretary is Neila Penny, a Nunga woman who was removed from her family as a child, and adopted by a couple who then decided to return to England, taking Neila with them. She was overseas for 36 years, but has now chosen to return to her Nunga roots, and has settled in Perth.

Other executive members include former ATSIC Commissioner and SNAICC Chair Brian Butler, and Mark Bin Bakar, NAIDOC Aboriginal of the Year for 2007. The new executive has paid tribute to Debra Hocking, Chair of Tasmania's Journey of Healing, who was the SGA Inaugural Chair when it was launched in February this year.

For further information on the alliance and its activities, go to the website www.sgalliance.org.au



Some of the conference participants.



● ABOVE: Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue with Bruce Trevorrow, who recently won compensation from South Australia's Supreme Court for wrongful removal from his family as a child.
● LEFT: Mary G (Mark Bin Bakar) was the main entertainment at the gala dinner that launched the SGA. The popular entertainer is pictured here with NSW Link-Up worker Bruce Clayton-Brown.



DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service" provides medical, dental and allied health professional health services to the greater metropolitan area and hinterland of Perth. With a budget of approximately \$10 million annually, the organisation also provides for broader social/cultural wellbeing through the 'Bringing Them Home' and 'Elizabeth Hansen Autumn Centre' programs.

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc seeks a strong and visionary Deputy Chief Executive Officer to work collaboratively with the Chief Executive Officer to lead a complex organisation. The successful applicant will have an extensive knowledge of health issues, with particular reference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Possessing strong analytical and policy development abilities, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer will have successful change management experience and the necessary skills to assist in leading a dynamic organisation. Excellent communication, negotiation, dispute resolution, strategic human resource and financial monitoring skills are essential. You will be required to work closely with the Executive Committee and the Chief Executive Officer with particular respect to matters of governance, policy development and strategic management, as well as to develop and maintain good working relationships with external stakeholders.

The position offers an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the hands on leadership and management of a dynamic and challenging organisation.

This position is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (Section 50D Equal Opportunity Act).

The position carries with it an attractive salary package of \$97,000 per annum, depending on qualifications and experience.

All applications for the above listed positions should include a CV and address the selection criteria. For selection criteria and further information please contact Mr Colin Garland (Chief Executive Officer) via email at cgardl@derbarlyerrigan.com.au or on (08) 9421 3814. Applications to be addressed to CEO, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, 156 Wittenoom Street, East Perth WA 6004 (marked Private & Confidential) or via email to cgardl@derbarlyerrigan.com.au by 5pm on Monday, 5 November 2007.

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HEALTH SERVICE INC**

Government jumping the gun, says Palm deputy

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



PALM Island Deputy Mayor Zac Sam says a community decision on a proposed new company to deliver community services and create business opportunities in the community will not be forthcoming until after the federal election.

Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr announced last Wednesday that the company's first board meeting would be held in November, and the company would begin operating by the end of the year.

She said it would be a partnership of the State Government, Palm Island Council and the community and traditional owners, and the Department of Communities would support the company in its first year.

"This heralds a new era on Palm," Ms Nelson-Carr said, adding that the company would

become a model for other Indigenous communities around Australia.

"It will offer business services to non-government organisations, manage the delivery of a range of social services and advise and support the community."

However Cr Sam said that it would be up to the community at a coming meeting with Government representatives to see if they wanted the company to go ahead.

"This agreement was spoken about last

week when Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Mal Brough visited Palm Island and the Commonwealth and State Governments would be involved," Cr Sam told *The Koori Mail* on Thursday.

He said that community input would be vital before such a company could start operating on Palm Island.

"The company would have joint ventures and, while it looks like it would benefit Palm Island, it is up to our community to decide and we are waiting until after the Federal election," Cr Sam said.

Palm Island Deputy Mayor Zac Sam: The community will decide if it wants a company to be a service provider on the island, but no decision will be made until after the Federal election.



looks like it would benefit Palm Island, it is up to our community to decide and we are waiting until after the Federal election," Cr Sam said.

The Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, located in East Perth, Mirrabooka and Maddington, is a key organisation in Aboriginal Health Care. We are a rapidly expanding and dynamic organisation providing a holistic service to the Aboriginal people of Western Australia.



Indigenous languages: 'Urgent action needed to save them'

By KIRSTIE PARKER
Photos by PILAWUK



INDIGENOUS language experts from across the country and overseas say the Australian

Government must do more to protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, most of which are fighting for survival.

Around 300 language speakers, teachers, language workers and researchers of Indigenous languages attended the national Indigenous Language Conference (ILC) at the University of Adelaide, on the country of the Kaurna people, from 25-27 September.

They discussed a range of formal recommendations for action aimed at valuing, protecting and promoting Indigenous languages, and called on the government to:

- Increase funding and resources for teaching of Indigenous languages
- Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages as official languages of Australia, including in the Preamble to the Constitution
- Develop a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages policy
- Establish a National Indigenous Languages Centre
- Adopt a National Indigenous Television Language Policy
- Give more support for bilingual education
- Hold an inquiry into the likely effects of its intervention into

Northern Territory communities on Aboriginal languages and cultures.

The conference began with a plenary panel of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language experts including Dr Alitya Wallara Rigney from SA, John Atkinson from Victoria, Lorraine Injia from SA, Jeanie Bell, Leonora Adidi and Ralph Doole representing the Batchelor Institute in the NT, and

'Australia's Indigenous languages are at a crossroads'
— Dr Rob Amery

Raymattja Marika from Arnhem Land.

Conference speakers included Phillip Cash Cash, also known as Yellow Hawk, from the University of Arizona, who spoke on endangered languages in the Columbia Plateau of western North America, and Te Haumihiata Mason, a Maori language consultant who is working on a monolingual Maori dictionary for the Maori Language Commission.

Jane Simpson, from the University of Sydney, spoke about an Aboriginal child language acquisition project she had been involved with over the past five years in three remote communities in the NT where traditional languages were giving way to *Kriol*.

Conference Convenor Dr Rob Amery said language was central to establishing Indigenous people's social identity but all Indigenous

Australian languages were endangered.

"Australia's Indigenous languages are at a crossroads," Dr Amery said.

"Current Federal Government interventionist policies are being introduced without any thought of the harmful effects of those policies on Indigenous language."

"There is naturally a focus on basic survival issues — child safety, health and so on — but it is all too easy to forget the fundamental role that language plays — and has played for millennia — in establishing Indigenous Australian's sense of social identity."

The University of Adelaide's Professor Roger Thomas said that while there was some government support for Australia's Indigenous languages, it paled into insignificance when compared with funding for English language programs, or for languages of economic importance or of value in strategic defence.

The conference was funded by the Department for Communication, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA), the University of Adelaide, the University of South Australia and Flinders University, with much of the conference organisation carried out by Dr Amery, Mary-Anne Gale and Margaret Rebelos.

Batchelor Institute and the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages both volunteered to host the next such conference.

The United Nations has declared 2008 the International Year of Indigenous Languages.



Attending from Ceduna on SA's west coast were, from left, Reva Miller, Aunt Gladys Miller, Wanda Miller and Estelle Miller.



● ABOVE: From left, David Prosser (Gumbaynggirr language program, NSW), language teacher Michael Jarrett and linguist Brother Steve Morelli.



● LEFT: Simone Ulalka Tur (left) with her mum Mona Ngitji Ngitji Tur.

A gong for Hagans at TV media awards

KOORI Mail columnist Stephen Hagan and his wife Rhonda have won a 2007 EnhanceTV ATOM Award for their controversial documentary *Nigger Lovers*.

Their film, which centres on Toowoomba in Queensland, was one of 128 finalists in the Best Documentary Short Form section.

There were a total of 617 entries in 30 awards presented at a red carpet event at Melbourne's Regent Theatre last Friday night.

The Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) Awards promote and reward excellence in film, TV, video and multimedia.

Ms Hagan said she was a little overawed by the prestigious occasion, but was delighted to see her documentary, chronicling the controversial journey of a story very close to her heart, receive recognition on the national stage in front of many influential people in the film industry.

Mr Hagan told the



Reg Blow, Rhonda Hagan (holding the ATOM award for *Nigger Lovers*), Walda Blow and Stephen Hagan at the EnhanceTV ATOM Awards in Melbourne last week.

audience he was glad to be able to expose to the rest of the world Australia's poor performance on racism through his 26-minute documentary.

On 16 November, the Hagans will sit through another anxious night when

their documentary is judged alongside many others for the Insider Film (IF) Awards on the Gold Coast.

Five films from the AFC's Indigenous Branch are in the running: *Nigger Lovers* (the Hagans and Daryl Sparkes); *Nana* (Warwick Thornton and

Kath Shelper); *Crocodile Dreaming* (Darlene Johnson and Sue Milliken); *My Brother Vinnie* (Steven McGregor, Aaron Pedersen and Sarah Bond); and *Flour, Sugar, Tea* (Lee Willis and Gina Twyble). The awards will be televised live on SBS television.



Conference speaker Te Haumihiata, from the Maori Language Commission in NZ.

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Gomerol Narrabri People - Native Title Claimant Group
NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

NSW Native Title Services Ltd will hold a meeting of the Gomerol Narrabri People Native Title Claimant Group to discuss matters arising in relation to their native title claim and to Authorise settlement of the claim (NC 07/02, NSD437/07).

Dates & Times:

Saturday 10 November, 2007 from 10:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday 11 November 2007 from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Place: The Crossing Theatre - Riverside Room
117 Tibbereena Street, Narrabri NSW 2390

Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available but will only be considered if the appropriate applications are lodged at the Dubbo Regional Office by 2 November 2007.

ALL QUERIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NATHAN AT THE NSW NTS DUBBO REGIONAL OFFICE, PHONE 02 6882 5788 OR FAX 02 6882 6157.

Sámi people host Indigenous



Liv Inger Somby from NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation) Sámi Radio and Sámi President Olli Egil.



Cheryl McKenzie, from the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network in Canada, with Inga Hansen, from Kalallit Nunaata Radio KNR in Greenland.

INDIGENOUS journalists and media representatives from around the world came together in the northern Sápmi (Norway) city of Alta earlier this month to exchange stories, knowledge and experiences in Indigenous media and journalism, as well as to inspire each other.

All the delegates, drawn from around the world, were either Indigenous journalists or working for Indigenous media outlets. And all agreed that giving Indigenous peoples a voice was fundamental to their work.

The gathering was the first of its kind and was organised by the Sámi Journalists Association, a very small organisation in Sápmi within the Resource Centre for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Sámi people are Indigenous people from above the Arctic Circle, who live in the countries of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia.

'Laplanders' might be a more familiar term, but the people of the area prefer to be called Sámi.

One of the conference organisers, Liv Inger Somby, said two very important solutions came out of three days of discussion.

"The first is to start Indigenous journalism education on a global level," she said. "This might be in Guovdageaidnu (Kautokeino) in Sápmi – at the Sámi University College.

"The other important outcome is that Indigenous journalists worldwide will start to organise – to make a global Indigenous journalists organisation.

"This conference was also good because it was organised by Indigenous people. We have started to establish a very important network."

The Koori Mail joined representatives from Finland, Norway, Switzerland, Greenland, Canada, Kenya, Russia, Nepal, New Zealand, Spain and the United States at the event.

I was invited to speak on Indigenous journalism in Australia and, in particular, the role of *The Koori Mail* in the media sector.

There were also speeches from the co-ordinator of Indigenous and Minorities Unit from the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Julian Burger, who presented on 'Research and Right to Development'; former Chair of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Sámi University College Professor Ole Henrik Magga; and Native American journalist and columnist Jodi Rave from Lee Enterprise, who spoke

Same Voice, but Different



By Koori Mail journalist SOLUA MIDDLETON who travelled to Norway for the Same Voice, but Different Conference for Indigenous and Native Media.

about 'the world's Indigenous voice'.

Kenyan Ogiek (hunter-gatherer people of Kenya) man Kiplangat Cheruyot made some recommendations to the conference delegates, including:

- Training of Indigenous journalists on rights-based reporting, social justice and social responsibility
- Enlightening communities on their roles while engaging with the media and

enough for the station to reach its full potential.

There was a group presentation from Europe's first Indigenous journalists Inga Márja Steinfjell, Per-Josef Idivuoma and Aslak Antti Paltto, who asked whether Indigenous journalists could adapt journalism to Indigenous lifestyles, and whether Sámi people could tell stories to only Sámi people without the mainstream getting a hold of it.

Ms Somby said the feedback from conference participants was that they were all satisfied. The next meeting will be in Panama, Latin America.

"What I think is important is that we managed to gather Indigenous journalists from 14 countries," she said. "This is only a very early beginning to develop Indigenous journalism on a global level.

"I have already received an invitation to start with developing Indigenous journalists in Asia and the working group meeting will be held in December in Borneo."

Most of the delegates also attended Sámi cultural excursions, with a visit to the Tundra to visit the Sámi

villages of Masi (Máze), Guovdageaidnu (Kautokeino), and Kárá_johk (Karasjok).

They visited the Sámi Parliament, Sámi Radio NRK, a reindeer slaughterhouse, and even Finland, which is situated about 16km out of Karasjok.

The conference closing ceremony concluded with delegates each placing a rock from their country into a bowl symbolising a continuing partnership.

● Read the next edition of the Koori Mail for Solua Middleton's perceptions of Sámi life and some of the parallels with the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Aslak Antti Paltto is a journalist at YLE Sámi Radio, Finland. Educated through the Sámi University College Indigenous journalism program, he is one of the first Indigenous journalists in Europe.



Conference co-ordinator Anne Wuolab.

'What I think is important is that we managed to gather Indigenous journalists from 14 countries. This is only a very early beginning to develop Indigenous journalism on a global level.'

as sources of content

● Establishment of networking and collaboration with an aim of achieving information and sharing in competition with other mainstream media

● Establishment of many community media outlets to support the Global Indigenous Journalism Council (GIJC).

CEO of New Zealand's Maori Television Jim Mather said his organisation played an important role in the revitalisation of language and culture. He was concerned about the budget provided to Australia's National Indigenous Television (NITV) service, saying he believed it was not

media gathering



Inga Mårjá Steinfjell, chief editor of a Sámi youth magazine and a freelancer, with Per-Josef Idivuoma who is the head of programming at SR Sámi Radio, Sweden. Per-Josef is also a filmmaker. Both were educated under the Sámi University College Indigenous Journalism program.



Back, from left, Solua Middleton (Koori Mail, Australia), Jim Mather (Maori Television, New Zealand), Vera Houle (Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, Canada). Front row, from , Pia Christensen (KNR Radio and Television, Greenland), and Rávdná Nilsdatter Buljo, Head of News (NRK Sámi Radio, Norway).



Kenya's Kiplangat Cheruyot and Chandra Kulung, founder of and adviser to Nepalese Indigenous Nationalities Journalists, ANIJ.



Australian Government
Department of Education, Science and Training

CALL FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS SPORTING CHANCE PROGRAMME FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), is calling for further funding applications to operate both elements under the Sporting Chance Programme (2006/07-2009/10). The Programme aims to improve indigenous students' educational outcomes, in particular, their achievement to Year 12 or its vocational equivalent, using sport as an engagement mechanism.

The elements are:

School-based sports academies (for secondary students) which involve a single school or a cluster of schools, utilising existing infrastructure. Funding will target delivery to students in rural and remote areas of the NT, WA and SA. Funding applications for the academies closes at 5:00 pm (AEDT) on Wednesday, 7 November 2007.

Education engagement strategies (for primary and secondary students) which will provide sport and recreation activities aimed at assisting students to engage with, and develop positive schooling pathways. Funding applications for the strategies are being considered on a rolling basis.

Eligible applicants for either element include education providers, sporting bodies, Indigenous organisations, corporate and philanthropic organisations. Organisations will be expected to develop strong partnerships with participating schools.

Further information, including customer and funding guidelines are at: www.dest.gov.au/indigenous/sportingchance, or email sportingchance@dest.gov.au

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Government of South Australia
South Australian Fire and
Emergency Services Commission

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Ministerial Review of the Fire and Emergency Services Act, 2005.

All interested groups and individuals are invited to make a submission about the effectiveness of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act, 2005*.

This is important legislation which aims to protect lives and properties in the event of a major fire or other state emergency incident.

Your views are important to contribute to this review and help ensure South Australia's fire and emergency service responses are efficient, effective and are striving for continuous improvement.

The review will include:

- (a) an assessment of the extent to which this Act has led to improvements in the management and administration of organisations within the emergency services sector, and to increased efficiencies and effectiveness in the provision of fire and emergency services within the community;
- (b) an assessment of the extent to which owners of land, and other persons who are not directly involved in an emergency services organisation, should be able to take action to protect life or property from a fire that is burning out of control;
- (c) specific terms of reference set out by the Minister; and
- (d) any other matters considered by the reviewer to be relevant to the review of the operation of the Act.

A copy of the terms of reference is available by telephone call to 08 8207 1732, by email request to murray.john@agd.sa.gov.au or by visiting www.safecom.sa.gov.au

The closing day for submissions is Friday, 23 November 2007 and all contributions will be valued as the review process wants to encourage a wide range of views about the Act.

Submissions can be emailed to murray.john@agd.sa.gov.au or mailed to:

Ministerial Review of the Fire and Emergency Services Act
C/- the Department of Justice,
GPO Box 464,
Adelaide SA 5001

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NSW Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship Fund 2008 ABORIGINAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The NSW Department of Health is offering scholarships up to \$8,000 to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons living in NSW who will be undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery degree in 2008.*

Full scholarship criteria and application form can be found at www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholar.html

Applications close 30 November 2007

For further information contact the Project Officer Scholarships at nscholar@doh.health.nsw.gov.au or telephone (02) 9391 9813

*Further criteria applies

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Work Integrated Learning Aboriginal Population Health Scholarship

Number of Scholarships:	One (1)
Value:	\$23,000
Duration:	Three (3) years
Year of Scholarship:	2008 - 2010
Year of Enrolment:	1 st or 2 nd

This scholarship will support an Aboriginal student studying a Bachelor of Arts or Science in Population Health at the University of Wollongong as well as providing them the opportunity for work experience within an Area Health Service.

This opportunity will enable the student to consolidate the theoretical skills they are acquiring at university with the practical skills obtained through work experience placements.

Work placements will be for one semester each and rotated among a variety of Population Health Services including Health Promotion, Public Health, Women's Health and Aboriginal Health.

Scholarship holders will be supported and mentored by population health staff.

Closing date for applications is 17th January 2008.

For more information visit the University Website at <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships/current/index.html> or contact Population Health on 4221 6700.



Catchment Management Authorities
CMA NEW SOUTH WALES

CHAIRPERSON Multiple Positions

- Locally driven decision making organisations
- Regional Opportunities

The Government is seeking to appoint Chairs to 12 of the 13 Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) across NSW (not including Sydney Metropolitan CMA). CMAs administer the State's on-ground natural resources programme to farmers, landholders and communities, and in 2007/08 this represented a budget of \$214 million statewide.

The Chairperson provides leadership and strategic direction for the Authority in meeting the needs of the community to achieve natural resource management outcomes. The Chairperson is supported by Board members and as a board they decide on the strategic direction of the Authority and provide active links with the catchment communities to inform the decision making processes and to promote the Authority's strategic direction.

The Chair will be appointed for a term up to 3 years on a part-time basis and be eligible for reappointment.

The Chair should reside within the catchment area and must be able to demonstrate an active community involvement and an understanding of key environmental and natural resource management issues.

"local people with real money making real decisions"

For a detailed information package, call William Hawkins on (02) 9995 7314 or email: CL.Execofficer@environment.nsw.gov.au quoting "CHAIR" in the subject line of the email.

Applications should be sent to: Catchments and Landscapes Executive Unit, GPO Box A290, Sydney South NSW 1232.

Closing date for all applications is Monday 5 November 2007.

More remains on way home

Story and photos by Tasmanian
Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aborigines are angered at the Howard Government's lack of communication with Aboriginal communities over the imminent return of human

remains from the National Museums Liverpool, in England.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough announced last week that the remains would be returned from the United Kingdom.

State Secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC), Trudy Maluga said: "Is Brough working with us or against us, or is he big-noting white bureaucrats?"

"The white bureaucrats are as bad as the scientists who took those remains in the first place."

Aboriginal business

Ms Maluga said the return of Aboriginal remains was Aboriginal business.

"It is community business," she said. "They're blocking us out, there's been no consultation with Aborigines at all. We've been successfully getting our remains back for three decades."

In his announcement, Mr Brough gave no credit to Aboriginal communities for their decades of campaigning and he remained tightlipped about details.

"This is one of the ongoing results achieved by the work of Prime Minister John Howard and then Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Tony Blair in 2000, when both governments committed to increase efforts to repatriate remains to Indigenous communities," Mr Brough said.

"The decision is the outcome of discussions between the Australian Government and the Museum."

"The Australian Government recognises the importance of returning remains to Indigenous Australians. The Howard Government put pressure on the Natural History Museum early this year and achieved a successful result," he said, referring to the case where the TAC successfully took on the British Natural History Museum to return the remains of 17 Tasmanian Aboriginal people earlier this year, without invasive testing.

Mr Brough said that more than 1000 Indigenous remains had been returned by the Howard Government since 1996.

Mr Brough's office could not yet confirm when the repatriations were taking place.

"Once provenanced, remains will be returned following consultation with communities and we will assist in this process," the Minister said.

"The policy sets out certain exceptional circumstances which returns are required to meet, before community representatives can be funded to accompany remains. For

example, when it represents a breakthrough in a new country or with a key institution."

Mr Brough said the remains coming from the National Museums Liverpool would be held at the National Museum of Australia, in Canberra, pending their return to their communities of origin, when known.

However, a statement released last week from the National Museums Liverpool explained their origin in much more detail.

"One of the remains was collected from Darnley Island, in the Torres Strait, between Australia and New Guinea, by explorers on the voyage of the Rattlesnake in 1849," the statement said. "National Museums Liverpool acquired it from the Norwich Castle Museum in 1956."

"Another of the remains is believed to have originated in north Queensland. It was given to National Museums Liverpool by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, London, in 1981. This museum had owned it since buying it in 1933."

"The skull is believed to be of mixed Australian and European ancestry. It was

purchased from Dr William Broad, of Liverpool, in 1948. He visited Australia between 1902 and 1904 and published works on Australian skeletal remains."

National Museums Liverpool said it was returning the items because they had strong cultural, spiritual and religious significance to Australian Indigenous communities. They said that none had been on public display, nor used for research or educational purposes.

Dr Michael Pickering, Director of National Museum Australia's Repatriation Program, said the keeping of unprovenanced



The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's Trudy Maluga.

remains, was an issue.

"It's excellent they come back," he said. "We are only storing and returning remains from overseas because of an agreement with government departments. We prefer that the remains go straight to communities."

Biological testing

"Sometimes you can look at them and identify what community they come from. We don't do any biological testing. Being a new museum and with the improved ethics of museum practices, we have never collected or displayed human remains."

"We have a restricted human remains store, with only access to curators and the appropriate Aboriginal communities. There's strong controls."

"DCITA, FACSIA and some Aboriginal communities are talking about a national keeping place."

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre has organised a national seminar at the Redfern community centre next Monday, 29 October, to highlight issues, including the issue of control of repatriation, and to share their knowledge with Aboriginal communities fighting to bring their ancestors remains home.

Veteran land rights campaigner passes on



The father of former Labor leader Kim Beazley has died, aged 90. Kim Beazley Senior, who passed away in Perth on 12 October, was a minister in the Whitlam Government.

Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd and Labor education spokesman Stephen Smith said Mr Beazley Snr had demonstrated a deep passion and commitment to Indigenous affairs and reconciliation. He got Aboriginal land rights on to the ALP platform in 1951 and the following year

made the first speech ever given on the issue in the House of Representatives.

Mr Beazley Snr backed the 1967 Referendum campaign to amend the Australian Constitution and count Indigenous people as Australians in the Census. He was instrumental in having a

parliamentary committee set up to investigate a proposed mining venture in the Yirkkala country of Arnhem Land. And in July 1963, he went to Yirkkala, in Arnhem Land, to encourage the Yolngu people to express their objections to a mine planned for Gove through a bark petition. Mining

eventually went ahead, but the principle of consultation with Aboriginal landholders and the importance of hunting grounds and sacred sites were established.

A state funeral for Mr Beazley Snr was held in Perth at the weekend. - AAP

Ngururrpa celebrate

Speedy resolution to native title claim



THE Ngururrpa people of Western Australia's central desert region have had their native title rights recognised less than a year after first lodging their claim.

They and the WA Government have reached agreement that native title should be recognised over about 29,719 sq km of land in the Great Sandy Desert.

Chief Justice Michael Black made the determination at a Federal Court hearing south of the Balgo community last Thursday.

The determination recognised that the Ngururrpa people, represented by the Central Desert Native Title Service (CDNTS), have the exclusive native title rights to possess, occupy, use and enjoy certain areas of land where there has not been any extinguishment or where 'extinguishment has to be disregarded'.

The only exception is for the flowing and subterranean water, where the native title holders have the non-exclusive right to take water for personal, domestic, or non-commercial communal purposes.

Mediation

The Ngururrpa people's native title application was filed in the Federal Court on 8 December 2006 and referred by the court to the National Native Title Tribunal for mediation on 14 June.

There were no other parties to the proceedings so the State and the CDNTS were able to reach a fast resolution of the issues.

Tribunal Member Ruth Wade said it was pleasing to see native title claims progress so quickly and with such a spirit of co-operation.

"The Ngururrpa people, the CDNTS and the WA Government have worked well to reach this consent determination," she said.

"They showed a strong commitment to reaching an agreement, taking less than 12 months from the lodgement of the native title claim to today's consent determination. This is a great achievement and hopefully it is a sign of things to come in resolving other native title claims in Western Australia.

"It is clear that the Ngururrpa people have a very strong connection to their land and now they will be able to continue their traditional ways with legal recognition of their rights."

* Native title cannot be claimed when certain things have been done with the land, such as freehold grants, grants of exclusive possession, residential and other leases and public works like roads and hospitals.



A section of the crowd on hand to witness the formal recognition of the Ngururrpa people's native title claim.



Federal Court Chief Justice Michael Black pours sand into native title holder Mark Moohra's hand after the formal ceremony.

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



DO YOU THINK IT WILL LAST 18 MTHS IF HE'S RE-ELECTED?

Quote



Don't worry, I'm not going to preach to you about drinking. I want to talk a little bit about this family intervention crap. You might think it's got nothing to do with land and sea management but everything's connected.

— Carpentaria activist Murrando Yanner at the recent 2nd National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference in Cardwell, Qld

Unquote

Hope springs eternally dry?

Prime Minister John Howard's drought-invoking turn of phrase to describe his relationship in recent years with Indigenous leaders was a classic case of understatement.

"I acknowledge that my own journey in arriving at this point has not been without sidetracks and dry gullies," he said. "There have been low points when dialogue between me as Prime Minister and many Indigenous leaders dwindled almost to the point of non-existence." No...really?

Even though the PM appears to have caught the reconciliation bus at least seven years after hundreds of thousands of other Australians, including many conservatives, the developments of the last fortnight are a step forward.

However, it remains to be seen whether his big referendum announcement will have any impact on election polls in a way that Indigenous issues have never had.

Polls earlier in the year showed that the voting public generally supported the NT intervention, but there was no corresponding lift in support for the Coalition. Maybe most people are not prepared to change or commit their vote over an issue so remote to their lives. And maybe problems encountered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities seem just too big and too intractable.

But recent campaigns such as Close the Gap, which break the extent of Indigenous disadvantage down into more digestible chunks, may have helped the Australian electorate to get a better grip on things.

Let's hope so because Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people themselves, at less than three per cent of the Australian population, can only ever have a negligible



effect on elections.

Many are as interested in broader issues such as tax reform, industrial relations and national security as anyone else, but their priorities may be skewed because of the generally disadvantaged Indigenous experience.

For example, interest rate hikes affect a smaller proportion of Indigenous people because they're far less likely to be buying their own home. The housing availability crisis impacting on Australia ramps up considerably in severely overcrowded Indigenous communities where it is not uncommon to have 10-15 people to a three-bedroom house. And discussion on whether joblessness has dropped a percentage point or two is almost academic given that the employment rate in some Indigenous communities, equates roughly to the mainstream unemployment rate.

The first Aboriginal person to be elected to the NSW Parliament, Linda Burney, may be right over the other side of the political fence but she had some wise advice for Mr Howard last week and, some would argue, her own party. "It's great that the Prime Minister has recognised us finally," she said. "But I just say to Mr Howard and I say to his government 'We have memories'."

Perhaps the PM's new-found respect for things symbolic, as well as practical, will lead to happier ones in the future?

A Yarn With...



Philip Mundine, 54
Library/Information
Officer
Auburn, Sydney

Your favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo

Your favourite other food?
A baked dinner

Your favourite drink?
Coffee

Your favourite music?
R'n'B

Your favourite sport/leisure?
Watching soccer

Your favourite holiday destination?
The NSW north coast

What are you reading?
The Godfather

What are you watching?
Current Affairs

What would be your greatest highlight in life?
To live to see native title land claims succeed on the Australian east coast

What do you like in life?
To watch and help preserve NSW Aboriginal culture.

What do you dislike?
People who pretend to be other than they really are.

Who would you most like to meet and why (be brief)?
Former Prime Minister Paul Keating. Although I don't always agree with him, he appears to be honest.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter. Their lives reflect so much of contemporary Aboriginal life.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Have so-called Aboriginal 'leaders' forced to stand in elections to prove their positions.

If there was one thing you would like to see happen, what would it be?
Aboriginal Affairs treated as a reality, not a political sideshow.

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The will to win



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 hagan@koorlmail.com

alignment of ideas and individuals; a coming together of forces I have not witnessed in 32 years of public life.

Howard said a major catalyst for the new alignment was the rise of the Indigenous responsibility agenda and the intellectual firepower which a new generation of Indigenous leaders had brought to Australian politics.

I guess, in many ways, he is slating the obvious.

Australians of all political persuasions have heard the divergence of opinion through the media from the Indigenous right: NIC Chairperson Sue Gordon, former Labor Party President Warren Mundine and Cape York Institute Director Noel Pearson; and the Indigenous left: UTS Professor Larissa Behrendt, Queensland author Sam Watson and Tasmanian lawyer Michael Mansell.

And in between our factions of both extremes we have a luminary of Indigenous blue and white collar professionals occupying middle ground on the Indigenous debate and who are equally keen to have their voices heard, if not publicly, then certainly within their circle of associates.

In addition, we are also blessed with a luxury of riches in our ever-increasing critical mass of Indigenous university-educated affiliates who are eager to share their new outlook on the bigger picture for our people. In many ways, their views may be dissimilar to those of the old school Indigenous right's advocates, but nevertheless their views are equally as important in shaping our future.

Gone forever are the days when we were viewed, without complaint, as homogeneous – all the same – and where our fight was from a position of disadvantage and our supporters were from the socialist left.

By far the biggest surprise from the Prime Minister in his address at the Sydney Sofitel Wentworth Hotel was his admission that 'I have never felt comfortable with the dominant paradigm for Indigenous policy – one based on the shame and guilt of non-Indigenous Australians, on a repudiation of the Australia I grew up in, on a rights agenda that led ultimately and inexorably towards welfare dependency and on a philosophy of separatism rather than shared destiny'.

To rectify his shortcomings and admission of guilt for his decades of deliberate abandonment of Indigenous people, Howard offered up before an adoring audience of like-minded conservatives his new goal of a Statement of Reconciliation incorporated into the Preamble of the Australian Constitution.

The new preamble, Howard argued, would reflect his profound sentiment that Indigenous Australians should enjoy the full bounty that this country had to offer; that their economic, social



Australian Prime Minister John Howard. Stephen Hagan says he is surprised by Howard's ideological shift on Indigenous affairs.

and cultural well-being should be comparable with that of other Australians.

Now no-one would argue with parity of economic, social and cultural well-being for Indigenous Australians espoused by the Prime Minister.

But in order to have this vision accomplished within practical time parameters requires not only a full commitment from him, but also a total change in attitude of the vast majority of the populace on this new policy direction for Indigenous Australians.

In many ways, Howard is correct when he says he is best able to lead Australia's conservatives in this ideological mind shift. And as the most conservative leader in my living memory, including his prime ministership for the past 11 years, I'm reasonably happy to accept that like-minded people will tend to follow his lead.

Howard's election promise of \$2 billion for the Northern Territory Indigenous intervention is significantly higher than (Labor leader) Rudd's commitment on Indigenous initiatives thus far of \$116 million. However, Rudd did offer bipartisan support of the \$2 billion for the NT intervention policy initiatives.

Noel Pearson, in his *Weekend Australian* piece on 13-14 October, called Howard's new outlook of a symbolic reconciliation as 'a holy grail for Australians of goodwill'.

Yinkala Elder Djuwalpi Marika, in acknowledging Howard's new direction on Indigenous reconciliation on ABC *Message Stick* online, was quick to pounce on his admission of failure: 'We also welcome Prime Minister Howard's acknowledgment of his inadequate understanding of issues of Indigenous identity, and of his role in preventing more significant progress towards reconciliation over the past 11 years.'

Prominent Brisbane Aboriginal activist and university lecturer Sam Watson, speaking to the *Brisbane Times*, described Mr Howard as a 'political opportunist' and dismissed his offer to recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution as poll politics.

Howard rounds off his address to The Sydney Institute by saying

he is a realist and true reconciliation will be the work of generations. Reconciliation at best, he argues, is, and must be, a people's movement.

I have no doubt that Howard is correct in his final assessment on reconciliation, but it's a pity that he has different views on what matters most to Indigenous Australians when it comes to policy direction and how that advice is achieved.

To this end, Rudd has the word on Howard as he is on record as saying he will establish a new Indigenous representative body to advise his government on policy direction.

This then brings me to my concerns of the direction of the newly formed National Aboriginal Alliance and the part they will play in shaping the national Indigenous agenda. In particular, will they still be an entity if Rudd wins the upcoming Federal election and follows through with his promise to establish an elected national Indigenous representative body.

Or will they become a think tank on Indigenous issues like the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research based at the Australian National University.

Michael Mansell, in the first NAA media release of 14 September, refers to the group as instigators of the beginning of resistance and providing a national voice of dissent and one that will offer leadership instead of 'black bashing'.

Pastor Geoffrey Stokes, a Wongatha man from Kalgoorlie, in Western Australia, concurred with Michael and viewed the new organisation as the body that can express our aspirations in our way.

But of most concern to me is the language of this new movement – or more specifically the absence of the word 'Indigenous'. The release goes under the title of *A New Independent voice for Aboriginal Australians*. It refers to the 100 of so participants as being 100 Aboriginal people from land councils, Stolen Generations organisations, health and housing bodies, the national youth forum, media organisations, doctors and Elders as well as people living in town camps and remote communities and outstations'.

Is it the intention of this new national body to exclude future representation of Torres Strait Islander people from their movement or from their language?

There was a surfeit of outstanding Indigenous lawyers present at the Alice Springs meeting that would be the envy of most law firms and I query whether the absence of the word 'Indigenous' was a coincidence or oversight.

Is the absence of the word 'Indigenous' in their new title (NAA) and in the language of their media release indicates an attempt to wind back the clock to when such names as the Aboriginal Development Commission (ADC), Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS), and Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) were synonymous with the national lexicon?

Those organisations since the 1980s have changed through the amalgamation of ADC and DAA to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and the AIAS to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

I am a great admirer of lead members of the organising committee, but to them I say remember one word – Mabo – and ask them to think of that famous name and how he changed the landscape of Indigenous affairs in this country forever.

The David and Goliath battle of Eddie Koiki Mabo v State of Queensland that culminated in the favourable 1992 High Court judgment was by far the most significant legal victory for Indigenous Australians.

This colossal win which dispelled once and for all the myth of 'terra nullius' (no man's land) and led to the passing of the 1993 *Native Title Act* through Federal Parliament should not be discounted when attempts are made to wind back the clock to assert a perceived cultural norm on language discourse.

Prime Minister John Howard concludes his paper with a look into the crystal ball at the future and observes that for the first time in a long time, he can see the outline of a new settlement for Indigenous policy in Australia.

I'm wondering if it is the same crystal ball that Kevin Rudd, the National Indigenous Council, the National Aboriginal Alliance and the Cape York Institute are looking into for inspiration as they strategically position themselves in readiness to shape future policy directions for our people.

Bring on the 24 November Federal election – I just can't wait! And a final few words to all the combatants as they line up for the spoils of the election outcome – hold your nerve and always remember the famous saying of US Army General Douglas MacArthur who said: 'It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.'

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Applications close: Friday 2 November 2007



Government of South Australia

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE STATE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE (SA)

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, The Hon Jay Weatherill MP invites applications from Aboriginal persons who wish to be considered for membership on the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee.

The term of appointment will be for two-years.

The Committee is established under Section 7 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act (1988)* (the Act) to represent the interests of Aboriginal people throughout the State in the protection and preservation of the Aboriginal heritage.

Written applications are sought from members of the community who possess skills that will contribute to the effective functioning of the Committee.

Applicants must be Aboriginal people who can demonstrate that they have knowledge and experience in the following areas:

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- Ability to advocate on behalf of Aboriginal people within a region and state-wide on issues relating to the protection and preservation of the Aboriginal heritage;
- Ability to think and act strategically;
- Experience in and support local Aboriginal heritage bodies.

Applicants should include a contact telephone number and the names and phone numbers of two referees.

Persons appointed to the Committee will receive remuneration in line with established Government guidelines.

Applicants are encouraged to request an information pack from Ms Leata Clarke by either telephone: (08) 8226 6200 or 1800 127 001 (toll free) fax: (08) 8226 0390 or email: clarke.leata@dpc.sa.gov.au

Applications must be received by 5.00pm on Friday, 9 November 2007 addressed to:
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Reconciliation requires respect

RECONCILIATION between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians - once again a focus of public debate - can be achieved through cooperation, mutual respect and the building of relationships.

The same principles apply to the resolution of issues about native title.

Groups around Australia are increasingly choosing to resolve native title issues through negotiation and agreement. More and more groups are reaching native title agreements rather than going down the long and divisive path of litigation.

Such agreements can be described as reconciliation on the ground.

This year, the 15th anniversary of the High Court's historic Mabo decision, is a good opportunity to look at how far we have come with native title and how we can best meet the challenges ahead. The Mabo decision of 1992 recognised native title under Australian law for the first time, paving the way for Indigenous groups across Australia to have their rights to their traditional lands recognised.

The native title process has brought Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians together at the negotiating table to discuss their rights and agree on a way forward that benefits all involved.

Native Title and You



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Achieving native title recognition has not been easy. Groups who have had their native title rights recognised often speak of the challenges, tears and frustration they experienced along the way. Other parties also talk about the difficulties they encountered before reaching agreements where each party recognises and respects the rights and interests of the other.

Over the past 15 years people have gained a greater understanding of the process and have reached a variety of outcomes that others can follow or aspire to. We've seen a shift in attitude amongst mining and exploration companies and governments which now recognise the

value of negotiating with Indigenous groups and involving them in projects, such as mining and infrastructure.

The law has been clarified by the courts and the Australian Parliament. People are now clearer on what has to be done to prove that native title exists and on what Indigenous Australians can realistically achieve.

Hundreds of agreements have been made between Indigenous groups and other parties around Australia to resolve native title issues. More than 100 native title determinations have been made, two-thirds of which recognise that native title exists. Most of these determinations have been reached with the consent of all parties involved or have been unopposed. There are currently 297 indigenous land use agreements on our register.

Successful negotiations build understanding and mutual respect. In some cases, where previous relationships have been adverse or non-existent, the process can help parties to reconcile their differences and develop constructive relationships and partnerships.

Through cooperation and agreement-making, barriers can be broken down, relationships built up and significant steps taken towards reconciliation.

Stylin' up your wardrobe to send the right message

Imagine if you could buy roo fur stuff at Target. I'm talkin' t-shirts with roo fur sleeves, knee high socks with fur trims and jackets with giant plastic buttons. And everything would be made and marketed by Aboriginal organisations of course.

Wearing these items would be a statement saying you were down with Aboriginal stuff. Match a roo fur jacket with your beads and porcupine quill earrings and people would have to be stupid to not realise you identify with Aboriginal-ness.

When a person wears a kimono or a Che Guevara t-shirt you know the message the wearer is sending out a cultural or political message.

And everyone does it! Young ones are sending out some kind of message with their baggy pants, sports clothes and shoes from



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America. I don't know what it is - maybe they want to be American? Maybe there is just more American stuff in the shops?

If you are trying to attract

someone think about the message you are sending out and the audience you are targeting. From women wearing burqas to men wearing budgie smugglers everyone is saying something to someone with their clothes.

Clothes can help or hinder single fullas looking for love. Tomato sauce down the front tells me you can't bend over a plate. Rolls coming out of your shirt tells me you must own a bakery.

These are obvious things but have you thought about colours, logos and pictures on your clothes?

Do you know what colours suit you? I know that fluoro colours are back in, but honestly, who can wear fluoro? Lime green should be thrown down a mine shaft never to be seen again.

And logos are just tacky. Who cares if you can afford to

spend hundreds to have a bag with someone else's name plastered all over it? Give the bag and a texta to a kid and let them write their name on your bag - at least you know them! Who are these people anyways? I never met them in my life yet having their name on my stuff means I'm cool? Hmmm.

Fat-a licious people like me need to be especially careful around wearing t-shirts with pictures. On the rack the picture may be Che but on our body it may stretch to look like that fat guy from Austin Powers. Nasty.

Clothes give us an opportunity to express ourselves and to attract like minded people. Who are you trying to be?

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

AMSANT Chair is re-elected



AMSANT Executive Officer John Paterson says the peak health group will gain further strength, momentum and impact following the re-election of the AMSANT chair at the

AGM in Darwin.

Mr Paterson said that Ms Paula Arnol,

CEO of the Danila Dilba Health Service and the AMSANT board were leading an expansion of services and advocacy during a turbulent year throughout the Northern Territory.

"Paula and our board are an incredible asset to the community controlled health sector and have been instrumental in attracting increased

resources and capacity to our 26 Aboriginal health services in this time of great need," Mr Paterson said.

"Our member services appreciate the board's dedication to the primary health care sector and are supremely confident of their lobbying skills and intellect, whether they're talking to ministers in Canberra or health clients in the bush."

YOUR SAY



An attack on Noel Pearson (pictured) by academic Dr Ernie Blackmore was unfair, says John Mosig, of Kew, Victoria. Read his letter on Page 26



Participants in the One Future Forum held at Bowral, NSW, on 27-30 May 2007. Some of the participants penned this letter regarding the Prime Minister's proposal for a referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Preamble to the Australian Constitution.

Once-in-a-lifetime chance for change

We write as members of a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people drawn from the private, public and non-government sectors, who met on the anniversary of the 1967 referendum to consider the future of Indigenous rights and reconciliation in Australia.

We decided when we met at the One Future Forum (on the anniversary of that historic referendum) that formal recognition of Indigenous rights was critical to the future of Australia. We felt – as many others do – that justice and reconciliation would be impossible without such recognition.

While we welcome the Prime Minister's commitment to a referendum to recognise

Indigenous people in the preamble to the Constitution, our reaction is accompanied by feelings of shock, disappointment and dismay.

The need for recognition of Indigenous people in our Constitution is imperative, but while symbolic recognition is important to reconciliation, symbolism must be balanced with substance.

The debate we need to have now should focus on how we achieve real recognition of Indigenous rights. A change to the Preamble – without any change to the body of the Constitution – will not achieve this.

This may be a once-in-a-generation opportunity to change the text of our Constitution to properly reflect the standing of

Indigenous people in Australian society.

Any move towards recognition of Indigenous people should be based on genuine partnership, respect and negotiation.

The proposal that changes to the Preamble can be drafted within 100 days of the election suggests that there will be no opportunity for genuine involvement of Indigenous or non-Indigenous people.

Any attempt to fast-track constitutional change without engaging the entire Australian community runs the risk of failure. Getting this wrong will mean setting back Indigenous rights, rather than advancing them.

● Continued next page

YOUR POETRY

Who is Stone Age?*

I was talking to a friend
The other fine day,
We commented on many things,
And then she had her say.
'Aboriginal people are coming out
of stone age'
She finally said to me,
Her mis-perceptions, white man's
view
Now, let's take a look and see.

Why is it that
White man's view is always taken
as truth?
Who are they to label 'stone age'
When they have forgotten God's
laws forsooth?

Before 200 years ago
We had an affluent society
We knew our place in the
scheme of things
We enjoyed the many varieties.

We knew and know the
geography of our land
Our soul identity
Animals, birds, trees and flowers,
With whom we live in total
harmony.

And then 'they' came to this fair
land
To rape, pillage and plunder,
They tore the sacred land apart,
And made the stock exchange
instead
Their sacred site and wonder!

They used only the intellect
And in their rapacious greed
They pitted science against
religion
And knew not their lack or need.

They change the laws
Every year for some new fancy
whim,
Is it Tom Dick or Harry?
Mary Joe or Jim?
So who is Stone Age now, my
friend?
Or is white man pre-historic?
He doesn't know the answers yet
Because he lives only in rhetoric!

DIANA CAREW-REID
Midland, WA

*Diana Carew-Reid says this
poem is from 1994 but still stands
today

Society's slaves

Walking in unison
hearts in a bind
trapped in a system
where the soul cannot shine.

Foiled into thinking
that we are truly free
that hard work and perseverance
will somehow stave off misery.

Beneath the hollow promise
of eternal prosperity
citizens are now slaves
in this spiritless society.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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Your Poetry

Will you marry me?*

With our hearts bound together
and my soul in your hand
Forever and together in this
world we will stand.
I can't live without you I love you
way too much
At night when I want you I can
feel our bodies touch
Loving you forever is something
I'll always do
There's only one for me 'baby',
she is you
Like the colours of a rainbow like
a bee to a hive
When we come together our
love will come alive.

You're my dream, my inspiration,
you're my whole desire
From the very first day I saw
you, you set my heart on fire.
Only you can have my love, only
you can share my dreams
Upon the highest mountains;
upon the deepest seas
Our love is like the wind, free as
free can be.

Many nights I spend here
sleeping all alone
Waiting for the day when you
finally come home.
Another few months and we'll be
together
To make our love last forever
Reminding myself of what I
could let slip away
For that dream repeats every
single day.
Roses may be red and yes
violets may be blue
But nothing compares to my love
for you.
You've given me hope and
you've taught me how to love
For you are an angel sent from
above.

Many nights I pray and thank my
lucky charms
To know that some day soon
we'll be locked in each other's
arms.
Eternal love and a lasting flame
For I hope someday you will
take my name.

JUSTIN GEISZLER
Darwin, NT

*This poem accompanied a
letter to our regular columnist Ms
Koori Love. Unfortunately, the
relationship that prompted Justin
to write this poem wasn't meant
to be, but Justin is hoping that
Ms Koori Love can help him find
love.

Yidaki

Drone away this sadness
heal the constant pain
rid our minds of madness
reignite our hopeful flame.

Let the ancient spirits
accept our timeless tune
as we play their sacred rhythms
beneath the full blue moon.

This music takes us back
to when common sense
prevailed
the earthy drone drifts in the
wind
as our freedom is unveiled ...

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW

Poetry book well worth a read

COULD I urge all readers to suggest that their school and town libraries buy a copy of Coralie Cassidy's powerful new poetry book *Proper Deadly Poetry* (reviewed in Koori Mail, 12 September 2007).

Coralie calls 'a spade a spade', many poems

confronting both black and white readers.

If more politicians were as straightforward as Coralie, this country wouldn't be in the mess we're in with John Howard.

RUTH LIPSCOMBE
Innisfail, Qld



Coralie Cassidy and her son Mark Clemments hold her poetry book, *Proper Deadly Poetry*.

Playing with words

DON'T believe a word of it – playing politics and tricking people are the only things the PM is good at.

I had a look at *The Courier Mail* and *The Australian's* coverage of his speech and they both state that the PM 'accepted the blame for the dwindling of relationships between him and Aboriginal leaders'.

He did not; he actually said 'I fully accept my share of the blame', clearly meaning that Aboriginal leaders are to blame as well.

Also, his 'unfinished business' statement is suspect – I predict after this referendum, that will be the end of any more

reconciliation attempts – 'business complete' as far as he's concerned.

The other point I'd like to make, that Pat Dodson did in fact bring up, was that just putting it in the preamble means nothing – the preamble holds no substance in the Constitution itself – it is as significant as the PM wanting the words 'mateship' in there the last time he had a 'doomed to fail' referendum on Australia becoming a republic – he skewed the questions to make sure it failed.

MAUREEN BRANNAN
Murgon, Qld

Symbolism, PM's about-face very suspicious

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In this, the year of the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, we welcome the focus on the obvious flaws in our Constitution, but we call for a real dialogue, based on respect-not a quick fix that will deliver no advancement in Indigenous rights and, if anything, seems set up to fail.

THE Prime Minister's about-face on reconciliation, while good to hear, is very, very suspicious to me as an Aboriginal person. I believe it is a smokescreen for something else.

I also believe that this about-face is not brought upon our people because of the attitudes and sentiments of the wider Australian public, for their attitudes and sentiments remain the same as it was yesterday. We know this in our hearts, spirit and minds.

Rather, this about-face may actually stem from external pressures and persuasion from those member states of the United Nations who voted for the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The eyes of the world have now fully turned to Australia and just like South Africa before it, the Australian Government and people have now isolated themselves from the general opinions of the world. They have proven their isolation through their extensive anti lobbying efforts and when they and three other nations decided to cast a 'No' vote to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The UN Declaration was adopted by a majority of 144 states in favour, four votes against (Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States) and 11 abstentions (Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Colombia, Georgia, Kenya, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Samoa and Ukraine).

The Declaration establishes a universal framework of minimum standards for the



An Aboriginal dancer at the UN.

Photo courtesy of HREOC

survival, dignity, well-being and rights of the world's Indigenous peoples.

I firmly believe that the Australian Government and people will be either unable to achieve the minimum standards, or most likely, as per normal, they will choose not to achieve it altogether.

Prime Minister Howard still refuses to accept the past injustices meted out on Aboriginal people by the British invaders and settlers who came to our country to establish their illegal colony that breached and broke the standing and accepted international laws of the time period.

He and the wider white Australian community still today do not recognise and acknowledge our Aboriginal sovereign rights, for if they were to, then the very foundation stone and laws from which this country was illegally founded upon will

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The Last Supper: Act One

AT Kirribilli House, John Howard sits at the dining room table with wife Janette, their food almost untouched and their gloomy mood shared by faithful disciple, Mal Brough sitting opposite them.

Janette: Let's face it John, your chances of electoral victory are grim. Even your Bennelong seat is in danger.

Brough: Yes it looks like the game is up.

Howard: After all these years. (Assumes a reflective state)

It seems like just yesterday when the party thought I was an insignificant boring little solicitor and they picked Peacock, Hewson and even that clown Downer before finally choosing me as leader.

Brough: The last card in the pack. (Guffaws, but stops abruptly following a withering look from Janette.)

Howard: (ignoring him) But I showed them, didn't I Janette?

Janette: (To Brough) John is George Bush's man of steel, bringing Australia to world attention.

Don't you agree Mal?

Brough: Well he has certainly put black Australians on the map. And saved the country millions of dollars.

(Encouraged by a smiling Janette, he warms to the subject)

Delivering bucket loads of land right extinguishments, ignoring the stolen wages reports, abolishing ATSIC, achieving a 17-year difference in life expectancy between blacks and whites – now there's a world record – and only recently, canning the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. Well, that sat them up.

Janette: (looking slightly puzzled) John is so decisive. Remember how his Northern Territory emergency intervention plan was made totally without consultation with Aboriginal communities.

Just like his other election emergency – the \$10 billion Murray Darling plan – when he never even consulted with his own Cabinet.

Brough: A real father of the nation.

When you leave here John, you really should write a book on no scruples political survival – a sort of bible for beginners.

Janette: (tearful) Oh, but I can't bear to leave here. Surely there's something we can do Mal. (She holds his arm)

Howard: Yes Mal. Remember how you diverted NT Government funds earmarked for Aboriginal programs into general community projects?

(He laughs) That was a real winner. You must have some ideas for us.

Brough: Like what? That you claim Kirribilli House under native title? (Chuckles uncontrollably)

Howard: (animated now): Hang on! I read recently that to demonstrate traditional ownership, all you need to prove is a relation with the land as part of your culture and way of life.

Janette: (enthralled) He's right. Our way of life has always demanded that our residence is here rather than at that dreary freezing cold Canberra Lodge.

And our lovely well-stocked wine cellar seems to be part of the land itself.

Brough: Aren't you overlooking a small matter of Aboriginal heritage?

Howard: Surely Janette, we could legally adopt Noel Pearson or Warren Mundine as our own.

Howard: (jubilant) I could negotiate a 99-year lease with Kevin Rudd.

Brough: But what about the election and your loyal Party.

Howard: Stuff the Party. Every man for himself, I say.

Give me a hand with this Aboriginal flag Janette. Let's hoist it up on our foreshore property.

Janette: As long as it doesn't interfere with our view of the harbour John.

Strains of Advance Australia Fair as they both exit laughing, waving the flag and leaving a bemused Brough staring thoughtfully at the table.

KEITH MOBBS
Lane Cove, NSW

Dellie searches for her grandmother's family

Where were you, John Howard?

HELLO to the Hookeywin and Williams families. Greetings from Dellie Burgess, from Ballina, NSW. I am searching for my grandmother's family – Emily-Jane Hookeywin, born around Garran 29 April 1871. Nanny was also known as Williams. She married Thomas John Carroll (born East Maitland 1863 and died in 1931).

Our father Michael Patrick Carroll, from Lismore, didn't talk much about his family due to Dad being taken from his mother at the age of 11 years after his father died.

His grandmother was Anna Hookeywin, a very old resident of South Grafton – Hawthornville. She died on 29 June 1933.

This letter is of my need to find out who I am and of great sadness, due to this terrible disease of breast cancer.

My darling mother, three sisters, and two cousins on my mother's side have all developed this shocking disease.

Since moving to Ballina, I have met another woman whom I believe is my cousin and she too has the terrible disease.

It is of most importance that the genetic chart is kept, the more we find out the closer we are to finding a cure.

Us Carrolls were brought up in Lismore, first at South Lismore then out in Brunswick Street, Lismore.

So if you would like to contact me not only due to this terrible illness, but also for a possible reunion so I can meet my family – as I have been a lost soul for many, many years – it would be a joyous occasion.

My uncles and aunts were Arthur (married Muriel Cook), William (married Ivy Holden), Minny (married Colt Smith, and a Walters), George (married Amy Cotten), Walter (married Stella Love), Thomas (married Mavis Abdullah), my dad Michael (married Isabel Baldwin) and Samuel (married Lorna Moore) and Elizabeth (married Leo Clark).

You can contact me in Ballina on (02) 6681 1184 or mobile (0413) 206 722 or email me at missdellieballina@hotmail.com or write to me; Unit 4, 14 Bangalow Road, Ballina, NSW, 2478.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you all with great excitement.

DELLIE BURGESS (NEE CARROLL)
Ballina, NSW



Letter writer Dellie Burgess is looking for family of her grandmother Emily-Jane Hookeywin, pictured here.

PRIME Minister John Howard needs to understand that we as Aboriginal people are not going to forget about the damage he has created for us in conjunction with the past policies and practices.

He just fuelled the fire and made it a bigger problem. Isn't there a saying that 'what one man stuffs up, another man can fix'? All you had to do was apologise on behalf of the past government (on behalf of, I say) if not for you.

The mental health issues, the waste of resources with his band-aid programs and for their own good ways of thinking, all a waste of taxpayers' money. Oh, and I'm a taxpayer, too. Why do we need another referendum? Are we still not equal to the rest of Australia? Do we rate less in public standard? I am confused here. Are we Australian citizens or are we gonna be put on the back burner and made to look like we are being cared for by our so-called government and the people who run it?

As far as we are concerned, Mr Howard, we will always be the traditional owners of this land, with or without your permission. We know that, this country and the citizens know that. And guess what, the world knows it too.

You ought to be ashamed of yourself and what are the rest of you politicians thinking? Quite frankly, I'm not gonna vote for any of you, you all have your own agenda and it is not in the best interest of the Aboriginal people as you say it is.

You have spent more on a war that didn't belong to us, disasters that other countries could have prevented in some cases; and given money to assist other countries with poverty crises like ours. You didn't try to address our issues first, but come election time you soon want to jump in and make it look like you care.

The truth is, Mr Howard, that you need our votes; you need them to get you through.

Well, you ain't getting mine. Where

were you when my uncle died from diabetes? Where were you when my cousin went to jail for stealing – because he couldn't read and write on the forms in which you wanted him to sign for a lousy Centrelink payment?

Where were you when my sister committed suicide?

Where were you when my niece and nephew starved to death because of the poverty they were living in?

And where are you now that my people want to heal, release their demons and move forward into the future?

You're still not there. You talk about reconciliation, but no-one can move forward and reconcile without healing.

The apology which everyone was after would have made a real positive change many years ago. But you and your ego and the rest of your self-centred staff didn't care enough to listen. You were blinded by the swelling in your head with the sensation of power.

Apologise and sincerely start the healing process that should have started way back when.

I extend an invitation to you, Mr Howard, to come listen to my story. As long as the fire burns, it will never go away. Only the water will put it out, the water, the tears that will be shed when the demons are released set free, and then together we can light a bigger and brighter fire.

When you do things together, it means more; it is more special. Let's put this fire out and make a new one together.

Be the one who really puts Australia on the map. Cook did, but is remembered only for the invasion. Wouldn't it mean more to put our country on the map as the one who repaired it, cleansed it, blessed it?

How do you want to be remembered?

LAURENCE KRAKOUER
Aged 24 years
Albany, WA



Public-Community Notice

(ACSRA) Aboriginal Corporation for Sporting and Recreational Activities, better known as Boomanulla Oval located in Narrabundah in the ACT, have created and opened an official website on behalf of the organisation and our members.

The website www.boomanulla.com.au is online and accessible. We would like to acknowledge our appreciation to Ms Helen Board Manager of the Queanbeyan Indigenous Coordination Centre, Ms Susie Kaihe Project officer for Boomanulla Oval and employed with the Department of Communications, Information, Technology and the Arts (DCITA). Ms Board and Kaihe were responsible for securing a grant to develop the website and upgrade our information technology base. The website was designed and site accessed by Darren Williams. On behalf of the Management and staff of ACSRA please enjoy our information base that includes a history of the facility, services, programs and information for Indigenous people in the Queanbeyan ICC region relating to sports grants, these applications are available through the website.

Col Williams - Chairperson.



Hawkesbury Nepean

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Hawkesbury Nepean

Aboriginal Community meeting

8th November 2007

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites all Aboriginal Community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues, including the Hawkesbury Nepean CMA's Community Capacity Building projects and the Water Trust.

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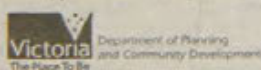
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Your Say

PM must be joking

HMMM, I wonder if John Howard thought he could soften the blow of Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull's approved destruction of sacred rock art by announcing in his 11th hour that he will hold a referendum to acknowledge our Indigenous people.

You must be joking. John Howard, you don't fool me. Shame Howard and Turnbull, shame!

INGA LIE
Haberfield, NSW



The Pilbara's Burrup Peninsula, home to endangered sacred Aboriginal rock art.

Academic's attack on Pearson 'unfair'



Noel Pearson

I DON'T know whether you have to be Indigenous to have a say in the Koori Mail. I'm not. But I'm a fifth-generation Australian, which makes me a direct beneficiary of the invasion, and a subscriber, so here goes.

I read Dr Ernie Blackmore's letter (Koori Mail, 10 October 2007) and was alarmed at the tone. We all hold differing views on a wide range of issues, but the subjective anger expressed by Dr Blackmore seemed to me to be at odds with his academic position.

And it seemed an unfair attack on a bloke who is doing his best to deal with a situation that is just as threatening to Indigenous culture than anything it has faced.

Obviously, there's a lot of heat in the debate, and no one denies that the debate will carry some well-deserved baggage.

But Dr Blackmore's letter only fuelled the heat rather than remove it. Remove it so Noel Pearson's actions and comments can be considered and discussed in a calm and rational manner.

Unless we are going to take a 'Keith Windshuttle' view of conditions in some Aboriginal communities, I'm sure we all agree that there is a lot of work to be done. A serious lot of work.

And there's no point denying that there's going to be pain along the way.

But the alternative of not facing the problem squarely and shying away from the pain is too horrific to quantify.

As for calling Noel Pearson a leader, I'd follow him. And I'm pretty sure I'm not alone. If you've got followers, doesn't that make you a leader?

But if it will make Ernie happy, I'd settle for calling him a spokesman.

What's in a name? We're judged by our deeds.

JOHN MOSIG
Kew, Vic

PM's about-face very suspicious

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shatter and crumble under the very weight of such a recognition and acknowledgement.

Mr Howard still refuses to publicly say sorry to our people and this symbolic gesture still remains one of the missing foundation stones if true reconciliation is to ever occur between black and white Australians.

The other missing foundation stones are recognition of our sovereign rights and treaties between all our peoples.

Let us not be fooled by this hollow rhetoric, for the Prime Minister is not genuine for his heart and mind is not

firmly changed and set upon it. He and his Government, and any other Australian government for that matter, do not seek to right their wrongs for nothing.

There is more to it behind all the smoke and mirrors. They are trying to puff themselves up in front of the world for they clearly know and understand that the eyes of the world are upon them and they are now fully in the spotlight.

Let not our people be divided on this issue, but let us stand together, indivisible, for we are all descended from a strong, proud and intelligent people.

Let us not allow some of our people

amongst us to submit, stumble and fall to this political trickery, but show our fellow Australians, our governments and the world that we are a united people who want what is rightfully ours to have as a free people, social justice, restorative justice and our Indigenous rights as contained with the UN Declaration of Indigenous Rights.

Say no to the preamble. Say no to the proposed referendum.

VIRDIANHA NHUNGA
MERVYN-ANHA MCKENZIE
Adnyamathanha Arrarru Vukarra
Milana Yura
Northern Flinders Ranges, SA

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Trying to gain political points

THIS is an open letter to our mob. I am an Murr person from Moree, New South Wales, who has worked and been living in Sydney for the past 14 years. I have worked at Macquarie University as an academic and I am currently lecturing at Tranby Aboriginal College. I am appalled at this latest attempt and it is so offensive to hear the Prime Minister announce his latest plans for our people.

Let's not kid ourselves and take into consideration what this man has done to our people since being elected into government 11 years ago.

Racism in this country under this Government has sky-rocketed to a level that it has become acceptable by this man and wider society, and his party are the most anti-Aboriginal government this country has seen.

What he has done to our people has contravened many sections of the International Human Rights Conventions. At no time has this man had the ability to reflect any compassion towards Aboriginal people.

If we look at the history of this Government, one of the first political agenda items was to gut ATSI funding to the tune of \$470 million from its federal funding that was targeted for health and education programs, and the Prime Minister has gone on to further strip funding from language programs, abolish ATSI, take ASSPA away from our children in the school system and started the process of dismantling CDEP.

This Government has taken away the majority of funding that was targeted to assist Aboriginal people to address many social issues that are confronting our people on a daily basis – and will continue under Howard's regime.

I watched Howard's favourite head kicker, Tony Abbott, applauding this move on Channel Nine's *Today Show* by saying it was a commendable one and how offensive it was of those people who actually turned their backs on the Prime Minister in Melbourne at the National Reconciliation Convention back in the 1990s. How much credibility has Abbott got in defending this man with the state of the health system in this country?

In response to that issue, I was actually one of those people and no apology for that act is forthcoming from me, so the Prime Minister shouldn't hold his breath.

John Howard will go down in the eyes of Aboriginal people as the Prime Minister who failed to recognise the past injustices on Aboriginal people since colonisation, failed to offer a formal apology to the Stolen Generations,

taken away the maximum services to address critical social issues, and the intervention in Northern Territory which is being used for the biggest land grab in the country since the Mabo decision was handed down in 1992.

We can only hope that our people and others around the country will recognise

this has a political stunt and this poor attempt at 'reconciliation' will hopefully bury him in his own political games at the upcoming elections.

The man is desperate, so why not use the most disadvantage people in the country to enhance his own political agenda?

The sadness of all of this is that we have the black collaborators supporting this man for funding and their own political agendas also. I don't have to name them as they know who they are.

DARRYL FRENCH
Sydney, NSW

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Special case for lowering age to qualify for pension

THE average Aboriginal person may never qualify under academic Dr David Knox's proposed raising of aged pension recommendations.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Aboriginal males presently have a life expectancy of 59.4 years and 64.8 years for females – this is compared with 77 for men and 82 for women in non-Aboriginal society.

Dr Knox's proposed movement of the age pension to 67 will further disadvantage Indigenous Australians, which obviously is already discriminatory in this matter.

In non-Aboriginal society we see 21 per cent of life remaining for men and 27 per cent for women after age pension kicks in at 65.

To be equitable, Aboriginal men should be on the age pension at 46 and Aboriginal women at 48 using percentages of life expectancy remaining after the pension age.

PHILIP McLAREN
Newport Beach, NSW

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Legislative Council
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INQUIRY INTO OVERCOMING INDIGENOUS
DISADVANTAGE - CLOSING THE GAP

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Standing Committee on Social Issues is conducting an inquiry into policies and programs aimed at addressing the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The Committee encourages public participation in the inquiry process. Written submissions addressing the terms of reference can be emailed to: socialissues@parliament.nsw.gov.au, lodged via the Committee's website at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialissues, or hard copies can be mailed to: The Director, Standing Committee on Social Issues, Legislative Council, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

The full terms of reference and further information about this inquiry are available on the Committee's website or can be obtained from the Committee secretariat on telephone (02) 9230 3076 or fax (02) 9230 2581.

The Committee will consider requests that a submission remain confidential and not be released to the public.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IS 30 NOVEMBER 2007.

Non-Ian West MLC

Committee Chair



'Poppy' Eric Walker (centre) at the 'Back to Turtle Point' reunion at Tabulam in October 2006 was surrounded by another three generations of the Walker family. Celine Walker (far left), Jenny Walker (back), Felicity Walker (in blue top) and Mackenzie Walker (front, right).

Passing of a senior Bundjalung Elder

Goodjingjarn mulla dundeegum.

The fact that these very words, translated to mean 'This is Mr Walker, he is an Elder', are formally enshrined in curriculum material on the Bundjalung language speaks volumes about the esteem and influence of the most senior Bundjalung Elder Eric France Walker, who passed away late last month.

Throughout northern New South Wales, people speak of Eric Walker as an inspirational and charismatic leader, advocate, educator, storyteller and a source of deep and valuable knowledge of the two cultural fundamentals - land and language. To his Bundjalung people, though, he was 'Poppy Eric', their gentle brother, father, grandfather and friend.

On 12 October, two weeks after the 95-year old Northern Rivers statesman passed away at Casino hospital, hundreds of the people whose lives he touched and enriched, turned out at the Tabulam Sports Oval, in the heart of his traditional country, to farewell him and to celebrate his life.

The service began with a didgeridoo instrumental by his nephew, Lewis Walker, followed by tributes from family and friends, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council's Pat Lawrie, and Southern Cross University's Professor Judy Atkinson. Reverend Harry Walker and Artie Williams delivered the eulogy and the Muli Muli Choir sang hymns.

Mourners shared stories of the countless accolades bestowed upon Mr Walker and his late wife Una (who passed away in April 2000), including honorary fellowships from Southern



Eric Walker wore the Aboriginal colours proudly.

Cross University in 1996 in recognition of their outstanding commitment to the Aboriginal community, and NAIDOC Elders of the Year in 1998.

Mr Walker's tireless work in language and cultural transmission was largely without remuneration but continues to make a priceless difference to many Bundjalung children's sense of cultural identity and self-esteem.

He was known for his wit and wisdom at the other end of the educational spectrum too, sharing much of it through his mentorship of students at SCU.

He was renowned for his frankness too, once taking then-Premier Bob Carr to task at the 2001 handover of land to Arakwal Elders for the historical theft of Aboriginal land.

Mr Walker's cultural knowledge

and wisdom was also on display at the 2001 Wollumbin Festival when he said of Wollumbin Mountain, or Mt Warning, 'It's a holy mountain to us, its just like a cathedral or a church, you know'.

'It was at that place that our old people used to go up and talk to God and God would give them old Elders the directions and give them the laws and they would come back and tell our young people,' Mr Walker told festival goers.

'But the young people had to be initiated. Don't kill, don't steal, don't be greedy... They were exactly the same, they were strict laws, they were good laws. They did not make them today and break them tomorrow.'

These timeless cultural lessons informed Mr Walker's life and, through him, have helped to influence many other people.

Eric Walker was a loving father and father-in-law to Arthur and Norma Williams, Peter and Maria, Harry and Annabelle, David and Jennifer, Joan and Peter Hippi, Stephen, Kevin, Patricia, Dorothy (dec) and Debra. He was grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather to many.

- KIRSTIE PARKER

● A family tribute penned by Peter Walker, son of Eric and Una Walker, will be published in the next edition of *The Koori Mail*.

● RIGHT: Eric Walker's nephew Lewis Walker played the didgeridoo to lead the funeral procession into a marquee erected for the Bundjalung Elder's funeral.



Tennis legend will serve on ILC Board



TWO-TIME Wimbledon tennis title winner and former Australian of the Year Evonne Goolagong Cawley,

pictured, has been appointed to the Board of the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC). Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough announced Ms Cawley's appointment to the Australian Government statutory authority for the next four years.

"The ILC is doing valuable work in ensuring Indigenous people derive direct economic, social, cultural or environmental benefits from owning land," Minister Brough said on 12 October.

"In recent times, the ILC Board has moved to ensure that employment, training and educational benefits have been the focus of its land acquisition and land-management programs, with a particular emphasis on helping young Indigenous people to develop skills and win mainstream jobs. Since her return to Australia in 1991, Evonne has put an enormous amount of time and energy into working with young

Indigenous people to develop their sporting and leadership potential and this experience will be of great assistance to the ILC in regard to its forward-looking programs."

ILC Chairperson Shirley McPherson said fellow Board Directors were delighted that Ms Goolagong Cawley had accepted the appointment.

"Evonne is a well-known and well-respected Australian who will further lift the positive profile of the ILC and help direct the crucial work it is doing to provide a sustainable land base for Indigenous people," Ms McPherson said.

"The ILC has many exciting projects under way, such as the

construction of a National Indigenous Development Centre in Redfern which will host 5000 young Indigenous people from across Australia each year to take part in sporting, leadership and educational development programs. Evonne's insight into the implementation of such programs, along with her broader knowledge of building partnerships between communities, large organisations and private enterprise, will be invaluable to the ILC."



Retiring AIDA chief praised



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has

paid tribute to the retiring President of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA), Dr Mark Wenitong.

Dr Wenitong is taking up the position of Senior Medical Officer for the Apunipima Health Council in Queensland's Cape York.

"Dr Wenitong has worked tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia," Mr Calma said.

Before becoming the President of AIDA, Dr Wenitong was one of the primary authors of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Framework (1999).

Mr Calma said that as President of AIDA, Dr Wenitong worked tirelessly with the deans of medical schools in Australia and New Zealand and the Australian Medical Council to ensure the Indigenous Health



'... (He) has worked tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia.'

— Commissioner Tom Calma speaking about Dr Mark Wenitong (pictured left)

Curriculum Framework was adopted and implemented in Australian medical schools.

"What impresses me about the development of the Indigenous Health Curriculum Framework is that Indigenous people have worked with the deans to further a common goal," Mr Calma said. "AIDA and other Indigenous health organisations led this project from its inception, and this is a significant contributing factor to its success."

Mr Calma also acknowledged

Dr Wenitong's work on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Council and in relation to the ongoing *Close the Gap* campaign for Indigenous health equality within a generation.

He also welcomed news that Dr Tamara Mackean has assumed the mantle of President of AIDA.

"I look forward to a long and productive working relationship with Dr Mackean, as I have enjoyed with Dr Wenitong," Mr Calma said.



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Activist wins award



A CEDUNA woman who describes her work as 'a labour of love' has won the inaugural South Australian Premier's Award for excellence in Indigenous leadership in natural resource management.

Sue Coleman Haseldine, pictured here on her Kokatha Mula homelands in outback South Australia, was nominated for her extensive work as an activist, cultural teacher and environmental defender.

She received her award from SA Premier Mike Rann in Adelaide last Wednesday.

Last year, Ms Coleman-Haseldine and others maintained a controversial blockade to stop Kokatha Mula country, 800km from Adelaide, being damaged by mineral exploration.

"People think there's nothing out there but there is," she told ABC Radio of her traditional country.

"It's life, it's our church, our spirituality is out there, our school where we teach the



Sue Coleman Haseldine with her award.

children how to survive and how to care for each other.

"It's our pharmacy, our bush medicines are out there – it's all those things."

Known by many in her community as Aunty Sue, she said it was very important to pass on the stories of her people's land and culture to the young ones.

Kokatha Mula country covers Yumbarra and Pureba

Conservation Parks and the Yellabinnia Regional Reserve, part of the largest stretch of stunted mallee woodlands in the world and the habitat for endangered, rare and threatened flora and fauna.

As part of raising awareness, Ms Coleman Haseldine has been on regular six-monthly water rock hole cleaning trips, where animals are rescued from the deep holes, and the rock holes are returned to good health.

"I was taught the significance of the land and now I can teach my grandchildren," she said.

"My family and I do what we can with very little resources to protect the rock holes and country. We do it out of love and obligation."

"The country must be kept healthy and clean for many generations to come. We will keep fighting for the protection of our people's land and culture."

Ms Coleman Haseldine paid tribute to the teachings she received from her Elders Pearl Coleman Seidel (deceased) and Marcina Coleman Richards.



Suicide prevention goal for program



FOCUSING on pro-social, rather than anti-social, behaviour may be the key to preventing suicide among

Indigenous adolescents, according to a Queensland University of Technology academic.

QUT psychology and counselling lecturer Dr Jane Shakespeare-Finch said suicide prevention programs needed to be culturally relevant and age appropriate if they were to be effective in reaching young Indigenous people.

QUT's Dr Kathryn Geldard and Dr Shakespeare-Finch were invited by the Aboriginal community at Toowoomba through Centacare to work with them and Lifeline Darling Downs after a recent spate of suicides in the area.

They launched a peer-support program at Toowoomba on 12 October as part of research into effective ways to build support among Aboriginal adolescents.

Dr Shakespeare-Finch said

peer-support programs, where young people supported each other, had been successful among non-Indigenous adolescents in helping them to develop 'pro-social' behaviour.

"We are working with the community in Toowoomba to find out what pro-social behaviour Aboriginal adolescents engage in, and to

'Research indicates that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people experience significant psychological stress and distress'

see how peer-support programs might work there," she said. Dr Shakespeare-Finch said the project would bring together Indigenous Elders, community groups and QUT with a view to train young people in ways to support each other, and would work through the local Indigenous youth group, 'Whaddup'.

"Research indicates that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people experience significant psychological stress and distress," she said.

"Through this program, we hope that their strengths, personal skills and resources, and Aboriginal pride will be reflected back to them."

Dr Shakespeare-Finch said the outcomes of the project would be nationally significant and contribute to current interventions focusing on the prevention of Indigenous youth suicide and the promotion of community resilience.

"We have already had a lot of interest from other communities, but we want to get this long-term project well established and evaluated before we take it elsewhere," she said.

She said the Elders collaborating on the program represented Aunty Zella Duncan for the Boggabilla and Jumeria people, and included Darby McCarthy, Pearl Hite and Doreen Nelson.



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'Little' ride to raise funds



Steve 'Tizza' Taylor saddled up and ready to roll and (inset) Mandawuy Yunupingu.

By DARREN COYNE



STEVE 'Tizza' Taylor is sure to get a little saddle-sore as he undertakes 'the trek of a lifetime' to raise money for the Jimmy Little Foundation.

Tizza is riding his BMW motorbike from Broome to Sydney, a journey that covers more than 6400km.

The Sydney man came up with the idea of the fundraiser after attending the Garna Festival in the Top End and hearing of the Foundation's very important work to improve kidney health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

He was also concerned as a number of his friends, including Jimmy Little, were suffering with kidney disease.

"After Garna, I stayed in Gove for a couple of weeks in the community of Yirrkala to explore the place and learn more about the Yolgnu people," Tizza said.

"I found a depth of tradition and culture which I had not expected and during this time I had the honour of being adopted into the clan by Elah Yunupingu, a wonderful man who, along with his young family, took me hunting in the traditional way for mud crab, stingray, clams and mangrove worms.

"As we walked through the mangroves of Crocodile Creek looking for mud crabs, Elah spoke with his wife Barbara and said to me, 'you need a Yolgnu name, we will call you 'Lurpu', it is our name for the White Cockatoo.

"Meanwhile, Elah's grandfather, Mandawuy Yunupingu, from the band Yothu Yindi, was preparing to go to hospital for dialysis."

After leaving Gove, Tizza travelled to Kununurra, in East Kimberley, where he found work on director Baz Luhrman's new movie *Australia*, working alongside Aboriginal men

from the Giji mob.

"As we worked away I spoke about the Foundation and my new mate Danny told me of his uncle who was just about to go away to Broome to start dialysis," Tizza said.

Then the idea for the trek struck him while looking at a map of Australia.

"I looked at the distance from coast to coast, Broome to Sydney, maybe via Cooktown and thought 'Gee, that's pretty impressive,'" he said. "I started to come up with ideas of how I could turn that trip into a fundraising run for the Jimmy Little Foundation... I thought up all sorts of ideas that all needed lots of preparation, support and time,

something which I didn't really have with the wet season fast approaching.

"Then I thought back to primary school, when we would have walk-a-thons to raise money by doing laps of the local oval and get pledges of a few cents per lap from mum and dad, aunts and uncles, etc and thought 'why not?'

Why not indeed. Soon, with the help of the Foundation and plenty of willing sponsors, Tizza was on his way.

During his trek, Tizza will visit as many towns and communities and Aboriginal art

centres as he can to spread the word about the Foundation and its work.

He is also hoping people will support the bike ride and the Foundation, a registered charity, by making a pledge through the website www.jlf.org.au

Tizza's trek will culminate in a gala event in Sydney where the Australian band GANGGajang will join Jimmy Little on stage to welcome him home.

Don Palmer from the Jimmy Little Foundation told the Koori Mail that apart from some bike problems in Katherine, the trek was going well, with plenty of support from the community.

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Meeting of Nyoongar, Solomons cultures

Story and photos by Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



A DOCUMENTARY on a cultural exchange between a group of dancers in the Solomon Islands and the Nyoongar community in the WA Wheatbelt has been launched in Perth.

The WA Government's special adviser on Indigenous affairs, Lt-General John Sanderson, launched the documentary *Sharing Cultures - Kellerberrin At The Heart of Cultural Exchange*, at the Community Arts Centre of WA (CANWA) on 12 October.

Well-known Kellerberrin Elder Kathy Yarran welcomed about 100 guests to country for the launch.

"I am very pleased that you are all here standing on our ground and now I open this meeting for us and we are all one," Ms Yarran said, first in English and then in Nyoongar.

CANWA Managing Director Pilar Kasat said the meeting of Nyoongar people and Narasirato Pan Pipers of the Solomon Islands was a cultural exchange of traditional music and dance and explored the shared experiences of their connection to the land.

"We are privileged to have Lt-General John Sanderson launching this project as he certainly knows that connecting to culture is at the heart of the healing process for Aboriginal communities," Ms Kasat said.

"The documentary, which was a collaboration between CANWA, the local Indigenous community, the Solomon Islander people and the Curtin University Film and TV students, is one of many significant projects we've initiated in the Wheatbelt."

CANWA Indigenous Project Officer Frank Walsh said CANWA had shown vision and courage by opening an office in the Wheatbelt region, and listed the many events and projects undertaken since the Kellerberrin office opened in July last year.

"We will aim to keep the momentum

going, but this will be largely dependent on some of our funding bodies having a closer look at what we're doing on the ground in the region," Mr Walsh said.

"The work we've done in Kellerberrin does not happen overnight and ongoing support is vital for the success of this project in the long term."

Lt-General Sanderson said he had come to a deeper understanding of traditional custodianship since taking up his current position last year.

"While I'm engaged in empowering Aboriginal people in the social and economic development of Aboriginal people in this country, it's also about the redemption of all of us and the land itself and creating a proper future for our children," Lt-General Sanderson said.

"Building a sustainable future is about fostering this deep connection between place and people and using the creative talents of everybody."

"The City of Perth has come to the conclusion that the central way of defining itself for the future is Indigenous culture and we can go to a place like Kellerberrin and draw on ways of doing that."

"This film is about a cultural exchange and drawing strength and learning from each other which then translates into the community at large."

The documentary's producer, Singaporean student Cherie Seah, said the chance to film the cultural exchange came while she was studying film and TV at Curtin University.

"We had to do a corporate documentary for our third year unit and CANWA was on the list of possibilities. I decided to contact them because I'm interested in the arts, but we had no idea what we in for," Ms Seah said.

"We met all of the Solomon Islanders and the Nyoongars around Kellerberrin and it was a fantastic experience which opened my eyes to a different world."

Mr Walsh said that capacity building and empowering Aboriginal people throughout the Wheatbelt was central to CANWA's objectives, both through the documentary and other projects in the planning stages.



Documentary Producer Cherie Seah: "It was a fantastic experience which opened my eyes to a different world."



CANWA Indigenous Project Officer Frank Walsh.



● ABOVE LEFT: "We are one," said Kellerberrin Elder Kathy Yarran, welcoming people to country.

● ABOVE: Lt-General John Sanderson, launching the documentary at CANWA headquarters in Perth, said building a sustainable future was about fostering a deep connection between place and people.

● LEFT: One of the pan pipers with the Narasirato dancers from the Solomon Islands, featured in the documentary launched by CANWA.



● LEFT: CANWA Managing Director Pilar Kasat: "The documentary is one of many significant projects we've initiated in the Wheatbelt."



ALSWA chief awarded the Curtin Medal

Story by Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE head of the Aboriginal Legal Service in Western Australia (ALSWA) has been awarded the prestigious John Curtin Medal for outstanding service to the WA Indigenous and wider communities.

Dennis Eggington was awarded the medal on 9 October at a gala ceremony at Curtin University. It was the tenth year that the award had been given for outstanding achievement, reflecting the qualities of the man the medal was named after – Australian wartime Prime Minister John Curtin.

The citation, which was read out to a large crowd, described Mr Eggington as 'an ardent and committed defender of Aboriginal rights'.

"An articulate man of great foresight and principle, he opposed the Northbridge curfew, supported Aboriginal land rights as the basis for enabling Indigenous Australians to live a good life and strongly opposed those who have sought to blame Aboriginal culture for domestic violence and child abuse in Indigenous communities," the citation read.

"His call for a Human Rights Act, both in WA and nationally, is indicative of his unshakable moral standpoint.

"As well as being very active in his role with the Aboriginal Legal Service, Dennis has given countless hours of community service. He holds or has held a number of formal committee positions while representing the Aboriginal community."

Curtin Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeanette Hackett said that Mr Eggington was a worthy recipient of the medal, and was respected Nyoongar people as well as the non-Indigenous community throughout WA.

Mr Eggington said he was pleased to receive the medal because it was rare that community members were recognised for their hard work.

"Too often in Aboriginal affairs we don't acknowledge the good work that's done by our brothers and sisters and it's just wonderful to have that recognition while I'm still young enough to appreciate it and not wait until something tragic happens," he said.

"It's generational change that we're involved in... This university has been a major part of my life and my work and to be acknowledged by that is tremendous for me personally because it's a place I like to be and there are people there that I like to be around."

Mr Eggington said the medal would inspire him to keep working on his vision of Indigenous Australians achieving true equality and enjoying a life free from oppression.

"My vision is a day when Aboriginal people are free of that, and not just free of oppression, but free in spirit and soul as well."

He said that he would display the medal prominently to inspire.

"It is a hard slog and being awarded the medal and having it hanging somewhere so that I can see it on a daily basis will remind me that work is still to be done and it's done with the knowledge that people do care and it's a tremendous motivation to continue a very difficult job," he said.



ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington wearing the John Curtin Medal and robes shortly before the citation ceremony on 9 October.

Photo courtesy of ALSWA

Native title talks on the path to an agreement



NATIVE title claimants and four local councils in central Queensland have cemented their commitment to agree about

native title, signing a memorandum of understanding in Mackay on Friday.

Representatives of the Jangga people and the Belyando, Bowen, Dalrymple and Nebo shire councils have signed the MoU which provides the basis for negotiations over the Jangga people's 20,420-sq-km native title claim that falls into each of the shire council areas.

National Native Title Tribunal Member and mediator Graham Fletcher said the Jangga people were seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests in the claimed area where each of the shire councils also had interests.

"To work out how their respective interests can co-exist on the ground, the groups have gathered in a spirit of goodwill to talk about how they can reach an outcome they are all satisfied with," he said.

"The Jangga people and the Belyando, Bowen, Dalrymple and Nebo shires are commended for their vision. They have collectively taken an important step forward, committing themselves to seek a more formal, secure and ongoing relationship for the future."

Mr Fletcher said the MoU paved the way forward for the development of a legally binding indigenous land use agreement to clarify how the Jangga people could exercise their traditional rights in the area and the councils could continue to fulfil their role in providing public services.

"More and more groups around the country are choosing to resolve native title through agreement rather than going down the divisive path of litigation," he said. "To date the Tribunal has registered 297 ILUAs around Australia, with the majority of these having been reached in Queensland."

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

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All hail the Moree mob



THE northern New South Wales city of Lismore, the Bundjalung

home to the Koori Mail, was besieged by fierce hailstorms on 9 October.

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It was a comfort and a thrill for us to learn that amongst the many hundreds of State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers who responded to countless calls for assistance were three Aboriginal people from Moree, and their non-Aboriginal mentor.

Michael Knox, 42, Janelle Duncan, 42, and Troy Allen, 38, drove for more than five hours to Lismore from their home town the day after the natural disaster, collecting their SES training mentor Alf King from Warialda on the way.

The trio, all proud parents, were amongst 16 Aboriginal people from Moree who undertook a two-week intensive general rescue course in May.

Mr Knox summed up the altruistic philosophy behind their sign-up to the SES, telling the Koori Mail 'we just wanted to help people'.

"We wanted to prove that us blackfellas can do anything and that we're not bludgers. we can help other people too," he said.

"And we want the kids to strive to do this kind of thing too. If I can do it, anyone can."

The Moree SES mob had had a bit of practice before heading to the Northern Rivers to help out, with Mr Knox and Ms Duncan having been a part of the mop-up of floods at Newcastle earlier in the year.

"This is easy compared with Newcastle," said Ms Duncan, adding that the crew had learned recently they'd be receiving some awards for their role in the flood clean-up.

Mr Allen said the Moree mob had received a very warm welcome in Lismore.

"People offer us cuppas and sandwiches and biscuits. They even try to offer us money but we can't take it. The SES is strictly voluntary," he said.

"Just helping people out is reward enough."



● ABOVE: Members of the Moree SES, from left, Michael Knox, Janelle Duncan, Alf King (SES mentor) and Troy Allen.

Photo by Carol Ryan



● LEFT: The scene outside the Koori Mail's front door on 9 October. Lismore was subsequently declared a natural disaster area.



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The government established ATQ and allocated \$4.8 million to fund wheelchair accessible taxis in rural and remote communities that have a taxi licence but no wheelchair accessible taxi. It is expected more than 70 vehicles for communities throughout Queensland will be funded by the end of 2008.

The ATQ is the first to be funded under the Queensland Government's qconnect initiative, which will improve regional public transport services and connections.

The ATQ initiative is also part of a bigger picture for improving taxi services in Queensland, which includes the rollout of taxi security cameras and more taxi licences.

The ATQ initiative allocated \$40 000 (inc GST) to Cloncurry Cabs. This funding has now been spent by the eligible licensee. The taxi service licence owner operating the ATQ funded vehicle has amended their licence to incorporate the wheelchair accessible terms and conditions, which will be in place in perpetuity. This means that there are now three taxi licences in Cloncurry, of which one is provided under a wheelchair accessible taxi licence.

Paul Blake
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Seniors Week 2008 community events funding

The Department of Communities invites community organisations throughout Queensland to apply for funding to support events and activities during Seniors Week 2008. The funding is available for initiatives that promote positive attitudes towards older people and encourage participation by people of all ages to celebrate the contributions made by seniors to the community.

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

For an information pack, phone 1300 135 500 or visit www.communities.qld.gov.au

Submissions close at 5 pm, Monday 19 November 2007.



Queensland Government
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Top prize to Didjeribone



A 'MODERNISED' version of the didjeridoo has taken out the top prize in annual awards to identify

the best in Australian travel gifts. Judges in the 2007 Memento Australia Awards were highly impressed with Aboriginal man Adrian Fabila and Charlie McMahon's 'Didjeribone'.

The pair's new take on the ancient Aboriginal wind instrument first became public on the US TV program *The Dave Letterman Show* in 1995, when Adrian accompanied rock group Midnight Oil. The show's host, Dave Letterman, later commented 'what was that Aboriginal plumbing the guy played?'

Since then, the musical designers have refined their invention to suit modern-day consumer demands; making it light and portable and designed to recreate traditional melodies. Adrian entertained his enthusiastic peers by playing the modern-day design at the Awards presentation in Brisbane on 8 October.

He and Mr McMahon said the award was their 'first such recognition'.

Last year, Australia hosted more than five million adults who spent an average of nearly one month each and a total of nearly \$19 billion, up 1 per cent from the previous year.

The tourism gift trade is estimated to be worth \$700 million annually, presenting opportunities for designers who are able to meet the brief of



Musical designer Adrian Fabila plays the Didjeribone, which won the top prize in the 2007 memento Australia Awards.

creating Australian travel gifts that ensure the 'real Australia' in all its diversity occupies the suitcases of departing travellers, as opposed to mass-produced clichés.

CEO of the not-for-profit company Memento Australia, Anthony Merrilees, described the calibre of winners in this year's awards as 'sensational'.

The Memento Australia Awards recognise excellence in 10 categories including separate awards for the best of Indigenous design, best emerging designer and a variety of other awards aimed at Queensland and Western Australia.

Entries are judged on a number of criteria, the most important being the representation of innovation, quality and authenticity.

The award judges said entries for the 'Indigenous Memento of Australia' were

exceptional this year too. They were so inundated, that dual winners were finally announced; Eva Wanganeen for her crafted, limited-edition silk scarves; and Gadji and Jodie Maymuru for the 'Aboriginal Art Activities' CD-ROM.

Eva Wanganeen's designs weave the traditional icons of her people, represented in vibrant and strong colours. She said her winning scarf design featured many animals, largely due to their significance in Aboriginal lives and customs.

Gadji and Jodie Maymuru described their CD-ROM as predominantly an education tool, which they felt filled a critical hole in their children's current education system. The couple have developed a range of products that they are looking to distribute and recently finalised a deal with Queensland's Australia Zoo to have their digital tool appear on a touch screen for zoo visitors.

Language the focus for summer school



EXPRESSIONS of interest are sought from Indigenous people to enrol in a summer school in the Gamilaraay, Gumbaynggirr and Wiradjuri languages to be held in Sydney next January.

Called *Ngaawa-Garay Garamubang Ngiyambalgarra* (the Gumbaynggirr, Gamilaraay and Wiradjuri words for 'language' and fearless speaking together), organisers say it is an exciting development in Aboriginal languages revitalisation. They say it will build on the 2007 Summer School for Gumbaynggirr and Gamilaraay.

The 2008 Summer School will offer an advanced level of study of Gamilaraay and Gumbaynggirr, with beginners' courses being offered in all three languages – Gamilaraay, Gumbaynggirr and Wiradjuri.

The beginners' course in Gamilaraay, Gumbaynggirr and Wiradjuri will be run over five days from Monday 14 January to Friday 18 January, while the advanced program will run over three days from Sunday 20 January to Tuesday 22 January.

Organisers say the courses are intensive. They will aim to develop speaking skills in the languages, and could be quite demanding.

On completing the course, students will receive a Statement of Attainment issued by Muurbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Co-operative.

Teaching teams are made up of

teacher-linguists, and Indigenous language teachers/researchers. Because of the need for teachers for these languages, preference will be given to Indigenous people involved in teaching these languages on country, and then to other Indigenous people.

The Gumbaynggirr course is based on the Certificate II in Gumbaynggirr Language and Culture Maintenance which is taught at Muurbay and accredited by VETAB.

The Gamilaraay course is based on 'Guwaalmiya Gamilaraay' which is offered at University of Sydney, the New England Institute of TAFE and other places.

The Wiradjuri course is based on, and being developed by, two teachers and a linguist, all of whom are Wiradjuri people, which offer a broad range of language experiences which include school, TAFE and adult community perspectives.

Organised by Muurbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Co-operative based at Nambucca Heads, the event is being hosted by the Koori Centre at the University of Sydney.

Ngaawa-Garay Garamubang Ngiyambalgarra has been funded by the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

For more information contact David Prosser or Pauline Hooley muurbay@westnet.com.au or phone Muurbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Centre on (02) 6569 4294. The closing date is 30 November.

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The Program will fund research into a wide range of areas in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, such as history (including family and community history), politics, law, public policy, health (social, cultural and environmental aspects), biological sciences, education, Indigenous knowledge systems, linguistics, social anthropology, archaeology and the arts.

Applications in the special emphasis categories of 'Relations with Government', 'Indigenous Knowledge Systems' and 'Knowledge About and Caring for Country' are particularly invited.

Please note that AIATSIS does not fund:

- publication or production costs;
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- research for Native Title claims.

Applicants should refer to the Information for Research Grant Applicants for full details about how to apply. All applications must be submitted using the Research Grant Application Form. These documents are available from the AIATSIS website at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/grants or by contacting:

Research Grants Administration
AIATSIS
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Email: grants@aiatsis.gov.au
Telephone: 02 6261 4221

Note that faxed applications will not be accepted.

Applicants are strongly advised to contact AIATSIS well before submitting applications in order to ensure the eligibility of their topics and to receive constructive feedback from staff.

All applicants will be informed of the success or otherwise of their grant applications in June 2008. Funding for successful applicants will be available from July 2008.

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Girringun culture alive and well



Djarragun College (Cairns) Central and Eastern Dance Groups gathered at the festival.



● ABOVE: At the shield workshop were, standing from left, Abe Maurita, Gani, Zac George, Willian Cook and Adrian George and, seated from left, Alec Johnson, Jamal and Dr Louis Peachey.



● LEFT: At the festival basket-weaving workshop were, from left, Theresa Beeron, Lallie Schmider and Joann Schmider.

● Photos by CHRISTINE HOWES



Palm Island's Jonny Deadly, in front, with Soraya Peachey, Sylvie Wharton, Phil Peachey, Toni Peachey and Liza Morta at the festival.



Michael Barlow (painting) with his dad Phillip Barlow and Corey, Liam, Akira and Chianne Barlow and Jaden Hall.



Girringun staff members Yvonne Muller and Cheryl Grant at the festival.



This mob enjoyed themselves at the festival.



Mother and daughter Jean and Lee Rosas making their way into the festival.

as thousands pack out festival



Senior residents Adiana Tabo and Thelma Goseg with members of the Djarragun College Central and Eastern Dance Groups at the festival.

All that hard work pays off

Story and photos by
CHRISTINE HOWES



Internationally renowned 1970s disco band Boney M proved to be a huge drawcard for

Girringun Aboriginal Corporation's Cultural Festival held at Cardwell on the weekend following the 2nd National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference.

Indigenous acts such as Emma Donovan, Banawurun, Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter and the Stiff Gins, as well as an artists' village and a dusk fire and dance spectacular also helped draw a crowd of more than 4000 to the event, which was more than three years in the planning.

The festival included large performance troupes of dancers, story-telling, traditional skills workshops, a non-stop film festival,



Gulumba Dance Group from Townsville, whose specialise in dances taught to them by Yarrabah's Idinji people.

spear and boomerang throwing.

Girramay Elder Claude Beeron said staff and volunteers had worked around the clock to make it happen.

"It was a dream but I

thought it never would happen, from that time when the last dance was held here in 1960," he told the Koori Mail.

"This is where the football ground is but it was a dancing ground."

Queensland Local Government Minister Warren Pitt acknowledged the work that had gone into preparing for the festival, which was hailed a huge success.

"It just goes to show that the Girringun culture is not just surviving but it's thriving and can I tell you that events like this do something wonderful. I'm pleased to see it, it kills off those negative stereotypes we get," he said.

"What happens here in this few days is that we can bring people together and we can jointly celebrate success and that's what this is all about.

"And successful organisation and successful bringing together of people means looking towards what I believe can only be a very successful future."

● More on the Girringun Conference on Pages 12 and 13 and next page.



Girramay Elder Claude Beeron at the spectacular entrance to the festival ... "It was a dream but I thought it never would happen," he said of the event.



Gulnay Elder Marjorie Kinjun with Queensland Local Government Minister Warren Pitt.



Samara Eerlandson (Darwin), Honorlea Massare'La (Darwin), Cathy Jackway (Canberra), Liz Clarke (Tasmania), Liz Wren (Canberra) and Fiona Mandelc (MCCN, Sydney) attended the conference.



Delegates Dylan Gordon, Casey Kennedy and Peter Braybon-Ntaria, all from central Australia.



Lee Smallwood, Jason Geesu and Toni Pryor, all from Townsville, were there.



Conference volunteers Giringgun committee member Dawn Hart and her daughter Lily.



Bob Muir, from Rockhampton, in Qld, and Phillip Elvo, from Maitland, in NSW.

They care for their country!

Pictured here are just some of the hundreds of delegates at the Second National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference held this month in Cardwell, north Queensland. See more pictures and a full report on the gathering on Pages 12 and 13, and see Pages 36 and 37 for a report and pictures on the Giringgun Cultural Festival, which was held in conjunction with the conference.



Indigenous Environment Foundation volunteers Mickie Sellton, Michael Winer, Jahmilla Sellton and Shaun Edwards. Seated is Jahlias Sellton.



● ABOVE: Mary Gibson and Joyce and Warwick Nelson from the Ngaanyatjarra Land Management group in Warburton, Western Australia.

● RIGHT: Nyoongar delegates, seated, Noel Nannup and Miranda Farmer, and, standing, Matthew McIntosh, Carol Innes and Barry McGuire.



Mulum Stone, Danielle Carney and Miranda Farmer, from Deakin University in Victoria, with Indigenous Land Management Facilitator Paul Bowers.



Delegates John Fred, Jimmy Richards, John Wason and Steve Smith.

Fitzroy in alcohol crisis



AN Aboriginal leader has called for an Aboriginal boycott of a planned West Australian Government employment Aboriginal summit, in the wake of the first weeks of an inquest into

Aboriginal substance abuse deaths in the west Kimberley.

The Chairman of successful Indigenous business the Ngarda Ngarli Yarndu Foundation Inc, Barry Taylor, said the Carpenter government was ignoring the crisis in Aboriginal communities in the hope that the current negative publicity will simply go away.

WA coroner Alastair Hope spent a week in Fitzroy Crossing as part of a wider probe into 24 alcohol and cannabis-related deaths. The inquest, which heard there was a funeral a week in the Fitzroy Valley, was continuing in Kununurra last week.

Mr Taylor described Aboriginal living conditions already highlighted by the coronial inquest as appalling but said they were similar to countless other locations throughout the State.

Mr Taylor said urgent action was required involving a serious dialogue between government and Indigenous leaders about where and how best to invest public resources to address the crisis.

He said the State Government was 'spinning a story' that it wanted to transform the lives of Aboriginal people through employment in the booming mining industry.

"They are relying on the mining industry to fix all of the social and economic problems in the state, and the government which receives windfalls from royalties from mining on Aboriginal land has disengaged with the Aboriginal community," he said.

"But where is the pathway for this to happen? Where is the strategic investment in education and training?"

Mr Taylor criticised Premier Alan Carpenter's proposed summit on Aboriginal employment next month, saying it'd be a 'talk fest' and Aboriginal people should boycott it unless the government could demonstrate that it was serious about doing something meaningful to address the current crisis.



Fitzroy Crossing Aboriginal leader Joe Ross told the inquest that it was hard to stay hopeful but managed a smile here.

An Aboriginal police officer in Fitzroy Crossing told the inquest that people could break out of the cycle of alcohol abuse engulfing the town.

Constable Travis Lupton said members of his family were alcoholics but some people were breaking out of the alcohol and poverty trap. He said he personally supported a controversial ban on the sale of all takeaway alcohol except light beer.

Police had apprehended three people bringing booze into the town for resale since the ban came into force at the end of last month.

Imposed after urgent lobbying by local women fed up with alcohol-related violence, the controversial six-month ban on takeaway alcohol has divided the town.

The ban has many proponents, including police, who say there has been a notable reduction in street drinking since it began on October 1. However, other people complain their rights have been eroded,

with about 80 protesters marching through the town's streets earlier in the month chanting 'what do we want? Alcohol! When do we want it? Now!'

Meanwhile, a Fitzroy Crossing Aboriginal leader wept as he told the inquest's Fitzroy Crossing hearing how hard it was to stay hopeful as alcohol and cannabis threatened to destroy the 3500-strong town.

Joe Ross, who liaised with Coroner Alastair Hope's office to help facilitate the inquest, told the inquest that violence, murder, self harm, suicide and child sex abuse often followed excessive alcohol consumption. He said the problem has worsened since local people were kicked off pastoral leases in the 1970s to settle in the town.

"I've seen the transition from an intermittent drinking society to a 24/7 bunch of alcoholics," Mr Ross said on 11 October. "This community is suddenly realising we are actually heading headlong down the track to the death of this community."

"Imagine last year, we had a funeral every weekend in Fitzroy Crossing ... that would have been the lowest point of Fitzroy Crossing's life."

Mr Ross wept as he told the coroner one thing he wanted for the community was an acknowledgment of their strength, dignity and great capacity to forgive. — With AAP

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Australian Government

Northern Territory Emergency Response

The Australian Government has banned alcohol and sexually explicit material in Aboriginal areas of the Northern Territory.

The restrictions are part of the Australian Government's emergency response to protect Aboriginal children in the Northern Territory. They will help create a safer place for children.

The new laws apply in prescribed areas:

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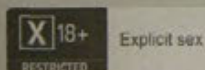
- Community Living Areas
- Areas known as 'town camps' that have been declared as prescribed areas by the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- Other areas prescribed by the Minister.

A full list of prescribed areas can be found at www.facsia.gov.au/nter

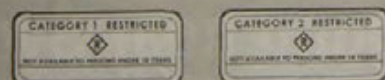
BANS ON PORNOGRAPHY

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You cannot drink, possess, supply or transport alcohol in the prescribed areas. Penalties apply.

If you purchase take-away alcohol anywhere in the Northern Territory there are new requirements:

If you purchase \$100 or more worth of alcohol, or more than 5 litres of cask or flagon wine at a take-away outlet in the NT, you will be asked for identification and details of where the alcohol is to be consumed. Those working in the take-away outlets are required by law to sight identification and record the name and address of the customers purchasing large amounts of alcohol AND record the intended location where the alcohol will be consumed.

Penalties apply for licensees and employees of licensees not meeting these requirements.

If you want more information about the alcohol or pornography bans, visit www.facsia.gov.au/nter/ or call 1800 333 995 at any time.

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Indigenous Family Violence Strategy

Community Initiative Fund
2007 - 2008

As part of the Indigenous Family Violence Community Initiative Fund, the Department of Human Services invites applications from Victorian Indigenous organisations and Indigenous community groups for funding for projects that support the priorities identified in Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group Plans. This Fund is for projects that prevent, reduce and respond to family violence in Indigenous communities.

Further information including Guidelines, Application Forms and Regional Action Plan priorities are available from the following staff at Department of Human Services regional offices:

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Sea Rangers off to Hobart



THE Anindilyakwa Sea Rangers from Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island have patrolled the seas looking for illegal fishing boats and marine debris for the past 10 years.

The Sea Rangers became the first Aboriginal group to win a Northern Territory Seafood Industry Award. In June they won the 2007 Environmental Award for their work, and they're now one of four Territory entries short-listed as finalists in the National Seafood Industry Awards to be announced in Hobart on 1 November.

"The Anindilyakwa Sea Rangers were one of the first groups to take part in marine debris and ghost net surveys," said Eve Robinson, Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Seafood Council.

"The eight rangers patrol more than 40 islands by car, boat and plane, covering an area of about 3000 square kilometers in the Gulf of Carpentaria," she said.

"They collect ghost nets each week as part of the Carpentaria Ghost Net Program to save marine life such as threatened turtles and dugong. Since the project began, they have collected hundreds of kilograms of nets and cleaned many kilometers of beach."

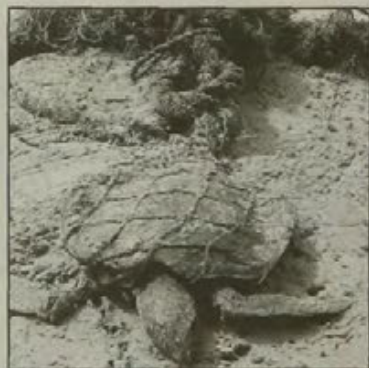
The Sea Rangers also report sightings of illegal fishing boats and work with Australian Government researchers to gather data on discarded (ghost) nets, establishing that most of the marine debris comes from foreign fishing vessels.

After the Sea Rangers won the Territory environmental awards, the Northern Territory Seafood Council helped with their nomination to the Australian Seafood Industry Awards.

Sea Ranger Gavin Enever will represent the rangers at the national awards in Hobart.



● ABOVE: Rangers Simeon Lalara and Vince Lalara.



● LEFT: The body of a young turtle caught in a net.

● BELOW: Anindilyakwa Sea Rangers sort through rubbish collected by them during patrols of the northern coastline.



Old human bones found near Sydney



MORE bones found at a coastal site in Sydney's south have been confirmed as human, prompting police to speculate that they have uncovered an Aboriginal burial site.

Police said on 12 October that human rib bones and other smaller bones were found in sand dunes at Kurnell, just 300 metres from

where construction workers found a human tibia.

Several days later, a pelvis and what was believed to be foot bones were also found at the site.

A NSW police spokesperson said an initial examination of the bones showed they were 'human and unrelated' - meaning that they were from more than one person.

"However, the location of the bones

... given it was a thriving Aboriginal community prior to white settlement, it may well be related to death that occurred more than 200 years ago," the spokesman said in an interview. "It is a possibility."

The spokesperson said it was hoped that further analysis including carbon dating and DNA testing would determine the age and the origin of the bones.

- AAP

NT death cop admits mistake

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A POLICE officer who fatally shot a teenager in the back during rioting in the community of Wadeye has told a coronial inquest that police are so under resourced in remote

Aboriginal communities that he would not work in one again.

Robert Jongmin was killed at the Wadeye football oval, about 350km south-west of Darwin, in October 2002.

Senior Constable Robert Gregory Whittington was charged in 2004 over the death of the 18-year-old, but it was later dropped because of legal technicalities.

At an inquest in Darwin on 9 October, the married father of one was asked if he had learnt any lessons from the shooting, which happened after organised fist fights between warring gangs escalated.

Up to 400 people wielding machetes, spears and rocks flooded the oval, while three officers – who were unable to summon outside help – struggled to control the situation.

"I don't know that we have the resources in these communities," Const Whittington said. "We are not servicing them properly and I don't feel I would put myself in that situation again."

The inquest also heard that Constable Whittington was overlooked

the first time he applied to be a constable because he "demonstrated an inability to accept criticism and counselling".

Counsel assisting the coroner, Philip Strickland SC, said Constable Whittington was noted as having an 'abrupt, overbearing and unnecessary attitude' towards prisoners while one of his firearm instructors described 'an almost moody inability to accept criticism'.

He also pointed to inconsistencies between the version of events Const Whittington gave to police and those of other witnesses.

They described Robert Jongmin wrestling a gun away from another teenager, Tobias Worumbu, shortly before he was fatally shot in the back by one of four bullets fired by the officer's Glock pistol.

No witnesses saw Mr Worumbu fire at Mr Jongmin or raise his gun a second time, as the officer claimed.

"That means one of three things," Mr Strickland told the court.

"Either A, you are right about what has happened and everyone else is wrong, or two, you are lying deliberately about these two matters, or you are mistaken about these two matters."

Constable Whittington denied 'deliberate lying' and confirmed he had 'made a mistake'.

"Could another explanation be at the time you were interviewed by police you knew that you might be in serious jeopardy," Mr Strickland said.

"Either in the sense that you may have committed a criminal offence or that B, you had made a serious error of judgment that would have disciplinary ramifications."

Constable Whittington maintained he was not aware that he had shot the teenager until after he was interviewed by police, believing that Mr Worumbu had shot him and that he had then shot Mr Worumbu in the arm.

Mr Strickland asked if it had occurred to Constable Whittington that he had actually shot and killed the man he was trying to protect.

"It has occurred to me every day since then," the officer said. "It is not a good feeling, nobody wants to take the shot."

The coroner, who will hand down his findings in Wadeye on 3 December, issued a certificate preventing any evidence Constable Whittington gave from being used against him in any future court proceedings.

"For a proud policeman to admit yesterday the magnitude of his mistakes he made must have been very difficult," Mr Cavanagh said.

"He has apparently made a disastrous mistake." – AAP



Professor Boni Robertson speaks at the Elders forum held at Griffith University.

Elders support university



WITH Indigenous university enrolments declining nationally, Elders from across Queensland met earlier this month to discuss ways that Brisbane's

Griffith University can work collaboratively with them to produce positive outcomes for Indigenous communities.

Professor of Indigenous Policy, Boni Robertson said the leadership Griffith

and the Elders were taking should be echoed in universities nationally.

"The Elders discussed ways in which they can work in partnership with Griffith to increase the profile of the university within Indigenous communities, encourage students to go on to tertiary education and engage in projects to help address the social and emotional wellbeing of Indigenous Australians," she said.

"The forum also discussed the issue of Indigenous knowledge and perused

a draft document on Indigenous cultural protocols and knowledge which will be tabled for consideration by the Griffith Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting.

"These are exciting times and being able to host such a forum was a significant accomplishment for Griffith."

The forum was hosted by the university's inaugural Elder-in-Residence Aunty Delmae Barton and the Office for Community Partnerships.



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GUMBAYNGIRR NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Venue: Grafton Ngarnie Local Aboriginal Land Council Office, Wharf Street South Grafton.

Time: 10:00 am Morning Tea 10:30 am Meeting commences.

Date: Saturday 10th November 2007.

A meeting of people who identify as Gumbayngirr has been convened for the purpose of authorizing a native title claim over areas in the North West of Gumbayngirr Nation. The claim area comprises the localities of Cangai, Newtonbyrd, Marengo, Buccarumbi and Jackagery ect, people who assert Native Title rights and interests over the land and waters in these areas are urged to attend.

Agenda:

- 1) Review of Gumbayngirr Native Title claims process
- 2) Discussion making process
- 3) Anthropological and Genealogy studies
- 4) Authorization of Native Title Application

Please direct enquiries to Terry Tibbett 02 66431356 or 02 66427120.

Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

The Old Great North Road Between Mount Manning and Wollombi

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The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 7 November, 2007.

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

If you have any questions please phone Rick Shaper, Aboriginal Heritage Officer on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9673 8567, or Bill Netherly on (02) 9873 566.

Heritage Council of New South Wales
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METROPOLITAN LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

INCLUDING THE ELECTION OF THE FIRST BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council:

DATE: 14th November 2007

TIME: 6:00pm (Registration open at 5:30pm)

PLACE: Redfern Town Hall

The meeting will be the election for the first Board of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council in accordance with the amended Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW).

AGENDA:

1. the election of Board members for the first Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council Board.

PLEASE NOTE: In relation to the election for Board members:

(i) A person is entitled to vote in the election for Board members if the person is a voting member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council AND the person has attended at least 2 LALC meetings in the previous 12 months.

(ii) A person must attend the meeting at which the election is conducted in order to vote. There is no proxy voting.

(iii) You may seek information about membership of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council from the A/Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

(iv) If you are a member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council you may inspect the membership roll of the Council between business hours at the office of the Council. A member may also request further information about the procedure for the election of the Board from the A/Chief Executive Officer, including information about nominating to be elected as a Board member at the meeting.

(v) The Registrar of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, or a delegate of the Registrar shall be the returning officer for the election of Board members.

All inquiries about this meeting should be directed to the A/Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council during business hours.

AUTHORISED BY: Mr Allen Madden A/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.



Pretty sistas all in a row: The debbs from Townsville State High School.

Fresh face of an old social tradition



TWELVE female students from Townsville State High School have upheld an old Australian social tradition by making their formal debut.

The school's NAIDOC Debutante Ball last month saw more than 200 people attend to celebrate the futures of the young women, who were partnered on the night by 12 young men from the school.

The presentation of the debbs to special guests from the community

was followed by entertainment and a three-course meal.

The young women and their families and friends raised more than \$11,000 through activities including car washes, a ten pin bowling night, disco and raffles.

They also received support from Queensland Youth Services, Blind Sharks Sports and Recreation, the Men and Women of Destiny Ministries, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, the Tropical Health Unit and the Foundation for Young Achievers.



Debutante Michaela Nona and Davis Whaleboat cut the cake at the TSHS NAIDOC Debutante Ball.



Rugby league legend Artie Beetson with TSHS's Community Education Counsellor Lorraine Ross and Youth Support Co-ordinator Tammie Harrison who co-ordinated the recent NAIDOC Debutante Ball.

Photos courtesy of Queensland Youth Services

\$2 million skills boost for the Kimberley



INDIGENOUS students and communities in the Kimberley are set to benefit from \$2 million worth of new trade training facilities, including a new mobile training service.

Premier Alan Carpenter earlier this month officially opened a \$1.25-million upgrade to the trade-training workshop at the Kununurra campus of Kimberley TAFE.

Mr Carpenter said the workshop was a key venue for entry-level training in automotive, general construction, engineering and industrial skills.

"The upgrade has doubled the size of the workshop, which means there is now enough space for students to do large-scale activities which simulate real work tasks," he said.

"The new-look workshop features dedicated welding bays, grinding rooms, and a building and construction area, engineering area with metal presses and an automotive space with a car hoist.

"Thanks to the upgrade, there is now an opportunity for Kimberley TAFE to expand into a range of pre-apprenticeships such as carpentry and joinery, vehicle servicing, fitting and machining, and fabrication.

"More people will be able to gain the skills they need to get involved in local infrastructure projects and contribute to the local economy."

In addition, the State Government is spending \$220,000 to purchase new trade training equipment for the workshop for building and construction and automotive trades, with the new tools expected by the end of the year.

The Premier said Indigenous people in the Kimberley were also set to benefit from a new \$500,000 mobile trade training service - expected to be up and running by mid-2008.

"The new service is designed to help Indigenous people learn pre-apprenticeship skills in mining, building and construction trades, as well as general job readiness, literacy and numeracy, and health and safety," he said.

"This is an innovative, flexible initiative bringing training and opportunities to Indigenous people living in remote communities."

Mr Carpenter said the mobile service for the Kimberley was likely to include a 4WD heavy rig vehicle, multi-tooled bobcat with front-end loader and digger, and a range of building, welding and automotive tools.



Chief Executive of Reconciliation Australia Barbara Livesey

Nurses take action on reconciliation



THE Australian Nursing Federation (ANF) has launched what is believed to be the first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) by a union.

The plan includes strategies to develop a greater understanding of Indigenous culture within the ANF, increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in nursing, and promote Indigenous self-determination and healthy communities.

It was launched at the ANF's 8th Biennial National Conference in Melbourne on 11 October and commits the union to working towards to Indigenous self-determination and health equality.

"This development of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) demonstrates the ANF's recognition that achieving reconciliation and Indigenous health equality requires a commitment from all Australians," said ANF Federal Secretary Jill Iliffe.

"Change will only come when we all accept responsibility for taking action."

"The ANF hopes this plan will demonstrate leadership and foster understanding within nursing and midwifery, the health sector, and the wider community about the importance of working with Indigenous communities."

Chief Executive of Reconciliation Australia Barbara Livesey said the ANF's RAP demonstrated all the main ingredients of reconciliation: Relationships, respect and providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

"It will see the ANF working with Indigenous experts in the health sector and developing its own advisory group," Ms Livesey said.

"A big part of the RAP program is encouraging organisations to draw on the considerable expertise of Indigenous people that's available now in all sectors."

"The RAP also commits the ANF to provide cultural awareness training to all Federal office staff - building this kind of understanding and respect is another aspect of the RAP program that has huge potential to change Australia for the better."

Reconciliation Australia's RAP program provides the framework and the tools for organisations across Australia to join forces and become part of closing the life expectancy gap.

Ms Iliffe said the ANF RAP acted on the union's strategic plan to influence nursing, health, and social justice policy.

"Its development represents an important strategic objective for the ANF and for the health of Indigenous Australians," she said.

The ANF, representing 150,000 members, is the professional and industrial voice for nurses and midwives in Australia.

Shepparton sees Croc Fest off for another year

● ABOVE and BELOW: Students from Albury High School performed traditional dance and played the didgeridoo.

All photos courtesy of Indigenous Festivals of Australia



THE last Croc fest for 2007 went off with a bang at Shepparton, in central Victoria, last week.

The 16-18 October event attracted around 2400 Indigenous and non-Indigenous students from 52 schools from throughout the State and as far away as Alice Springs and Broken Hill.

It featured a wide range of sporting, health, education, careers, arts and reconciliation activities.

In the evenings, schools danced on stage in front of a community audience of thousands.

Other festivals have been held at Thursday Island, in the Torres Strait; Derby and Mullewa, in Western Australia; Port Augusta, in South Australia, and Kempsey and Dubbo, in New South Wales.

The Victorian festival had previously been held at Swan Hill, but was rotated to Shepparton after campaigning by education and Indigenous organisations there.

Croc Festival began ten years ago and about 20,000 students from 500 schools were expected to participate in one of the seven Croc Festivals across Australia this year.

The major sponsor of Croc Festival is the Australian Government, co-ordinated by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), which has contributed \$3 million.

The major corporate sponsor is Luxottica Community I-Care, which since 2003 has conducted eye examinations for around 2800 students at Croc Festival, and given away almost 1200 pairs of prescription glasses. Community I-Care is a not-for-profit organisation.



Luxottica Community I-Care conducted eye examinations for hundreds of students at the Shepparton Croc Fest.



Who's excited? We are! Retired rugby league star David Peachey and students from Bouchier St Primary School.



It was all a question of balance for students and support staff from Murray High School.



Launch guests on a walkway near the memorial sculpture.

Photos by Simone Cottrell



The memorial's sandstone sculpture created by renowned Aboriginal artist Badger Bates.



Local Tharawal woman Fran Bodkin with good friend John Foster.

Going bush to remember the Stolen Generations



Signage informs visitors about the Stolen Generations.



Executive Director of the Botanic Gardens Trust Dr Tim Entwisle, Minister Paul Lynch and Paarkintji artist Badger Bates from Wilcannia, who carved the sculpture for the Stolen Generations Memorial.



AUSTRALIA may have a long road to travel before healing the emotional wounds of Aboriginal children forcibly removed from their families, but now there's a new dedicated place where people can pause to reflect upon the journey.

Earlier this month NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch unveiled a one-hectare bush area at the Mt Annan Botanic Gardens, south-west of Sydney, near Campbelltown, as a memorial for the Stolen Generations.

Many Aboriginal community members and supporters attended the opening, walking through the Cumberland Plain woodland via a series of boardwalks to a meeting place with water and a sculpture space.

The sculptural centrepiece was carved by renowned Aboriginal sculptor Badger Bates from local sandstone, and features an Aboriginal family highlighting the tragic consequences of the separation of Aboriginal children from their parents.

The sculpture incorporates water that flows from figures into a small pond at the base of the sculpture to convey a 'river of tears' for the lives touched by this era of Australia's history.

"The sculpture highlights the

tragic consequences of the separation of Aboriginal children from their parents," Mr Lynch said.

"Now local people and the tens of thousands who visit Mt Annan each year can come and reflect on the trauma Aboriginal people and their families have endured."

Mr Lynch said the memorial, featuring landscaped bush tucker plantings, had become a focal point of engagement with the local Aboriginal community and enjoys the support of the Tharawal and Gandangarra Land councils.

The project was originally the vision of Stolen Generation advocate Carol Kendall who passed away in 2001, but lived on with a partnership commitment in 2003 by Botanic Gardens Trust, Link Up NSW and the NSW Stolen

Generations.

Member for Camden Geoff Corrigan also attended the ceremony and congratulated Aboriginal CDEP workers who received on-site training from the Nameroo Training Corporation to construct the boardwalks and paths.

The workers completed a Certificate III course in Land Conservation and Management.

Mr Corrigan said the memorial was the result of the hard work and organisation of many individuals and organisations.

"They all deserve recognition for nurturing this special place of reflection. It's a great reminder of the strength of Aboriginal men and women," he said.

Mount Annan is known by local Aboriginal people as 'Yandelora', meaning 'a meeting place of all peoples'.



Minister Paul Lynch (left) with siblings Val Wenberg and Vince Wenberg who were stolen from their family as children.

Aboriginal Rules follows the Yuendumu Magpies

● PICTURES: Scenes from *Aboriginal Rules*, a new documentary released in Alice Springs last week.



A NEW version of an old ceremony has emerged in the remote central Australian Aboriginal community of Yuendumu.

It's called football. And it's definitely more than a game.

Last month, the Yuendumu Magpies football team won their fourth AFL Central Australia Country Cup in five years.

Last week, the community's Warlpiri Media Association (WMA) celebrated that success with a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the grassroots Australian Aboriginal football experience.

Warlpiri Media – famous for instigating *Bush Mechanics* – says its new documentary, *Aboriginal Rules*, challenges many of the stereotypes of young Indigenous men being portrayed in

the mainstream media.

"It is an opportunity to share in the lives of young Indigenous footballers, whose dreams of playing in the Australian Football League are less important than family and maintaining culture; and where being a proud member of a successful football team is closely linked to being a member of a strong community," the media organisation said.

The 55-minute documentary DVD was launched in Alice Springs on Saturday and will be available for purchase online through the WMA website.

Warlpiri Media raised the funds for the documentary independently and own it outright. Now, the Warlpiri mob are now keen to share it their story with the world.

Aboriginal Rules follows a year in the life of the Yuendumu Magpies. Their season begins in the remote community

of Papunya, where the battle lines are drawn in the red dirt of the football oval. The dust, hard knocks and chaos of a bush footy grand final are all part of the complicated inter-tribal rivalry that is played out when any two teams meet.

"And that old man talking on the microphone about the early days when they used to fight with spears and boomerangs is not so different to the footy fan holding a meat pie screaming his lungs out in the 'outer' of the MCG," Warlpiri Media said.

"The Yuendumu Magpies are considered favourites to win this highly prized competition again. But there are problems in the team and they have a new coach – Adrian 'Simba' Nelson.

"Passionate and charismatic, Simba struggles to keep the team together, to get players to attend training and

ultimately to achieve their goal of winning a fourth consecutive premiership on community football's biggest stage.

"In an attempt to get back on track and restore pride to the team, Simba and team captain Sherman Spencer take the players hundreds of kilometres to Pukatja Sports Weekend in South Australia.

"As the team's difficulties continue, they regroup in the lead-up to Yuendumu Sports Weekend, where they will battle their Warlpiri brothers, the Lajamanu Swans, in an attempt to uphold the Yuendumu Magpies name."

Aboriginal Rules contributes to the ongoing debate on the origins of Australian football, with community Elder Crocodile Johnson introducing viewers to purija, a game like football that the Warlpiri have played for thousands of years.



Further honour for Yolngu trailblazer



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RECONCILIATION Australia Director and community leader Raymattja Marika has been recognised for her outstanding commitment to education and cross-cultural understanding.

Ms Marika was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Education at a Charles Darwin University graduation ceremony in Darwin on 12 October.

Reconciliation Australia congratulated Ms Marika for the 'well-deserved recognition', which came on top of her appointment late last year as the Northern Territory's nominee for Australian of the Year.

Ms Marika, a senior Yolngu woman, is a teacher, linguist and specialist in understanding how Western and Indigenous knowledge can come together to offer Australian children the very

best in two-way education.

"Raymattja has made an enormous contribution to her own community of Yirrkala, but her achievements demonstrate what can be achieved nationally where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people work together in a spirit of reconciliation," said Reconciliation Australia's Co-Chairs Mark Leibler, AC, and Jackie Huggins, AM.

"Raymattja has continually demonstrated her passion for intercultural dialogue while emphasising the importance of maintaining Yolngu cultural inheritance.

"She is heavily engaged in promoting education and reconciliation both in her home community and in the national arena.

"Raymattja was involved in this year's 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum commemorations and used it as a time to call for Australians to honour the original referendum

campaigners and the overwhelming number of Australian's who voted 'Yes' by continuing forth in the spirit of partnership in the quest for true equality."

Ms Marika holds a Certificate of Literary Attainment from the School of Aboriginal Languages at Batchelor, an Advanced Diploma in Teaching from the Batchelor Institute of Primary Education, and a Graduate Diploma in Adult Education and Training from Melbourne University.

In 1984 she played a key role in the establishment of the Yirrkala School Action Group, which resulted in the Yirrkala School Council gaining control over decision-making and in achieving a program and mode of delivery of educational services that is valued by Aboriginal communities.

She also plays a leading role in the annual Garna Festival.

National Calendar of Events

To list in our National Calendar of Events send no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax (02) 6622 2600.

Assets and more. For information and course location contact (02) 6273 0022 or email aic@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit the website www.indigenousleadership.org.au

Ongoing: Free Aboriginal Karate Classes. The Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council and Seido Karate Kazoku Dojo invites you to join the program. Bus leaves The Settlement at 5pm every Monday and returns after class from Strathfield Girls High, Sydney, at 7pm. Ages 5-18, with uniform supplied. All welcome. Details call Linda Crawford on (02) 9228 8106 or Strathfield Girls High School on (0401) 988 409 or (02) 9629 6538.

Until 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 31 October: Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to train as an archivist. In 2008, two scholarships valued at up to \$3000 will be offered to Indigenous people who want to train for careers in archives and records management. The money can be used to pay fees, books and computing costs. Details call Marjorie on (02) 9032 4521 or email Marjorie.Treweek@immi.gov.au or call Kirsten Thorpe on (02) 8247 8612.

Until 1 November: On-Site Sewage Management Grants. The aim of the program is to minimise pollution risks to 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 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 1960s. Details call Irene Feuz on (0402) 717 913.

Until 3 November: Exhibition - Jean Baptiste Apuaitimi in Ngiya Yirtanga Pukatu. Held at Helen Maxwell Gallery 42 Mort St, Braddon, ACT. Details call (02) 6257 8422 or email galler@helenmaxwell.com or visit www.helenmaxwell.com/shows/shows_future.asp

Until 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

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 a 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 3 December: The Foundation for Young Australians for an IYLP Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) Tertiary Scholarship for 2008. This program provides scholarships and leadership opportunities targeting young Indigenous Australians from non-metropolitan areas studying at a tertiary level. Scholarships of up to \$6000 annually are available for eligible students. Details call (03) 9670 5436 or visit www.youngaustrians.org

www.archieroach.com.au or www.myspace.com/archieroach

25 October - 20 December: Aboriginal Parents Creative Circle. Come and join in with writing stories, poetry, painting and more. Held at Bankstown City Plaza from 10am-12pm every fortnight. All welcome. Details call Mary on (02) 8713 7700.

25 October: Archie Roach launching his new album - Journey. The songs from Journey are a reaffirmation of identity, country, beliefs and spirit and how no one listened to our recommendations on stolen kids or people dying in jails. Held at the Vanguard, 42 King St, Newtown. Details call Stephen on (0414) 556 728 or visit www.archieroach.com.au or www.myspace.com/archieroach

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 Nylin on (0402) 246 601 or Julia Avenell on (02) 9805 6550 or email wowfilmfestival@nsw.wff.org

26 October: 2007 Children's Week Dance Party for kids up to 12 years. The dance party will include free balloons and face painting, craft activities, entertainment, dancing, parent information stalls and more. Held at Bankstown Town Hall from 4-6pm. Details call Maria or Christine on (02) 9796 1561 or email csdc@bcrg.org.au

27 October: Archie Roach launching his new album - Journey. The songs from Journey are a reaffirmation of identity, country, beliefs and spirit and how no one listened to our recommendations on stolen kids or people dying in jails. Held at Tilleys Devine Café Gallery, cnr Brigalow and Wattle St, Lyneham. Details call Stephen on (0414) 556 728 or visit www.archieroach.com.au or www.myspace.com/archieroach

27-28 October: NSW Reconciliation Council Annual Conference. The conference brings together members of the NSW Reconciliation Council Indigenous and non-Indigenous people working together to advance the reconciliation and Indigenous social justice movement. Cost \$25 a person a day including lunch. Held at Darling Public School, Darling, Sydney. Details call (02) 9219 0719 or email nswrcc@daa.nsw.gov.au or visit www.nswrecon.com

28 October: Archie Roach launching his new album - Journey. The songs from Journey are a reaffirmation of identity, country, beliefs and spirit and how no one listened to our recommendations on stolen kids or people dying in jails. Held at The Brass Monkey, 115a Cronulla St, Cronulla. Details call Stephen on (0414) 556 728 or visit www.archieroach.com.au or www.myspace.com/archieroach

28 October: 'You can do it' Workshops to Foster Future Indigenous Women Leaders. These workshops are for interested ATSI women who would like to bring their leadership skills and experience onto a wider stage, with the support of culture, family and kin. Held in The Victoria Room Queen Victoria Women's Centre, Level 4, 210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne from 1-5pm. Details call Michelle Evans on (03) 9685 9345 or (0409) 029 054 or email mav@unimelb.edu.au or visit www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilin

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 cultural harmony and business growth. All welcome. Details call (02) 9080 4050 or visit www.ired.com.au

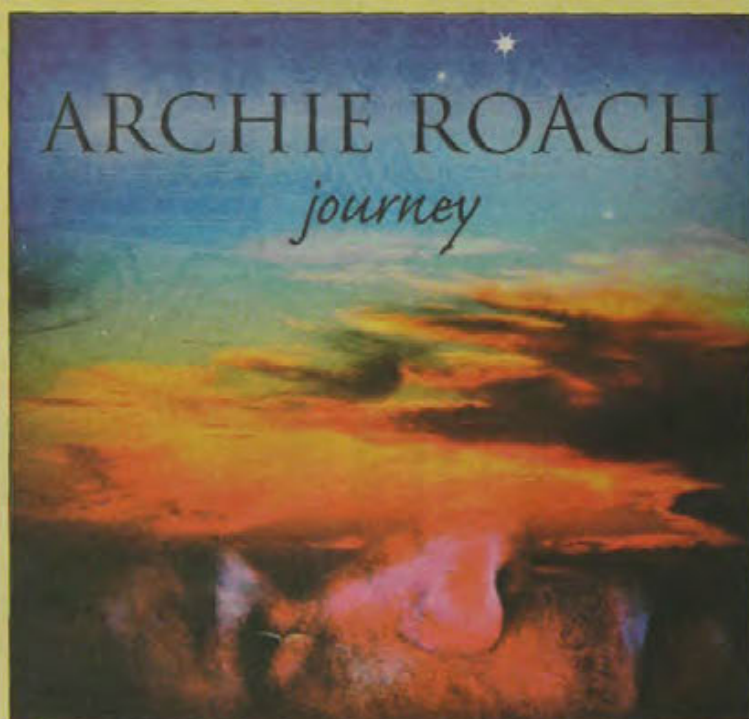
31 October: 2007 Aboriginal Justice Awards Ceremony. Outlined awards are The Justice Medal, The Aboriginal Justice Award, The Pro Bono Partnership Award and Law and Justice Volunteer Award. Held at the Parliament House, Sydney. Details call Grainne Murphy on (02) 8227 3203 or email if@lawfoundation.net.au or visit www.justiceawards.lawfoundation.net.au

31 October: Law and Justice Foundation Grants. The Law and Justice Foundation grants program supports projects that meet the Foundation's objectives of improving access to justice, particularly for socially and economically disadvantaged people. Details call Janette on (02) 8227 3210 or email jjeggo@lawfoundation.net.au or visit www.lawfoundation.net.au

31 October: Invitation to a Business Workshop. Transfield Services Australia will be attending the event to provide information on a range of work within the construction and related industries that they have available for Aboriginal firms and people. Held at 19 Martin Place Sydney from 9.30am-1.30pm. Details call Bernadette Seife on (02) 9338 6754.

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

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Aboriginal performer Archie Roach will launch his new album, titled Journey, at a series of events this month. See full details in this calendar.

Until 11 December: Koori Toastmasters Workshops. Improve communication skills in a relaxed environment with other Kooris. Learn how to run meetings, to motivate others, think on your feet, speak in front of a crowd, stage craft and giving constructive feedback. Held at the Redfern Community Centre, Hugo Street, Redfern. Start 6.30pm every second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Details call Julie Welsh on (02) 9550 9964 or email julie.welsh@worldvision.com.au or www.worldvision.com.au/birring

Until 27 December: Koori Line Dancing classes. 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 an opportunity for dads to play with their children and connect with other dads or male carers. Held at the YWCA, Goonellabah, NSW. Mondays and Thursdays from 10am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details call Michael Webb on (02) 6622 6116 or email events@nor.com.au

24 October: Archie Roach launching his new album - Journey. The songs from Journey are a reaffirmation of identity, country, beliefs and spirit and how no one listened to our recommendations on stolen kids or people dying in jails. Held at Triselles, 287 Bathurst Rd, Katoomba. Details call Stephen on (0414) 556 728 or visit

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 aged 18 to 30 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

26 October: Archie Roach launching his new album - Journey. The songs from Journey are a reaffirmation of identity, country, beliefs and spirit and how no one listened to our recommendations on stolen kids or people dying in jails. Held at the Heritage Hotel, 240 Princes Highway, Bulli. Details call Stephen on (0414) 556 728 or visit www.archieroach.com.au or www.myspace.com/archieroach

26 October - 7 December: Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre Short Courses. The AILC actively supports Indigenous leaders in being more effective in their leadership, management and governance. Programs include Indigenous Leadership, Engaging others through the practice of Facilitation, Retaining you best

Flinders land fears

Traditional owners in call to Govt

By DARREN COYNE

SA TRADITIONAL owners are opposing the sale of a property in the heart of Adnyamathanha land in South Australia. They have called on the Federal Government to stop the sale of Angepena Station, a former pastoral lease, to a group called Operation Flinders.

Operation Flinders is a South Australian-based foundation, which runs a program for young offenders and youth at risk. The program takes young people between the ages of 14 and 18 years on an eight-day exercise in the far northern Flinders Ranges.

Adnyamathanha Traditional Land Association chairman Vince Coulthard said traditional owners were not opposed to the program operating on Adnyamathanha land, but were against the sale.

"Adnyamathanha people have had an application into the Indigenous Land Corporation for over eight years for the purchase of this land and we are devastated that we have been totally ignored in this process," he said.

"This land is vital to our culture and we visit sites on this land on a very regular basis. If this land is sold and we are denied access to it, this will have a very detrimental effect on our culture and our people."

Mr Coulthard said his people had worked with Operation Flinders since it started, "however that has always been a situation where they have respected our cultural protocols".

"But now they are wanting to access all areas of our land with no respect for our cultural responsibilities to the land and the people," he said. "There are areas in the Flinders Ranges that are not suitable for young people to visit and we are concerned for the welfare of the young people involved in a program where they do not adhere to cultural instructions. This is especially true for Aboriginal young people, both Adnyamathanha and youth from other areas."

"When I contacted Operation Flinders about this issue, I was told, and I quote, 'they have as much right to the land as the Adnyamathanha people'."

"I am saddened for my people that backdoor deals can still be done in this country when dealing with traditional land."

"My people have been totally overlooked and shown no respect in this process, but the



Adnyamathanha Traditional Land Association chairman Vince Coulthard ... "I am saddened for my people that backdoor deals can still be done in this country when dealing with traditional land."

fact that it is an organisation such as Operation Flinders is just appalling.

"To be honest, I am so saddened by this situation I don't feel I am in a position to support Operation Flinders working on our land in the future. If they can show our people

and our culture so little respect, then they are not welcome on our land.

"However, I hope that common sense will prevail and the Government will step in and stop this sale. I also hope that the other well-respected members of the Operation Flinders board will put a stop to this action that will put them in direct conflict with traditional owners."

Operation Flinders Executive Director John Shepherd refused to comment on the sale of the land, and the dispute with traditional owners.

He said negotiations were under way with the Adnyamathanha people, and he referred the Koori Mail to a statement he released recently.

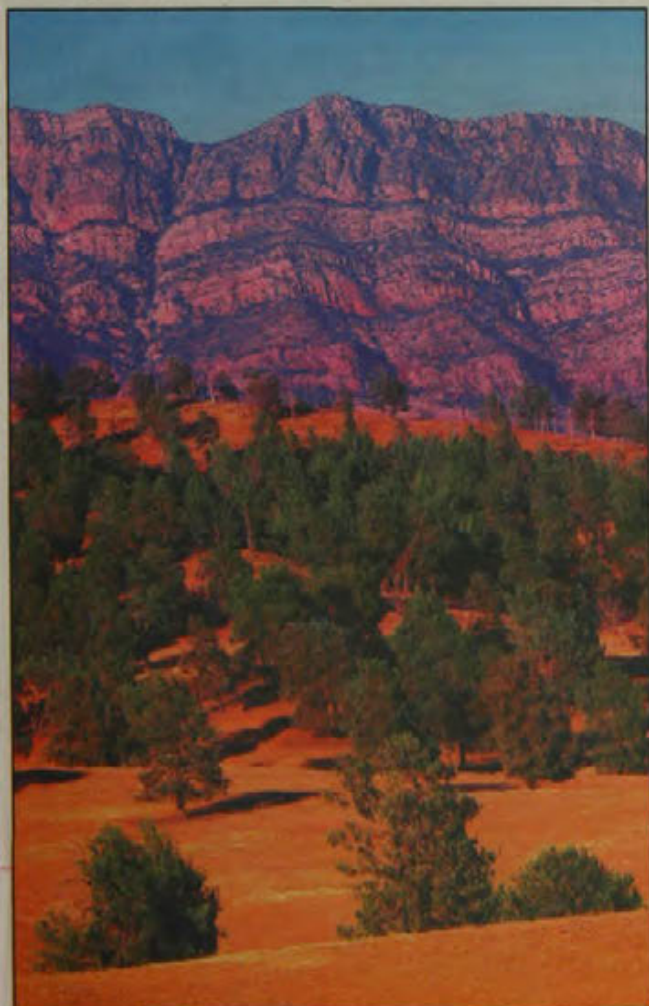
In that statement, Mr Shepherd said the contract to buy Angepena Station was an agreement between the owners of the station and the Foundation.

"Angepena Station is the ideal location to expand the Operation Flinders program which has grown by more than four times over the past 13 years," he said.

"Last year alone, 364 young people took part in our program - 14 per cent of whom were Aboriginal."

"As part of our eight-day exercise in the Flinders Ranges, young people spend time with the local Adnyamathanha people learning about - and participating in - Aboriginal culture."

"This has been a successful relationship, with many benefits particularly for the young people who take part in our world-leading program. I hope it can continue."



The magnificent Flinders Ranges of South Australia. Traditional owners are opposing the sale of a property in the heart of Adnyamathanha land, which includes the ranges.

"My people have been totally overlooked and shown no respect in this process, but the fact that it is an organisation such as Operation Flinders is just appalling." - Adnyamathanha Traditional Land Association chairman Vince Coulthard

Public Notice of Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

Cement Australia Pty Limited ABN 70 009 658 520 (CA) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) (the Native Title Act) with the Darumbal People, the native title claim group represented in native title determination application lodged in the Federal Court and allocated number QUD 6131/98) (the Darumbal Claim).

The native title claim group in relation to the Darumbal Claim is described in that claim as the descendants of Minnie and John McPherson, Jim Hector and Kathleen Hector (nee Reid), Clara Hayden, nee McKenzie, Ada Naylor, nee Thompson, Mary and her husband Tommy of Stoodleigh aka Mundabel, George and Tommy Lea and their sister Tilly Lea, Maggie of Rockhampton aka Maggie Mitchell, the mother of Alex and Bob Landers, Ganomie and Nellie Level.

The proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of consent to the surrender of native title rights and interests over parcels of land and as part of the closure of the Mt Etna Mine.

The area which the ILUA is proposed to apply to is detailed in the map below (the ILUA Area).

If the parties reach agreement, they intend that the ILUA will be certified by the Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) (GLC) in accordance with sections 24CG(3)(a) and 203BE(5) of the Native Title Act in order to facilitate registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal.

As part of the authorisation process required under the Native Title Act for the proposed ILUA, an information meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday 14 November 2007
Time: 9am to 12pm
Location: Dreamtime Cultural Centre, Bruce Highway, North Rockhampton

to provide information on the proposed ILUA to all people who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land or water of the ILUA Area. A series of family meetings will also be held by the Darumbal applicants. A final authorisation meeting will be held in Rockhampton at a date to be advised. Anyone who considers that they fall within the description of the native title claim group or that they hold or may hold native title in relation to the land or waters of the ILUA Area is invited to respond in writing to GLC for inclusion on a database of persons who claim to hold native title to the ILUA Area. GLC will assist each person who responds to determine if they are such a person.

Responses must be received by 9 November 2007 and should clearly set out:

- Your name and details of how you can be contacted
- The basis upon which you claim to hold native title in relation to the land or waters in the ILUA Area.

Responses should be sent to the GLC at the following address: Mr Bernard Beston, Principal Legal Officer, Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation), PO Box 1551, Bundaberg Qld 4670, Phone 07 4153 3990, Fax 07 4153 3615.

Public Notice of Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

ZeroGen Pty Ltd ABN 25 118 696 932 (ZeroGen) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) (the Native Title Act) with the Darumbal People, the native title claim group represented in native title determination application lodged in the Federal Court and allocated number QUD 6131/98) (the Darumbal Claim).

The native title claim group in relation to the Darumbal Claim is described in that claim as the descendants of Minnie and John McPherson, Jim Hector and Kathleen Hector (nee Reid), Clara Hayden, nee McKenzie, Ada Naylor, nee Thompson, Mary and her husband Tommy of Stoodleigh aka Mundabel, George and Tommy Lea and their sister Tilly Lea, Maggie of Rockhampton aka Maggie Mitchell, the mother of Alex and Bob Landers, Ganomie and Nellie Level.

ZeroGen proposes to construct and operate a pipeline for the transport of carbon dioxide gas (CO₂) from a new power plant, located adjacent to the existing Stanwell Power Station near Rockhampton in central Queensland, to the northern Denison Trough. The proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of the Darumbal People's consent to ZeroGen obtaining all necessary permits, licences and approvals (such as pipeline licences and associated registered easements if necessary) and carrying out all works for the construction, operation, maintenance and development of that part of the proposed pipeline that passes through the area subject to the Darumbal Claim.

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If the parties reach agreement, they intend that the ILUA will be certified by the Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) (GLC) in accordance with sections 24CG(3)(a) and 203BE(5) of the Native Title Act in order to facilitate registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal.

As part of the authorisation process required under the Native Title Act for the proposed ILUA, an information meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 14 November 2007
Time: 1pm to 4pm
Location: Dreamtime Cultural Centre, Bruce Highway, North Rockhampton

The meeting is to provide information on the proposed ILUA to all people who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land or water of the ILUA Area. A series of family meetings will also be held by the Darumbal applicants. A final authorisation meeting will be held in Rockhampton at a date to be advised.

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APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS

Delta Electricity is a committed supporter of a diverse workforce and in 2008, is again providing apprentice sponsorship opportunities for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders at its Central Coast Power Stations.

In association with HGT East Coast Training, Delta is seeking energetic, enthusiastic team players seeking to gain a Trade.

Successful candidates will be offered a 4 year indentured apprenticeship commencing in January 2008 and undertake an initial six months training at Energy Australia, Wallsend, Newcastle. On completion of initial six months training, selected apprentices will continue to be hosted by Delta Electricity, with remaining apprentices offered apprenticeship opportunities with various Host Employers in the Newcastle/Central Coast districts.

The following apprenticeships are being offered:

- Electrical Fitter (Cert. III Electrotechnology Systems Electricians)
- Mechanical Fitter (Cert. III Engineering Mechanical)
- Metal Fabrication (Cert. III Metal Fabrication)

For more information please contact Christina Roberts on 02 4906 6711 or Ron Harverson 02 4324 8203.

Please send your written application to: Christina Roberts, HGT East Coast Training, PO Box 363, GOSFORD NSW 2250.

Applications must include Resume, most recent two school reports and minimum School Certificate Qualification.

Applications close 9 November 2007.

National Calendar of Events

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2 November: Early Literacy Forum. The forum will showcase a range of early literacy programs and resources from the Sydney region which target mainstream, CALD and indigenous communities. RSVP By Monday 29 October. Free event all welcome with morning tea provided. Held at the Department of Community Services, Strawberry Hills from 9:30am-1pm. Details call Lynn Cohen on (02) 8303 6531 or email lynn.cohen@community.nsw.gov.au

3 November: Sydney Pacific Unity Festival. The Pacific Unity Festival is a gathering of South Pacific communities and the general public in Sydney to celebrate together the multi-cultural diversity of Australia.

The aims are to raise awareness of Pacific communities, their businesses, sport and the support services that are made available to help the community. Details call Walter Nand on (0417) 362 758 or Lee Herni on (0412) 533 704 or email enquiries@pacificunity.org or visit www.pacificunity.org

7-24 November: Exhibition - Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri and Kenny Brown are exhibiting in Aboriginal objects, sculptures and bush toys. Held at Caruana and Reid Fine Art, Elizabeth Bay, Canberra. Details call (02) 8353 3500 or visit www.michaelreid.com.au

10 November - 16 December: Jock Puatijimi's collaborative work with glass artist Luna Ryan will be displayed in Mamanta Mamanta. Held at Craft ACT Centre. Details call (02) 6262 9333 or email craftact@craftact.org.au or visit www.craftact.org.au/exhibitions/upcoming

10-11 November: Tarerer Festival 2007. Tarerer is a festival for 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 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@tarerer.com.au or visit www.tarerer.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 a 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

13 November - 6 December: Raelene Kerina solo show Painting with Comb. Held at Alcaston Gallery, Fitzroy. Details call (03) 9418 6444 or email art@alcastongallery.com.au or visit www.alcastongallery.com.au

14-15 November: Indigenous Career Development and Mentoring Conference 2007. Liquid Learning is presenting this interactive conference, featuring case studies, 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'. Held at the Holiday Inn Esplanade, Darwin. Details call (08) 8981 2010 or email ledforum@agentur.com.au



WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

MURRAY VALLEY

BERRIGAN SHIRE COUNCIL 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 74 DP752299, Parish Finley, County Denison
Purpose: Recreation (Finley Rec Reserve)

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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1279 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484744)

Colin Raymond MOORSE & Kathleen Dawn MOORSE 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 722/1077315, Parish Gulpa, County Cadell
Purpose: Industrial (Holiday Park)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1314 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484744)

FASHAM FARMS PTY LIMITED has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source:

Works: 1 x Bore
Location: Lot 117/755515, 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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1317 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484744)

Graham Richard ALLITT & Ann Maree ALLITT 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 135/751329, Parish Tholobin, County Townsend
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1319 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484744)

Michael KIMBERLIN & Annette Dawn KIMBERLIN 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 71/788747, Parish Gulpa, County Cadell
Purpose: Industrial (Caravan Park)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1322 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484744)

MURRAY VALLEY

FREDERICK GORDON CHILVERS has 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 80 mm Pump (additional)
Location: 42 DP755533, Parish Cunneen, County Wakool
Purpose: Stock & Domestic

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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50CA50082 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484745)

Alan Edward GILMOUR & Barbara Joy GILMOUR 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: 2 x 50mm Pumps
Location: Lot 3/751140 and Lot 111/751140, Parish Barna, County Cadell
Purpose: Irrigation & Stock

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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50CA501104 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484745)

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

TRUROBE PTY LTD have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE:

The application is for a 1 x 65mm HELICAL ROTOR PUMP on Part Road Reserve North of Lot 8/259387 in the Parish of SOUTH BORAMBIL, County of GIPPS and 1 x PIPELINE on Road Reserve adjacent Lot 11/1079330 and Lot 8/259387 in the Parish of SOUTH BORAMBIL, and Parish ILGUNDRIE, County of GIPPS. Water supply for stock purposes on Lot 8/155524, Lot C/155524 and Lot D/155524 in the Parish of BOGANDILLON, County of GIPPS (new approval).

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 21/11/2007. Please quote the application number 70WA603385 on all correspondence. (GA2: 524341)

Lyn Gorham, Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy, PO Box 136, Forbes, NSW 2871
Commencement Date: 24/10/2007. Closing Date: 21/11/2007.

MURRAY VALLEY

Kenneth John HOOPER & Jill HOOPER 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 Centrifugal Pump and Pipeline
Location: Lot 4 DP756267 and State Forest No. 384, Parish Colimo, 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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1337 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484746)

GALLOPING SOLUTIONS 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 DP1103707, Parish North Deniliquin, County Townsend
Purpose: Industrial (Caravan Park)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

(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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1344 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484746)

Kenneth John HARRIS & Germaine Eugenie HARRIS 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 3 DP1033253, Parish Ulupna, County Denison
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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1347 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484746)

Kenneth John HARRIS & Germaine Eugenie HARRIS 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 10 DP752299, Parish Ulupna, County Denison
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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1348 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484746)

BRIDGINN NOMINEES 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 2 DP703152, Parish Moira, County Cadell
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 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1351 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484746)

Richard Cecil SHARP & Meredith Elaine SHARP 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 Centrifugal Pump
Location: Lot 5 DP707881, Parish North Deniliquin, County Townsend
Purpose: Domestic Water Supply

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1353 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484746)

Stephen William PHILLIPS & Denise Elizabeth PHILLIPS 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 Centrifugal Pump
Location: Lot 4 DP605070, Parish North Deniliquin, County Townsend
Purpose: Domestic Water Supply

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 21/11/2007. Please quote the Application No. 1355 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484746)

Lindsay Holden, Senior Licensing Officer
Department of Water & Energy, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Dementia danger



Health Bites

Call for national cardiac register

THE Australian Health Insurance Association (AHIA) is supporting calls for the establishment of a National Cardiac Procedures Register to improve outcomes for patients with coronary heart disease.

International and Australian cardiologists, and health consumer representatives, told the AHIA Annual Conference in Melbourne last week that evidence-based medicine in Australia was hindered by a lack of process and outcomes data to identify gaps between evidence and management.

AHIA chief Dr Michael Armitage said there was widespread support for a Cardiac Register, based on the successful National Joint Replacement Registry.

Girls' Night In

THERE'S just one more week left for the formal side of the Australian Cancer Council 'Girls' Night In' campaign, which aims to raise money for research into women's cancers.

But there's no reason why the campaign's fundraising from the event shouldn't continue on.

Essentially, the October-long campaign encourages girls and women to give the boys and men in their lives the boot, for one night at least, and instead spend an evening with their girlfriends, female family members, colleagues and neighbours. They're then asked to donate to the Cancer Council what they would usually spend on a night out, or to pay a set entry fee.

The Cancer Council is encouraging Girls' Night In hosts to be creative when planning their events, with a few suggestions of slumber parties, dancing to girly DVDs, karaoke competitions, and a good cook-up even if it only extends to popcorn.

To register, call 1300 656 585 or visit www.girlsnightin.com.au



INDIGENOUS people are four to five times more likely to suffer dementia than other

Australians, according to a new report by Alzheimer's Australia.

The report *Dementia: A Major Health Problem for Indigenous People* was prepared for the Parliamentary Friends of Dementia and is based on recent research in the Kimberley region by the University of Western Australia.

Researchers found that 12.4 per cent of Indigenous people aged over 45 had dementia, compared with a rate of 2.6 per cent in the general Australian population of the same age.

Professor Leon Flicker, Director Western Australia Centre for Health and Ageing (WACHA) at the University of WA, said dementia was a major issue that needed to be addressed in Indigenous communities.

"The University of Western Australia has received further funding from the Australian Government through the National Health and Medical Research Council which will enable more research into service development for people with dementia in the Kimberley," Professor Flicker said. "However, work of this kind is also needed in other parts of Australia to ensure that service development is relevant to the needs of Indigenous people in different areas."

"It is also important to note that our research was only possible through partnerships and close working relationships with Kimberley agencies including Kimberley Aged and Community Services, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council and Kimberley Aboriginal communities."

Professor Flicker said a proven assessment tool (the Kimberley Indigenous



Dr Sadhana Mahajani working with the KICA tool with women in the Alice Springs region.

Cognitive Assessment - KICA) was used to identify those Indigenous people who may have dementia.

The KICA tool uses specific memory triggers that are more relevant to Indigenous culture and language such as pictures of crocodiles, goannas, boomerangs and Indigenous people.

Alzheimer's Australia NT tested and validated the KICA assessment tool with people from 11 remote communities in the Northern Territory, including communities around Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Jabiru.

"By using this assessment tool and

validating the outcomes it was possible to produce the best evidence to date in Australia on the prevalence of dementia among Indigenous people," Professor Flicker said.

Glenn Rees, National Executive Director of Alzheimer's Australia, said that a National Indigenous Dementia Strategy had been developed on the basis of a National Indigenous Forum funded by the Australian Government and organised by Alzheimer's Australia.

"This strategy gives priority to the promotion of awareness of dementia among Indigenous people, an expansion of care services and recognises the importance of more research and the training of Indigenous Health workers in dementia care," he said.

Mr Rees said that since the workshop Alzheimer's Australia, with funding from the Australia Government, had appointed a National Indigenous Liaison Officer, and a National Indigenous Dementia Advisory Group had also been established to implement the strategy.

Minister for Ageing Christopher Pyne also recently released a Dementia Learning Resource for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.

Mr Rees said the resource would make an important contribution to promoting awareness, empowering Indigenous people to access available services and supporting training for Indigenous workers.

"The resource has been developed by Alzheimer's Australia South Australia and is a key part of the commitment by Alzheimer's Australia to work in partnership with Indigenous people and their organizations," he said.

The parliamentary brief can be accessed at www.alzheimers.org.au

Who is caring for Indigenous carers?



CARERS NSW has used National Carers Week to call for greater recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers.

Carers Week, which ran from 14-20 October, is a national awareness week dedicated to spreading the word about the role that carers, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers, play in the community.

Carers NSW Chief Executive Officer Elena Katrakis said Carers Week was an opportunity to highlight the lack of recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander carers within the wider population.

"The 2006 Census data revealed that about one in eight Indigenous Australians in NSW over the age of 15 years are carers," she said.

"This means 10,585 Indigenous people are providing unpaid assistance to someone with a disability, long-term health condition or mental health problem. The proportion of Indigenous carers is higher than for the rest of the population, with only one in ten non-Indigenous people in NSW aged 15 years and over describing themselves as carers in the Census."

According to Carers NSW Aboriginal Development Officer Sherree Freeburn, in addition to there being a higher proportion of Indigenous carers, there was also an increased number of issues affecting these carers compared with the non-Indigenous population.

"Aboriginal people are part of a culture where family members and the community look after each other, so often do not identify themselves as carers. This can mean they often miss out on services and support that they are entitled to," Ms Freeburn said.

"Indigenous Australians are also more likely to be carers given

that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have significantly worse health than other Australians, which leads to higher rates of disability and greater numbers of people requiring care.

"This in turn can mean that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers may also themselves be in poor health, which may exacerbate the physical impact of the caring role."

"Not only during Carers Week, but year-round, we encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers to come forward and ask for the help which they deserve."

"Carers NSW has two

Aboriginal workers whom Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers can talk to in confidence about their situation and to find out about the help and support available in their communities.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers should telephone freecall 1800 242 636 and ask to speak to one of our Aboriginal workers."

Carers are family members or friends who provide unpaid care for people with a disability, mental health problem, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Carers NSW is the peak body for carers in New South Wales

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are five times more likely to die from cervical cancer than non-Aboriginal women.

A Pap test every two years could save your life. Don't just sit there, make an appointment with your Aboriginal Health Service or doctor today. Call 13 11 20 or visit www.papscreen.org.au



Kath's healthy attitude an inspiration



DEISING eating plans and taking sugar and blood-pressure tests are helping a Cherbourg Elder reach her goal of providing health care to the community.

Kath Hopkins said studying a Certificate III in Indigenous Primary Health at Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE's (SQIT) Cherbourg campus would enable her to help Indigenous people.

Ms Hopkins said she was learning about Indigenous health issues, how to identify signs of heart problems and diabetes, and performing tests to help diagnose health problems.

"I want to do this so I can help my people and all people; that's what I'm aiming for," she said.

"I have been coming to TAFE for the past three or four years. I wanted to further my education and I was glad when I met campus business co-ordinator Santina Schmocker; she was confident and strong.

"I'd like to see the younger ones looking at me and saying, 'look at Auntie Kath, she can do it'. I want to encourage the youth of today, they are our future."

Ms Schmocker said Ms Hopkins was a role model for the Cherbourg community, having completed a number of courses including certificates in hospitality and numeracy and literacy.

"I'm thrilled with Auntie Kath's involvement with the campus," she said.

"She plays a vital role in engaging other members of the community with the campus and encouraging them to enrol in TAFE as well as supporting current students to continue their studies."

Ms Hopkins attends five block-training sessions at Cherbourg and has one day of work placement at one of the community health centres: Cherbourg Hospital, Cherbourg Community Health or Barambah Medical centre.

Ms Hopkins expects to have gained her qualifications by the end of June next year.



Kath Hopkins practises taking blood pressure on a training dummy at the Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE Cherbourg campus.

Spotlight on NSW mental health



THE 2007 Aboriginal Mental Health Workers' Forum will be held in

Sydney next week. The forum, to be held at the Novotel Brighton Beach from Monday 29 October to Wednesday 31 October, will provide an opportunity for all Aboriginal mental health workers in area health services and Aboriginal community controlled health services, as well as other stakeholders, to come together, network, develop skills and debrief.

Theme

The theme of this year's forum is *Our Children Our Future*, with a focus on infants, children, adolescents and young people.

It will be the fifth such forum to be held by NSW Health, in conjunction with the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council.

This year's forum will be opened by NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir.

Day two of the forum will feature a talk by NSW Indigenous Affairs Minister and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) Paul Lynch, and a keynote address by Aboriginal child and adolescent psychiatrist Professor Helen Milroy.

The NSW Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office says the forum is essential to strengthen the Aboriginal mental health work force in NSW, create and foster partnerships between organisations and to develop resilience in Aboriginal communities.

In the LIMELight



CANBERRA'S Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service has won one of the inaugural

LIMELight Awards sponsored by all Australian university medical schools and the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association for its work with the Australian National University (ANU) Medical School.

The Associate Dean of the ANU's School of General Practice, Rural and Indigenous Health, Associate Professor Amanda Barnard, said she believed the model for medical student training forged by Winnunga and the ANU could serve as the template for medical student training in Aboriginal health services throughout Australia.

"We nominated Winnunga for this inaugural award. It deserved to be recognised for the wonderful work it does and I am particularly happy

that the nomination was successful," she said.

The LIMELight awards were introduced to recognise achievements in Indigenous Medical Health training.

"The goal of the LIMELight awards is to acknowledge innovative programs or other initiatives which addressed critical issues or brought people together collaboratively to implement innovative solutions in Indigenous medical education," said Professor Bernard and Winnunga CEO Julie Tongs.

Professor Barnard said the formal partnership between Winnunga and the ANU had been "enormously successful" since its introduction just over four years ago.

"Our medical students have gained enormously for their regular placement at Winnunga," she said.

"It is not just the doctors who work with our students, but Winnunga's

Indigenous health workers, midwives and others."

Ms Tongs said Winnunga had won the award in the Leading Innovation in Community Engagement category, and the joint program had been "truly outstanding".

"We are now getting more and more third and fourth-year students from the ANU who work with Winnunga for several weeks," she said.

"These placements enable these medical students to get a much broader understanding of the scope of the work of an Aboriginal community controlled medical service."

Winnunga Medical Director Dr Peter Sharp said the service had also helped students from overseas countries and was now expecting placements of students from other Australian medical schools.

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Indigenous theatre to take flight in Sydney



A scene from
Lessons in Flight.

Aboriginal culture 'loud and proud' at Wardarnji

Fremantle's showcase of Aboriginal culture and talent, Wardarnji, is a day-long event celebrating Aboriginal culture, which strives to inform, involves participation, overflows with entertainment and guarantees fun, say its organisers.

The free event next month, part of Fremantle Festival 2007, is attended by more than 4000 people each year. It encourages reconciliation, raises the profile of Aboriginal people, and highlights the importance of Fremantle in local Nyoongar heritage.

Mixture

This year's celebration will present the traditional side by side with the contemporary. The entertainment will include visual productions by artist Sharyn Egan and a sand painting by Noel Morrison developed throughout the day.

Kev Carmody, one of Australia's most respected and loved singer-songwriters, will take to the stage in the late afternoon, followed by a spectacular twilight corroboree performed by three traditional male dance groups: Middar, Gyaknoop Kabori and Wadumbah.

Workshops will be held in music, dance, food, bush medicine and survival skills, plus there will be children's activity areas.

Stalls will also showcase art, bush tucker, sports, community organisations, government programs and more.

Awards

Central to Wardarnji is the annual presentation of this year's School Reconciliation Awards acknowledging the work of school children towards reconciliation.

A special feature will be a presentation to recipients of the inaugural Wardarnji 'Our Stories' Recognition of Achievement.

The festival will be held on the Esplanade Reserve at Fremantle on Saturday 17 November, from 2pm to 9pm. Part of Fremantle Festival 2007, it is a family, smoke-free event with activities to cater for all ages.

Wardarnji is sponsored by the Department of Indigenous Affairs, PALS Enrich Program and Healthway to promote the Respect Yourself Respect Your Culture message.

A PLAY about two wildly different Indigenous sisters, one staring death in the face, will open for a month-long season at Sydney's Darlinghurst Theatre Company

next week.

Lessons in Flight, written by celebrated Torres Strait Islander playwright Maryanne Sam and directed by Frederick Copperwaite, will mark the beginning of a new Sydney-based Indigenous Theatre Company - Moogahlin Theatre - set to launch next year.

Sam's play has featured at two prestigious forums, the Australian National Playwrights' Conference 2005, and the Victorian Indigenous Playwrights' Conference 2003.

It will also be included in the World Indigenous Theatre Reading conference, which will be held in New York in December.

In *Lessons in Flight*, sisters Menan, shy and conservative, and Rita, outgoing and unpredictable, haven't spoken in years. Now in hospital with a life-threatening illness, Menan looks back on a life full of regret and lost opportunities.

Lesley Ackers, a childhood friend of Rita, works in the hospital where Menan is being prepared for surgery. Meeting Menan again forces Lesley to reflect on his own difficult memories.

Out of the blue, the outrageous Rita shows up, turning everything on its head. The estranged sisters go on a humorous, heart-warming and sometimes painful journey of reconciliation as they learn to forgive and accept themselves, each other and their troubled past.

The play features Kyas Sherriff as Rita, Kylie Coolwell as Menan, and Matt Edgerton as Lesley.

Maryanne Sam was a founding member of Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Co-operative in Melbourne. She also wrote *Oh My God I'm Black* (performed at Melbourne Workers Theatre in 1995, the St Kilda Indigenous Arts Festival 2003 and the 2004 Adelaide Cabaret Festival).

Also working as a theatre administrator, project co-ordinator, director, production manager, theatrical agent, arts officer (Arts Victoria), tutor and writer/researcher, Sam was the recipient of the 2002 inaugural Ilbjerri ATSI Theatre's Uncle Bob Maza Award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Victorian Theatre' and received a Centenary Medal in 2004 for Services to Indigenous Arts.

The play's director/producer, Frederick Copperwaite, is descended from the Bunuba nation of the Fitzroy Crossing, in Western Australia's Kimberley region. As an actor, his television and film work includes *Fields of Fire*.

A Country Practice, *Big Sky*, *Flipper*, *The Lost World*, *Water Rats* and *Heartbreak High*.

Copperwaite's theatre work has been extensive. Most recently he worked with the NSW Ministry for the Arts and Monkey Baa Theatre for Young People, conducting drama and storytelling workshops.

There has been no Indigenous theatre company in NSW since the early 1980s.

The National Black Theatre operated in the Sydney suburb of Redfern from 1972 to 1977, a theatrical 'hothouse' for the likes of Bob Maza, Gary Foley, the late Justine Saunders.

The company staged the political revue *Basically Black* at the Nimrod Street Theatre in 1972, as well as *The Chocolate Frog*, by non-Aboriginal playwright Jim McNeil, *The Cake Man*, written by Robert Merritt and directed by Bob Maza, and *Here Comes the Nigger*, written by Gerry Bostock.

The Australia Council for the Arts is supporting both *Lessons in Flight* and plans for the new theatre company.

● *Lessons in Flight*: Darlinghurst Theatre Company, 19 Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point, Wednesday 31 October to Saturday 24 November 2007, Tuesday-Saturday 8pm, Sundays 5pm. Adult \$30, Concession \$25, Preview/Subscribers \$20. Bookings www.darlinghursttheatre.com or phone (02) 8356 9987



Cast members, from left, Kylie Coolwell, Matt Edgerton and Kyas Sheriff rehearse with director/producer Frederick Copperwaite.

Tassie showcase for Arnhem Land artists

Story and photos by
Tasmanian Correspondent
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ABORIGINAL artists, ceremonial leaders and actors Peter Minygululu and Philip Gudthaykudthuy recently travelled to Tasmania to showcase their community's artworks.

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Twenty-one pieces from nine established and emerging artists were exhibited from the central Arnhem Land community of Ramingining, known not only for its visual artists, but the 2006 multi-award winning movie *Ten Canoes*.

The exhibition entitled *Dupun*, opened at the prestigious Dick Bett Art Gallery in North Hobart last week.

The word 'dupun' means a hollow log lying on the forest floor or, in the old times, a burial pole.

The majority of the pieces were dupuns, made from logs hollowed out naturally by termites and painted entirely in natural earth pigments.

Curator of Bula'bula Arts, Ramingining's local artists co-operative, Belinda Scott, accompanied Mr Gudthaykudthuy and Mr Minygululu to Tasmania.

She explained that although the dupuns were made as an art form these days, in former times they were used to hold the bones of the dead, in the second part of the burial ceremony by the Ramingining people.

One local whitefella, upon inspecting a dupun with a near foot-wide opening, said that it must be a didgeridoo show; didgeridoos are few and far between in Tasmania!

Mr Minygululu was the star of the *Dupun* exhibition, with nine of the 21 dupuns and paintings created by him.

Mr Gudthaykudthuy, or 'Pussycat' as he is also known, and who played the sorcerer in the *Ten Canoes*, did not exhibit in *Dupun*. He had detoured to Hobart on his way home from Canberra.

He was one of five 'big guns' who exhibited in the National Gallery's inaugural Indigenous Art Triennial.

The unassuming 82-year-old 'Pussycat' acquires his nickname from his totem, the burruwarra, central Arnhem Land's native cat.

The *Dupun* exhibition runs until 6 November and the Indigenous Art Triennial until February 2008.

Peter Minygululu, Corrie Fullard with daughter Jeanette James, both Tasmanian Aboriginal shell necklace stringers who have also exhibited at Dick Bett's, and Philip Gudthaykudthuy (front). To the left is a dupun entitled *Rinyjangu ga dhamiliny*, by Namiyal Bopirri.



Artist Jennie Gorringer checks out a fish trap by Cecina Mardjuwa. "Like the Tasmanian fibre work, this is exquisite. Universally with indigenous communities, people have been incredibly innovative with their fibre work," she said.



Enjoying the opening was cheeky Tyenna Hogan, her father Wayne Hogan, Clair Anderson with niece Lexie Kluk, holding son Abyei Derg.



Curator of Bula'bula Arts, Belinda Scott, with Philip Gudthaykudthuy.



Screening for *Kin* and crew



The full cast and crew of *Kin* including Stephen Page (director), David Page (composer), Aaron Pederson, Grant Jarden and Sarah Bond (child carers) and Sofii Belling (stage management).



The cast of *Kin* take a bow. Photos by Alison McColl-Bullock



Uncle Herb Patten performed a smoking ceremony.

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MORE than 350 people attended a special community night of the theatre production *Kin* in Melbourne recently. The show was directed by Bangarra Dance Theatre Artistic Director Stephen Page and brought together three generations of Page men in a story of family, community and history. Stephen Page's brother David composed the music.

Before the show began at Malthouse Theatre's Merlyn Theatre venue, Uncle Herb Patten performed a smoking ceremony and played the gum leaf while Bunwurring representative Caroline Martin gave a welcome to country.

Told through the eyes of Stephen

Page's nephews – Isileli, Sean, Ryan, Josiah, Samson and Curtis – and his own son Hunter, *Kin* explores the boys' urban upbringing, influenced by popular culture and a love of hip-hop and football. Aged between 10 and 14, the boys are starting to form their own beliefs about the world and their places in it as young Aboriginal men. Their ideas about culture and their understanding of their spirits as Indigenous Australian men are becoming increasingly important.

Kin concluded its season on 6 October. The show was originally commissioned and produced by the Queensland Art Gallery for the Asia Pacific Triennial 5, with support from the Sidney Myer Foundation and the Poole Foundation.

National Museum sends Kngwarreye exhibition to Japan

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A COLLECTION of works by a prominent Australian artist will soon hang alongside impressionist masters Monet, Modigliani and Cézanne in Japan. The collection of 120 artworks by the late Emily

Kame Kngwarreye has been selected for exhibition at the National Museum of Art in Osaka and the National Art Centre in Tokyo early next year.

The exhibition, valued at more than \$30 million, is the largest collection of works by a single Australian artist ever to tour overseas. National Museum of Australia Curator Margo Neale said Japan had been interested in exhibiting works by the artist for almost a decade.

"Japan made repeated representations (to hold the exhibition) over the years and

eventually they made representations at the highest diplomatic level at the end of 2005," Ms Neale said.

She described the exhibition, which has mainly been drawn from private collections, as the first 'blockbuster' exhibition for an Australian artist.

"The exhibition will follow in the steps of Monet, currently on display at the Tokyo Museum, which has drawn crowds of around one million people per month," Ms Neale said.

"Emily's work will be co-billed with (Italian artist Amedeo) Modigliani and (French artist Paul) Cézanne."

Born in 1910, Kngwarreye, from the Utopia community in the Northern Territory, did not begin painting on canvas until she was in her 80s.

For most of her life, along with the rest of

this community, her artwork revolved around mark-making through ceremonial activity.

In 1988, eight years before her death, the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) conducted an art project with the community.

Kngwarreye's first attempt at painting on canvas drew immediate attention from critics and within 12 months her work had been exhibited in three solo exhibitions across Australia.

She subsequently created about 3000 works on canvas, the equivalent of one painting a day before her death.

The value of her work is the highest of any Indigenous artist and her painting *Earth's Creation* sold for more than \$1 million at auction last year – a record price for Indigenous art.

Ms Neale said the culture presented through her art was of particular interest to the international audience.

"Emily's work satisfies the taste for the high modernist style but comes from an extraordinarily different source," she said.

"Works like Emily's strike the point because it is the best of abstract expressionism but for the fact that it has ancient cultural roots."

"For the audience well nourished on Euro-American art traditions, the exhibition is a great portal to Indigenous Australian culture."

Utopia: the Genius of Emily Kame Kngwarreye will open at the National Museum of Art, Osaka, on 26 February 2008, and at the National Art Centre, Tokyo, on 28 May next year. – AAP



AIATSIS staff members Rachel Ippoliti and Jan Kelly inspect artworks on display.



AIATSIS Principal Steve Larkin checks out photographs by AIATSIS trainee Bianca Peters entered in the inaugural AIATSIS Staff Art Exhibition. Photos by Otis Williams.

Art from the heart of AIATSIS

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THEY'RE an arty bunch at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra.

More than 20 of the Institute's staff entered 40 visual artworks in the recent inaugural AIATSIS Staff Art Exhibition currently on public display.

The Institute held the exhibition to bring attention to the artistic talents of staff members, many of whom are young Indigenous artists and photographers.

"Walking through this foyer today, you would never know this was a staff art exhibition. It looks like a professional exhibition of professional artists," AIATSIS Principal Steve Larkin said at the exhibition launch.

"This is exciting, challenging and beautiful work, from Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of staff representing just about all areas of the Institute."

Works on display range from sculpture in plastics, wood and Hebel to glass, ceramics, photography, lithographs, pastels

and acrylics. Entries in the exhibition will be judged by National Museum of Australia Indigenous Curator Barbara Paulson, National Gallery of Australia Acting Senior Indigenous Curator Tina Baum and AIATSIS Deputy Principal – Research Dr Luke Taylor.

First prize will be \$500, second prize will be \$250, and there'll be a 'Too Deadly' People's Choice award of \$100.

Members of the public are encouraged to check out the exhibition and cast their vote for the People's Choice award between now and next week.

AIATSIS is the world's largest institute devoted to studying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures. It has just over 100 staff, more than 30 per cent of whom are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. It is governed by a council of nine people, a majority of whom are Indigenous.

AIATSIS is located on Lawson Crescent in Acton, Canberra, next to the National Museum of Australia (NMA). Phone (02) 6246 1111.

Christine Anu celebrates island family

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LAST year, the skivvy-clad Wiggles topped Australian Business Review Weekly (BRW) magazine's annual list of the top fifty entertainers, earning \$50 million through TV shows, tours, and a savvy merchandise and franchise strategy.

Torres Strait Islander singer Christine Anu and a few of her friends might just mount a challenge to that achievement.

The mum-of-two and former dancer has teamed up with her manager and his business partner to develop, manage and produce

new Australian entertainment and media brands.

Anu, Jason Williamson and Antoinette Williamson launched Stylin Up Entertainment Pty Ltd earlier this year with the creation of *Chrissy's Island Family*, the adventures of Chrissy, a little Torres Strait Islander girl and her tropical island blue friends Samu, the 'Wakka woo' cassowary, Waru the magical, mythical 400-year-old turtle and Sisi the gecko, as they discover the wonders of their island home in the Torres Strait.

The trio say the media brand represents the birth of a new genre of children's entertainment



ABC Kids is distributing the first *Chrissy's Island Family* album.

that is 'unique and refreshingly Australian' and provides kids with the opportunity to enjoy a special

brand of music and story telling rich in history and Indigenous Australian culture.

They have already signed agreements with two leading organisations in children's entertainment to bring *Chrissy's Island Family* to life - ABC for Kids Music, which is distributing the first *Chrissy's Island Family* album which has been nominated for a 2007 ARIA Award in the Best Children's Album category, and the Entertainment Store, which is handling bookings for a live stage show. And there are big plans, too, for related merchandise.

The album features the vocals of Anu, who summoned her own

childhood memories and musical talents to breathe life into the characters through a mix of pop and rock songs and soft ballads containing messages about the changing world, nature and conservation, Indigenous Australia and include traditional Torres Strait language.

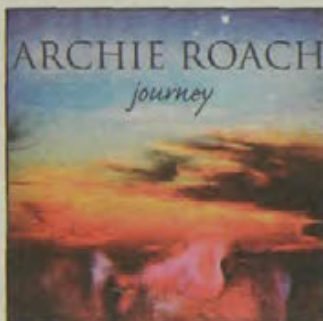
"I am enriched in my life because of my culture and this is why I can breathe life into Chrissy and her Tropical Island Blue Family," said Anu. "With the help of my friends, we bring them to life so that children around the planet of all races and creeds can learn about the Torres Strait Island Indigenous culture".

Journey goes on for Archie Roach

ARCHIE Roach has been described as one of the greatest singer songwriters in the world. His songs, chronicling the tragedies and joys of Aboriginal experience, have become anthems for many, not least of all *Took the children away* on his 1992 debut album *Charcoal Lane*.

Roach's own life journey from his birthplace of Mooropna on central Victoria's Goulburn River, his survival of forced removal from his family, homelessness and alcoholism, his fateful meeting with his life partner and soul mate Ruby Hunter, and his rise as a musician continues to inspire.

His personal crusade against injustice, including that suffered by the Stolen Generations, continues with his latest and fourth album, which he



describes as 'a reaffirmation of identity, country, beliefs and spirit'.

Journey will be launched at next month's Tarerer Festival in Victoria and then toured initially through New South Wales and to Brisbane, with special guest performers Shane Howard (who also produced the album), Dave Arden and Amos Roach.

Many of the songs on *Journey* were inspired by a journey that Archie took with English actor Pete Postlethwaite (*In the Name of the Father*, *Brassed Off*) and Aboriginal leader, Yawuru man and former Chairman of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Patrick Dodson.

Last year, the trio set out in the footsteps of a young Aboriginal man called Louis Johnson who was murdered in a racist attack in Perth in 1992.

'Don't look for him inside your pain. It's in your joy that he remains. Not in the depths, depths of despair. Not in the ground, but in the air' sings Archie in his song *Lighthouse* (Song for Two Mothers), written for Louis Johnson's birth mother and

adoptive mother.

The journey undertaken by Archie, Postlethwaite and Dodson also sought to awaken national discussion of Indigenous issues, and reconciliation between black and white Australians.

Now the subject of a documentary *Liyam Ngarn* (meaning 'Coming together of the spirit' or spiritual bonding in Dodson's Yawuru language) launched mid-year, the journey took them from the spiritual Ngurrarra paintings, south of Fitzroy Crossing, to the deaths in custody in the jails of Roebourne and Fremantle. It continued through the desert country of Central Australia and the connection back to Roach's home country of the Gunditjmarra/Kirrae Whurrong in Victoria.

Albeit a stand-alone album, *Journey* is a companion piece to that documentary.

Also canvassing deaths in custody, the fight for repatriation of Aboriginal remains from museums, and respect for Elders, it features appearances by Troy Cassar-Daley, Paul Kelly, David Bridie, Shane Howard and The Pigram Brothers.

Tour Dates

- 10-11 November at the Tarerer Festival in Killamey, Victoria
- 13 November at Bellingen Memorial Hall in Bellingen, NSW
- 14 November at Sawtell First Avenue Cinema in Sawtell, NSW
- 15 November at Byron Community and Cultural Centre in Byron Bay, NSW
- 16 November at the Star Court Theatre in Lismore, NSW
- 17 November at Joe's Waterhole in Eumundi
- 18 November at Visy Theatre in the Brisbane Powerhouse (Next to New Farm Park)

For more on tour dates and ticketing information go to www.archieroach.com.au or www.myspace.com/archieroach

Clans meet for Tarerer



A FESTIVAL billed as Victoria's most significant Indigenous

cultural event will be held early next month. The Tarerer Festival, a celebration of music, culture and arts to be held over the weekend of 10-11 November, will feature more than 80 Indigenous dancers from throughout Victoria and South Australia as they 'sing up and dance up country'.

The multi-cultural celebration in the coastal dunes at Killamey, in south-west Victoria, is an invitation to gather together in the spirit of the 'meeting of the clans' from which Tarerer takes its name.

This year's headline acts will be Troy Cassar-Daley, Deadly award-winner Dan Sultan and Archie Roach who will launch his new album *Journey* (see separate story at left).

Other performers will include Neil Murray, Richard Frankland and the Charcoal Club, Rhys Crimmin, Damien Howard and the Gentle Souls, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Tonchi, Christine Ward, Andy Alberts and the Walkabouts, Dave Arden, Shane Howard, Amy Saunders, Bart Willoughby, the Tarerer Mob and a range of comedians.

The mission of the festival, which will also feature storytelling, documentaries and culture, is to promote harmony and exchange.

"The Tarerer Festival is a great event for the whole family, where both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people feel welcome to either be entertained or participate," said Festival Director Lyn Eales.

A youth stage will feature rock, hip-hop and blues performances including Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, The Tjudin Band, Rhys Crimmins and more. A supervised



Troy Cassar-Daley is one of the headline acts at the Tarerer Festival in Victoria.



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children's area will offer a range of activities for young children including games, dance, environmental activities and more.

The Killamey Recreational Ground which will be home to the festival for the weekend has limited camping facilities, but the nearby centres of Warrnambool, Kororoit and Port Fairy offer a range of accommodation options.

People can register and buy their tickets in advance. Entry to the alcohol-free festival is \$40 for adults and children under 18 years are admitted free.

Meanwhile, the Tarerer Film Festival, curated by Wal Saunders, will be held on Friday 2 November.

For information, phone the Tarerer Gunditj Project Association on (03) 5568 2095 or visit the festival website on www.tarerer.com.au



Aboriginal category in Coraki Art Prize



THE 10th anniversary Coraki Tea Tree Art Prize will be held this weekend in the northern New South Wales town. Opening night for the increasingly

popular exhibition will be held in the Coraki Youth and Community Hall in Bridge Street this Friday 26 October from 7pm. This year the competition will carry \$5500 in prizemoney, including a \$275

Aboriginal category prize again sponsored by the Koori Mail, and there will be a range of workshops open to the public. Last year's Aboriginal category prize was won by Jai Walker for a drawing entitled *Sara*.

For information, phone Sharon on (02) 6683 2626. **PICTURE:** *Kyogle Kids*, by Amelia Rosella, was highly commended in the youth photography category of the 2006 Coraki Tea Tree Art Prize.

Bardayal style to live on



THE legacy of western Arnhem Land artist Bardayal 'Lofty' Nadjamerrek is assured.

With a distinguished painting career spanning more than 40 years, he is regarded as one of the greatest artists Australia has produced.

Bardayal Nadjamerrek is recognised as the foremost exponent of the x-ray style of painting.

And until 11 November, the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra will feature Bardayal as one of the major artists at the inaugural National Indigenous Art Triennial.

Brenda Croft, Senior Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, has said that after 40 years of exhibiting, *Continuity: Culture, Country and Family* was perhaps one of Bardayal's most historic and important exhibitions.

What makes the exhibition even more special is that it features work from three generations of his family.

In the twilight years of his career, Bardayal has taken it upon himself to teach five of his grandchildren the stories and



Bardayal 'Lofty' Nadjamerrek, AO

single-line rarrk (hatching) technique that has defined his practice.

Unlike many of the artists of western Arnhem Land, who make use of multi-coloured cross-hatching to infill their works, Bardayal has always elected to use single parallel line hatching in accordance with his rock-country heritage.

In this way, Bardayal testifies to his direct connection to the rock-art of his stone country home, positioning himself in the direct artistic lineage of this 50,000-year-old tradition.

Many commentators have

suggested that this single-line technique would end with old men like Bardayal. However, in an act of singular cultural strength, his teaching of the 'old style' to his grandchildren will keep it alive.

Over the past few years, Bardayal has taken them into their country, familiarising them with important rock-art sites, and teaching them to paint on rock faces.

Since his childhood, Bardayal has had an intimate connection to the rock art of western Arnhem Land.

Born around 1926 in the

Mann River region, he began his artistic career under the instruction of his father Yanjorluk, who taught him to paint on the rock shelters in his clan estates.

After being drafted into indentured labour as a miner, timber worker and buffalo shooter, in 1969 Bardayal began to paint commercially, working on bark, paper and more recently canvas.

Alongside the work of Bardayal Nadjamerrek and his grandsons, *Continuity* also features the work of Bardayal's son Freddie Nadjamerrek and his son-in-law Gabriel Maralngurra.

The Mossenson Galleries, in Melbourne, in conjunction with Injalak Arts and Crafts, present *Continuity: Culture, Country and Family*, a survey exhibition of paintings by three generations of the family of Bardayal 'Lofty' Nadjamerrek, AO.

The exhibition is open until 11 November.



Ray Nadjamerrek, Namarrkon, Natural Ochres on Bark, 2007

Record sale for Derby art centre



ONE of Mowanjum Art and Culture Centre's best-known artists has achieved a record sale price for an artist from the centre in Derby, Western Australia.

Sandra Mungulu's large work *Wallungunda Lailai* was sold to an US collector for US\$21,000 through Broome 6 Gallery.

The work depicts major dreaming stories of the Lailai, or creation time.

"Sandra is of course hugely happy, and we are all very excited by this sale," said Mowanjum Art and Culture Centre Manager, Jenny Wright, on Friday. "Sandra is an extremely talented artist and it is

gratifying to see her paintings achieving the prices they deserve.

"Artists from Mowanjum are starting to achieve excellent prices, led perhaps by the very high prices paid at auction recently for older works from this community."

In other good news from Mowanjum, a 1.8mx4.5m collaborative work executed by senior artists will feature in the November Sydney auction of Aboriginal art with international art auctioneers, Sothebys.

The work *Wandjina Ungud Spirit* depicts all of the major stories of the Worrorra, Wunumbul and Ngarinyin peoples who make up the Mowanjum community.

Partnership award for Yirra Yaakin



WEST Australian Aboriginal theatre company Yirra Yaakin has won a State award for its partnership with the Insurance Commission of WA.

State Culture and Arts Minister Sheila McHale said the WA Business and the Arts Partnership Awards (WABAPA) celebrated excellence and encouraged partnerships between the business and culture and arts sectors.

"Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation and the Insurance Commission of WA won a brand new award for the Most Outstanding Partnership as well as the Community Investment Award," said

Ms McHale at a ceremony held at the Art Gallery of WA.

The Minister also used the occasion to announce the establishment of a production unit to encourage growth in the small, independent theatre and dance sectors.

"The structure will directly support the ambition of increasing artistic product and expanding opportunities to tour," she said.

This year's awards program attracted 192 nominations and endorsements, representing 132 businesses partnering 33 arts companies. This amounted to almost \$7.5million in support of WA arts and culture.

Nick sets his goals



WHEN Nurunderi TAFE graduate Nicholas Brown reached the regional finals of the 2007 Queensland Training Awards, he became the first student from the college to be so highly cognised for his study achievements.

Mr Brown, 19, completed a Business certificate III Traineeship this year with Murgon Courthouse through Nurunderi TAFE, based at the Indigenous community of Cherbourg.

He was one of 500 Queensland TAFE students nominated for the awards, becoming one of four finalists for Wide Bay Trainee of the Year. The state winners were announced in Brisbane in September.

Mr Brown said he undertook the course as part of a longer-term plan to enter the police force and give back to his community.

"I think it would be a great career and an excellent way to be involved with my community," Mr Brown said. "I decided that since I'm a few years off being able to join the force, I would gain me qualifications in the business and administration side of things. Paperwork is a big part of being an officer."

"I was very surprised to hear I'd been short-listed for an interview and then to hear that I ended up a finalist was even more of a shock."

Nurunderi TAFE's Campus Business Co-ordinator Santina Schmocker said Mr Brown was a very worthy nominee.

"Nick has been extremely dedicated to his work and put a lot of effort into his application for the awards", Ms Schmocker said.

"He has a great attitude, a bright future ahead of him and it's really nice to see his efforts recognised in such a highly respected competition."

Mr Brown said he intended to complete further qualifications through TAFE to increase his chances of joining the police force.

"There are a number of options available, including a police force entry preparation course which will help me gain some of the skills I'll need to hit the ground running," he said.

"There is still an age limit for this so in the meantime, I've begun training with the Queensland Ambulance Service."

"I'm also a volunteer fire fighter for the Murgon region and love it - I'm sure the police force will be just as rewarding."

Nicholas Brown, finalist in the Wide Bay Regional Training Awards for Trainee of the Year holds his award with Nurunderi TAFE campus Business Co-ordinator Santina Schmocker.



Young women come together



KIMBERLEY Aboriginal organisation Garnduwa has described its first

Indigenous Women's Leadership Workshop in Broome as a great success.

The workshop, 'Young Women, Active Leaders', was an extension from Garnduwa's Kimberley Youth Leadership Program, which focuses on developing young Indigenous women of the Kimberley region in their personal development and creating opportunities for them to become future leaders of their community.

The one-off event was attended by 25 young Indigenous women aged 18-30 years who travelled from throughout the State including from Perth, Kalbarrie, Laverton, Kalumburu, Halls Creek, Oombulgarri, Collie, Kununurra, Bunbury, Broome, Coolgardie, Mandurah, Mowanjum and Jarlarnadhang.

It covered topics and issues faced by young Indigenous women on a daily basis in today's society, in the workplace, family, community or as individuals.

These included conquering shame, self-discovery, powerful presentations, governance, team building, conflict resolution, women as individuals, as group members, in



The Garnduwa leadership participants with their certificates.

families and communities.

Garnduwa's manager of programs and administration manager Layla Yu said as it was a first-time event, the organisation wanted to identify Indigenous facilitators to promote the great things women were doing in their community.

Facilitators included Isabelle Adams, an Indigenous woman living in Perth who operates her own business 'Vision Networks', local Indigenous women, and Cherie Sibosado, who is participating in the National Indigenous Women's Leadership Program.

"It was a great success that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone," said Ms Yu.

"The best part was watching those young women come from remote

communities who said very few words when they arrived, but by the end of the week were talking about life in their communities and sharing their stories and ideas.

"It was a great networking opportunity where people have made new friends.

Many of the participants commented and said at the end of it they felt stronger as young Indigenous women and more confident to speak to people and tackle issues head-on."

Garnduwa is the peak Indigenous sporting body in the Kimberley and is responsible for the development of local, regional, state and national participation in sport and recreational activities by indigenous people.

Through its involvement with the relevant state and national associations, the organisation is responsible for the ongoing delivery in the Kimberley of the WA's football, basketball and athletics development programs as well as other State association programs as appropriate.

Talks focus on need for collaboration



ADVANCING the lives of disadvantaged Indigenous children was the key focus of a two-day national Health and Education forum held in Darwin last week.

About 50 specialists from across Australia met to discuss new ways to advance the potential learning capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The forum was a joint initiative between the Menzies School of Health Research, and the School for Social and Policy Research at Charles Darwin University.

The workshop explored how research could assist Indigenous children to successfully prepare to enter school.

Latest research studies reveal that early childhood health and education is critical to Indigenous children reaching their full potential.

Associate Professor Tess Lea, Director of the School for Social and Policy Research at Charles Darwin University, said that developing shared understanding across the health and education fields was critical.

"We have heard about the need for these two sectors to work together for ages. It is time to shift rhetoric into action," she said.

"The scale of the problems endured in this region requires an intelligent emergency response, not one developed on the hoof."

"This considered process of engaging expert theorists and practitioners from across the nation to map the applied research agenda is part of our answer."

Professor Jonathan Carapetis, Director of Menzies School of Health Research, said the workshop was the start of a major collaboration that aimed ultimately to do the single most important thing that could be done in Indigenous health - 'give kids a good education'.

Batchelor establishes Division of Research



BATCHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is to consolidate its research capacity and raise its research profile with the establishment of a new Division of Research.

Batchelor Institute Deputy Director Tom Evison said the institute had a strong tradition of research from an Indigenous perspective.

"The new Division of Research will assist staff and students with their research projects by providing more specialised training and support and will position Batchelor Institute as a leader in the field of Indigenous Knowledges – nationally and

internationally," he said.

Mr Evison said Associate Professor of Environmental Health Dr Peter Stephenson would head the new research division.

"Dr Stephenson will be charged with developing the institute's research and scholarship program, including external grants and staff and student publications, co-ordinate research activities and develop partnerships with government and industry and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," he said.

Dr Stephenson has a Doctorate in Education from UTS in Sydney, a Masters of Applied Science in Environmental Studies from the University of NSW, and he has

published two books aimed at providing practical advice for community action in the area of environmental health.

He said he was delighted to take up the new position and was keen to develop closer working relationships with Indigenous communities and services agencies across Australia to facilitate more relevant and appropriate research projects and outcomes.

"Batchelor Institute is ideally placed, with our both-ways philosophy, to provide the necessary culturally supportive environment for the bringing together of traditional Indigenous knowledge systems with Western academic traditions," he said.

"It is vital that more action-oriented research is done around a whole range of Indigenous issues by Indigenous people themselves and that the research processes respect and value cultural considerations making the end results more relevant and meaningful."

The Division of Research will also support a new PhD program that will begin in 2008 as well as the increasing numbers of Masters Students studying through Batchelor Institute.

A Masters program has been available at Batchelor Institute since 2006 and this year there are 10 Indigenous students enrolled from around Australia.

CDU Doctorate for Aboriginal woman



KUNGARAKAN-GURINDJI woman Sue Stanton made history earlier this month when she became the first Aboriginal person to

receive a Doctor of Philosophy in Arts (thesis based) from Charles Darwin University (CDU).

Ms Stanton received her award as a part of the end-of-year graduation ceremony on 12 October.

Her thesis entitled 'Coloureds and Catholics: A Colonial Subject's Narrative of the Factors and Processes that led to the Colonisation and Conversion of Coloureds at Garden Point Mission, 1941-1967', examined some of the factors and processes involved in the colonising of the north.

Ms Stanton first graduated with

a Bachelor of Arts (History) from the former Northern Territory University (now CDU) in 1995. She was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, which enabled her to complete a Masters (American Indian Studies: Law and Policy – International Indigenous Human Rights Law) from the University of Arizona in 1997.

On her return to Australia, she worked in various academic and administrative positions at CDU and the University of Wollongong (UOW), where she is currently an Associate Professor in the School of History and Politics, Faculty of Arts.

Ms Stanton said her thesis was a colonised subject's historical narrative establishing some of the truths about the forces of colonialism.

"It offers the opportunity for Indigenous historians' voices to

address those Western voices that ignore the truth and reality of colonisation," she said.

"The aim of the work is to offer alternative narratives which might encourage different views into mainstream History and Aboriginal Studies curricula.

"Revised curricula could tell the real history of conquest and oppression so that Australian students may arrive at other ideas and conclusions.

"Throughout the entire academic ride I had to constantly remind myself that I really could make a difference.

"My commitment is that I will continue to promote my Indigenous standpoints, especially within Australian history, and will continue to regard this academic journey as an extension of my overall communal responsibilities."



Sue Stanton

'marvin' delivers healthy messages

Two of the computer-generated characters developed as education tools.



AN animated computer program is reportedly revolutionising the way critical health messages are

delivered to remote communities in the Northern Territory.

'marvin' evolved from a professional development seed funding grant of \$5000 from the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework (Framework).

This initial investment has seen the trademarked computer program grow to a sophisticated community engagement tool with interest from more than 120 countries.

Partnering with Microsoft's Partners in Learning (PIL) Program, the alliance marks the largest licensing access alliance of Australian-built software in the world – over the next five years access to marvin will be available across the globe.

Designed to overcome cultural and language barriers in information and education campaigns, the computer program enables users to

generate computer-animated movies in their native language with culturally relevant characters.

Using Framework funding and support, marvin was created in 2003 to tackle substance abuse in remote communities. marvin features animated three-dimensional characters which resemble community members and can speak in their own Indigenous languages.

marvin Creative Director J Easterby-Wood originally used computer cartoons to distract the children of the students in his remote NT adult education classes, but soon found that his adult students' attention was also focused on the computer characters on screen.

"It was definitely a case of if you can't beat them, join them," he said. "Instead of fighting the distraction, I decided to use it."

"Now we have a system where users can create characters to deliver communication and education campaigns to any culture in the world. Users control the appearance of their characters, including how they look and the way they dress. But the biggest impact comes from the

user's ability to record the script in their own language."

Users construct a digital cartoon to discuss a topic or enact a scenario. The script is recorded using a simple microphone and the computer matches the movement of the character's mouth with the recorded script.

Mr Easterby-Wood said an added bonus of the computer-generated characters was that they could be used to discuss uncomfortable topics.

"Because the characters are not 'real people', they are great for discussing topics that are culturally embarrassing or taboo," he said.

"Combine that with the use of traditional languages and it can deliver complex messages to communities that were previously hard to reach."

● For more information on marvin(tm) visit: <http://www.marvin.com.au>

The Australian Flexible Learning Framework (Framework) is the national training system's e-learning strategy funded by the Australian Government and all states and territories at \$15 million annually.

Scholarship for Indigenous women



APPLICATIONS are invited from Indigenous women for the Good Shepherd Sisters' Reconciliation Scholarship program.

In 2006 the Good Shepherd Sisters formalised the scholarship program for Indigenous women. The program is an expression of Good Shepherd's commitment to reconciliation.

The scholarship aims to advance reconciliation by building the capacity of individual Indigenous women and by making a significant difference in

their lives.

Reconciliation scholarships are open to Indigenous women of any age who are eligible for or enrolled in a course of study leading to a certificate, diploma or degree at an accredited Australian University or TAFE.

The scholarships assist students with their HECS liability and provide a small living allowance of \$1500 per semester. Students who have made other arrangements to cover their HECS fees and those who face additional financial, social, geographic or emotional challenges in undertaking study can

request assistance for the purchase of computing equipment, child care, transport, tutoring and counselling to the value of \$5000 a year.

The value of each scholarship will be determined by the individual student's needs to a maximum of \$7500 a year. Scholarships can be renewed each year, if progress is satisfactory; but one-off grants for special assistance can also be made.

Good Shepherd Reconciliation scholarships are funded by the Good Shepherd Sisters and administered by the Mary MacKillop Foundation.

Information and application forms are available from the Mary MacKillop Foundation. Contact the project coordinator at the Mary MacKillop Foundation Limited, 9 Mount Street, North Sydney, NSW, 2060, or PO Box 1508, North Sydney, NSW, 2059. Telephone (02) 9929 7344 or (02) 8912 4860; email info@mackillopfoundation.org.au or visit www.mackillopfoundation.org.au

The deadline for the next round of Good Shepherd scholarships for Indigenous women is Wednesday 31 October.

Tiwi leader says graduation showcases ...

'What we're capable of'



THE people of the Top End's Tiwi Islands took another step away from the welfare system recently with a ceremony at Nguiu to mark the graduation of 110 students in disciplines ranging from information technology to forestry.

Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board Chairman Andrew Tipungwuti said the graduation ceremony showcased what the Tiwis were capable of when given the opportunity to manage their own affairs.

The students have completed courses provided by five educational institutions.

Charles Darwin University provided training in retail supervision and operations, the Batchelor Institute trained 16 graduates in environmental land management, media and sports administration, and Darwin's Nungalinga College specialised in studies in community services.

The Industries Services Training organisation had 10 students graduate in forestry and general construction, while the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board provided training for 57 students in information technology and business studies.

The local Member, Marion Scrymgour, presented special awards for apprentice of the year, VET in schools student of the year and high achievement in business studies, forestry, environmental land management and information technology.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, Mr Tipungwuti acknowledged companies that had invested in the Tiwi Islands and trained Tiwi people.

"These employers are a crucial link to our employment strategy," Mr Tipungwuti said. "Without their commitment, we could not achieve our goal to remove Tiwi from the welfare system."

To date, 240 apprentices have been employed through the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board group training company.

Of these, 82 have now finished their apprenticeships, and 70 are completing their apprenticeships.

"Positions have been identified for another 80 apprentices."

Mr Tipungwuti thanked the management and staff of the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board for co-ordinating the activities of the four other educational institutions on the Tiwi Islands.



Students graduating from Nungalinga College courses.



Graduating students from various courses with the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board.



Joseph and Leonie Bourke



Students graduating from courses run by the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board.



TITEB staff member Greg Orsto, speaking, and Robert Scrymgour, who was named Apprentice of the Year for 2006

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Ready for jobs

Accor's scheme offers careers

AS Australia's largest hotel and resort operator, Accor arguably provides unrivalled opportunities to build a career in the hospitality industry.

The hotel chain launched its Indigenous Employment Program in 2001 and has since won the Outstanding Organisation category of Corporate Leaders for Indigenous Employment Awards in 2003, 2004 and 2006.

Since 2003 the Accor Job Ready Program has been training jobseekers at some of the chain's 90 properties across Australia.

To date the course has provided a 57 per cent placement rate of course participants into ongoing employment within Accor. Many others go on to employment in other hospitality industries.

Retention rates of Indigenous employees within Accor's Indigenous Employment Program are the same as those of non-Indigenous staff and are in line with industry benchmarks.

Last week, Accor ran a three-day Job Ready Program at its Novotel Pacific Bay Resort at Coffs Harbour, NSW, aimed at giving local Indigenous jobseekers skills in hospitality that will improve their employment opportunities.

The intensive training program covered a broad spectrum, from theoretical modules, such as customer service skills, to practical experience such as how to make the perfect bed and carry three plates.



Participants in Accor's first three-day Job Ready Program at its Novotel Pacific Bay Resort at Coffs Harbour. Front, from left, Kim Denne, Sue Porter, Louise Woodbridge and Shakira Roberts. Middle, from left, Tameaka Cubby, Syletta Wilson, Margaret Ballangarry, Natasha Wilson and Lisa Cubby; back, from left, Daniel Jones, Candy Edward, Chase Brill, Jeremy Munro and Lizzie Marshall.

It was the first time the program had been run in Coffs Harbour and Accor says it received wide interest from local job networks.

Wesley Employment provided ACCOR Pacific Bay Coffs Harbour with ten jobseekers hoping to secure work in the hospitality industry.

"The ACCOR Job Ready Program Coffs Harbour is a great program that gives Indigenous jobseekers the opportunity to further their skills and gain practical experience in different

areas in the hospitality industry," said Lisa Borland, Site Manager, Wesley Uniting Employment Nambucca Heads.

"This program provides various employment opportunities for the jobseeker to gain work in the hospitality industry.

"The jobseekers learn skills in customer service, food and beverage, housekeeping and other general hospitality duties."

Having completed the intensive Job Ready program, the jobseekers will be given various

employment opportunities within the ACCOR chain.

The Corporate Leaders for Indigenous Employment Project is overseen by the Federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. It aims to make a real difference to the number of Indigenous Australians in lasting employment, by creating viable, commercially-based Indigenous employment opportunities.

As a Registered Training Organisation, Accor is also able to

give Indigenous employees the chance to complete a Certificate II or III in Hospitality Operations and the Diploma in Hospitality Management.

The company's various awards have recognised that it has extended its internal marketing, maintained a commitment to an Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator and the delivery of cross-cultural awareness training, and ensures that culturally appropriate staff support services are available to Indigenous staff.

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Queensland Parliamentary Service Indigenous Liaison Officer

We are seeking a dynamic individual to join our new Community Engagement unit as the Indigenous Liaison Officer. You will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills including the demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

You will have detailed knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural protocols and an understanding of both cultures and societies from an historical and contemporary perspective.

The Position:

The Indigenous Liaison Officer will act as the primary contact and liaison point between the Parliament and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and support the Community Engagement unit to deliver outreach programs to facilitate more effective engagement between the Parliament, its Committees and Members and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Salary and Conditions:

Salary is within the range of \$ 60,770 to \$ 66,050 per annum. Conditions of employment are similar to those of the Queensland public sector.

Enquiries/Applications:

For an information package and position description visit the Queensland Parliament's internet site at www.parliament.qld.gov.au or contact the HRM Section on telephone (07) 3406 7579, facsimile (07) 3406 7940, email wendy.rollo@parliament.qld.gov.au

Closing date: 5.00 pm on Monday 12 November 2007.



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Unit Objective: The ACLO will perform a liaison role between Victoria Police and the Indigenous communities, fostering mutual trust, understanding and respect between Police and local Indigenous communities. The ACLO will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategic Plan and the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement Phase 2 (AJAJ2).

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To obtain position description (including Key Selection Criteria) and to apply for the position online please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au, or alternatively applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria should be forwarded to HR Combined Services Group, 5th Floor Building C, 637 Flinders Street Melbourne 3005.

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Contact for further information: Jacqui Marion 9247-5245

Note: This position requires security clearance, which will include fingerprinting. The successful applicant will be bound by the Victorian Public Service (Non-Executive Staff - Victoria) Agreement 2006. Closing date for all applications is midnight Friday 16th November 2007.

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Due to the promotion of the previous coordinator into a management role within the Office of Human Resource Management, a vacancy has occurred.

In line with the University's new Equity and Diversity Plan 2007 - 2010 the focus for the next two years is to be primarily on employment of Indigenous staff into academic positions, and on influencing policies that affect employment, retention and development of Indigenous staff.

The successful applicant must be an Indigenous Australian with culturally relevant expertise and knowledge. The position is a continuing one, offered at a salary of \$58,236-\$63,093 per annum plus 17 percent employer superannuation contribution.

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Enquiries: 07 3735 4010 or r.dayal@griffith.edu.au

Reference: HRM16714/07

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To Apply:

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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
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Beryl Women Inc.

Canberra

Senior Support Worker

Permanent 32 hours per week
SACS Award Grade 5.1 to 6.2

Beryl Women Inc. is a service dedicated to supporting women & children who are escaping domestic/family violence.

This is a women only position under s 34(1) of the Discrimination Act 1991

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Beryl offers excellent professional development opportunities & remuneration packages including salary sacrificing.

Beryl Women Inc. is currently undergoing a re-structure and the duties of this position are subject to change. Collective model of governance is also subject to change. Beryl Women Inc. is funded through the Support Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP). Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women and women from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Successful applicant will be required to undergo a "working with children's" check and a Police criminal record check.

An information package including details on how to apply is available by phoning (02) 62475689 or beryl_women@bigpond.com.au
Applications close: 12/11/ 2007

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- Assist and train apprentices and trainees

Qualifications/Experience

- 2+ years in the mining/construction industry
- Experience on various plant
- IWA HIR class licence
- Trade Qualifications
- Certificate 2 in mechanical servicing heavy vehicles
- Strong safety focus
- First aid certificate
- Forklift certificate

If you need any further information, please ring Don Kemp (in business hours only) on 0407 751 100.

Applications including current resume should be forwarded by close of business on the 31st October 2007 to:

The Human Resources Manager
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Government of South Australia
Department of Further Education,
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRAINEESHIPS

Have you ever wanted to work in a school?

Department of Education and Children's Services are now recruiting young Aboriginal trainees in the following metropolitan and regional areas:

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Traineeship opportunities in the schools include Clerical, Sport & Recreation, Pre School, Information Technology, Horticulture and Library Assistants.

Special Conditions: This position will be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as per section 56 (2) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

To apply for a traineeship you must be a South Australian resident, must not have completed a South Australian Public Sector Traineeship previously and must be aged 17 - 28 years old (inclusive).

Application information: You MUST apply and follow application instructions for these traineeships through the Notice of Vacancies by visiting www.vacancies.sa.gov.au and browse the Traineeship Vacancies. Late applications will not be considered.

Application to: CareerStart SA, GPO Box 320, Adelaide SA 5001

Enquiries to: CareerStart SA, Freecall 1800 683 534

Applications Close 5.00pm Friday 9 November 2007

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Are you interested in working in women's services?

Beryl Women Inc. & Canberra Rape Crisis Centre have two designated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander positions available. We are holding a Pre-application information Forum on October 30. Please contact either service for further information.

Both of these positions:

- Are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women only designated positions under Sections 42 (2) & s 34(1) of the Discrimination Act 1991.
- Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "working with children's" check and a Police criminal record check.
- Salaries are paid at SACS Award Grade 4 - 5.2 and offer excellent professional development opportunities & remuneration package including salary sacrificing.

Applications Close 12 November 2007.

Beryl Women Inc.

Canberra - (Permanent 32 hours per week)

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Nguru Program

The Canberra Rape Crisis Centre

28 Hrs/wk

The Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) is a non-government organisation working collaboratively within service provision systems in the ACT and surrounding areas to provide services and programs to people and communities affected by sexual violence. The Nguru Program Aboriginal Support Worker will provide support, outreach, information and advocacy, community education and training to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

Requirements: Tertiary qualifications/or working towards qualifications in Welfare, Counselling or equivalent and previous experience in providing support services to Aboriginal people, understanding of the causes and consequences of sexual violence and computer skills.

For recruitment packages and details about the information forum, contact either Beryl Women Inc. on 62475689 or beryl_women@bigpond.com.au or CRCC on 6247 8071 or crcc@rapecrisis.org.au

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Case Support Workers (Casual) Child Protection North and West Metropolitan Region

\$18.72 per hour + 25% Casual Loading + Superannuation

Case Support Workers (CPW-1) contribute to the maintenance of contact/access between children and youth and their families in instances where the child is subject to Children's Court Orders and are placed out of parental care. Under the supervision of the Access Team Leader the workers will provide safe transportation and supervision of contact/access where it is determined that supervision is required to ensure the safety of the child. The case support worker's role will be to observe contact/access and contribute to the assessment process of the child-parent relationship in addition to undertaking skill development with parents to enhance the family relationships. Applications are invited from persons who possess a minimum qualification of Childcare, Youth Work or Child Development Certificate IV or other tertiary qualification appropriate to public welfare practice.

Do you...
Engage and enjoy working with children and families?
Have good communication skills?
Enjoy working in a team environment?
Want to work on a casual basis?

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Pina Molea on (03) 9479-0462. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies. Please quote reference no DHS/NWR/49475. Closing date: Sunday 4 November 2007.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity. www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of
Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Corporate Support

Aboriginal Workforce Development Officer

*(50D)

Strategic Employment Services

Position No: 007728

Level/Salary: 5 PSGA \$60,638 - \$67,017 pa

Location: Perth CBD

Readvertised - Previous Applicants are encouraged to reapply.

This exciting position assists with Aboriginal attraction, recruitment and retention strategies and the implementation of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

You will provide an advisory service on human resource matters affecting the development and retention of

Aboriginal employees at the Department and develop and implement strategies and initiatives to increase the recruitment of Aboriginal employees to the Department.

*Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position in accordance with Section 50(d) of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1984.

For further job related information: Please contact Ms Sharon Jones on (08) 9264 6296.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Mon 29 October 2007 at 4.30pm.

A future to get excited about



Casework manager

New positions available.

Salary package up to \$89,840 p.a.

Have community services experience managing people and leading teams?

Want to take your career to another level?

Like to work in an environment with a strong focus on professional development and support?

The NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) provides support services for vulnerable children, young people and their families. Join DoCS as a casework manager, leading a team of caseworkers and help build a better future.

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- great career options

Applications close 2 November 2007

People from Indigenous, culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and mature aged applicants are encouraged to apply.

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APS Indigenous Career Link

APS 5/6

\$56,375—\$69,680

Indigenous Employment Team

Would you like to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people find employment in the Australian Public Service? The Indigenous Employment Team is looking to recruit a friendly, dynamic self-starter with great interpersonal skills to assist Indigenous Australians to find work in the APS.

The position will involve assisting in implementation of elements of the Public Calling Indigenous employment campaign. It will include designing and driving APS Indigenous Career Link - a new phone-based service to advise and support Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders regarding career opportunities in the APS. It will also involve liaison and development of partnerships with other organisations involved in Indigenous education, employment and career advice.

We are looking for someone with drive and initiative who will create the value for these projects. The role will involve spending significant amounts of time assisting Indigenous clients over the phone - so you must be enthusiastic about doing this.

Duties may include:

- setting up and day to day running of APS Indigenous Career Link
- providing advice over the phone and by email to Indigenous clients about career opportunities and how to get jobs in the APS
- extensive liaison with employment and HR networks both within the APS and externally
- development of partnerships with and provision of information to career advisors and other professionals working in the Indigenous education and employment sectors
- assisting with other Public Calling and APS Indigenous employment initiatives as required.

This is a non-ongoing position which may become ongoing.

To discuss the position please contact Ms Kerri Russ on (02) 6202 3582.

Selection documentation can be obtained from the APS Commission website: <http://www.apsc.gov.au/apscrecruitment/index.html>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing date: 8 November 2007

The Australian Public Service Commission is a central agency within the Australian Public Service (APS) with a key leadership role in contributing to the future capability and sustainability of the APS. We promote good practice in managing people, provide leadership and management development, and foster ethical behaviour and workplaces that value diversity. We also have an important evaluation role, working with agencies to ensure that performance is effective and consistent with the APS Values.

Working in the APS

Wherever you work in the APS you will find opportunities to undertake a wide range of challenging work and to make a major contribution to public service. Our workplaces are characterised by high motivation, professionalism and diversity, with excellent rewards, learning opportunities and career prospects, and family-friendly cultures committed to work-life balance.

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Disability Services Queensland is seeking a Centre Director to lead the new innovative, world-class Centre of Excellence for Behaviour Support in Brisbane, Queensland to support people with a disability to participate in every day life.

The Centre of Excellence will lead and participate in local and international research in behaviour support, and draw on world best practice to guide policy and practice and deliver workforce training.

Centre Director

As Centre Director, you will be a recognised expert in intellectual disability or mental health with a background as a clinician, researcher or academic.

You will develop collaborative initiatives with tertiary institutions, research institutes and professional bodies who deliver services to people with an intellectual disability and challenging behaviours. This will include establishing key partnerships with leading Queensland universities to expand opportunities for you and your staff to pursue academic and research goals.

The successful applicant will be offered up to a five-year contract and an excellent remuneration and benefits package.

(Total package value \$192 508 - \$204 921)

For an information pack, contact Liz Crawford at KPMG on (07) 3233 3262 or email execrec.bne@kpmg.com.au quoting reference number QC160.

Closing date is Friday 7 December 2007.

Other senior policy, research and training positions with the Centre of Excellence for Behaviour Support will also be available soon. Visit our website for more information www.disability.qld.gov.au



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making a difference for people with a disability

**OFFICE OF THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (LEARNING AND TEACHING)
BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is committed to the advancement of Indigenous Education as a key to the achievement of national reconciliation. While responsibility for the delivery of Indigenous education is shared across UWS, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education plays a pivotal role and as such has a number of functions including policy development, cultural advice, teaching, research, consultancy as well as Indigenous student access. In addition, Badanami is responsible for the coordination and delivery of a range of support services to Indigenous students across all campuses.

Badanami Centre seeks to appoint two academic positions. Both are based at Bankstown and are expected to contribute to the development and teaching of Indigenous studies as well as research.

**COORDINATOR,
INDIGENOUS LEARNING SUPPORT**

Ref No. 70208

Remuneration Package: Academic Level C \$100,725 to \$115,541 p.a.
(comprising Salary \$85,200 to \$97,860 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

The Coordinator, Indigenous Learning Support is located within Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education and reports to the Coordinator, Academic Programs. Their primary responsibility is the development and coordination of Indigenous access and learning support programs for Indigenous students across UWS.

**LECTURER,
INDIGENOUS LEARNING SUPPORT**

Ref No. 70209

Remuneration Package: Academic Level B \$82,951 to \$97,765 p.a.
(comprising Salary \$70,010 to \$82,670 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

This position is an Indigenous identified position. The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The Lecturer, Indigenous Learning Support is located within Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education and reports to the Coordinator, Indigenous Learning Support. The primary responsibility is to participate in the development and delivery of Indigenous access and learning support programs for Indigenous students across UWS.

Position Enquiries: Professor Michael McDaniel, (02) 4736 0695 or email
m.mcdaniel@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 12 November 2007.

Please visit the UWS Website: <http://www.uws.edu.au/vacancies> for full details on these positions and how to apply.

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National Film and Sound Archive

A Division of the Australian Film Commission

Opportunities to work with Australia's Indigenous film and sound heritage - to make it relevant and preserve it for our future.

The National Film and Sound Archive's Indigenous Collections Branch invites you to apply for a number of positions.

The National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) is Australia's audiovisual archive collecting, preserving and sharing a rich cultural heritage of images and sounds of film, television, radio and recordings. It is a part of the Australian Film Commission.

The NFSA's Indigenous Collections Branch coordinates the responsible management of this material and builds strong supportive relationships with relevant Indigenous communities. We are seeking three dedicated and enthusiastic Indigenous people to work closely with the Curator of the Indigenous Collections Branch and to become part of the larger curatorial team located at the NFSA Headquarters in Canberra.

Archivist

AFC Level 6 (APS Level 6)
\$59,710 - \$68,113 pa (plus super)
Reference: 88030

As the Indigenous Archivist, you will be able to use your expertise to support and enhance the Indigenous collection. This will include providing advice and guidance on Indigenous collection matters and liaising with appropriate communities and government bodies. Assisting with NFSA representation and promotion of its Indigenous policies and practices is also an important component of this position.

Tertiary qualifications in Communications/media, Australian history, Indigenous studies or archives, librarianship or a related discipline from a recognised institution are highly desirable, as is experience working with remote Indigenous communities.

This is an on-going employment opportunity.

Project Officer

AFC Level 4 (APS Level 4)
\$49,805-\$53,173
Reference: 89051

The Project Officer will support the Curator and the Archivist and undertake project work associated with the Indigenous Collections Branch. You will have an opportunity to contribute to the Indigenous acquisition, preservation, exhibition, access, research and repatriation programs.

Tertiary qualifications in Communications/media, Australian history, Indigenous studies or archives, librarianship or a related discipline from a recognised institution are highly desirable, as is experience working with remote Indigenous communities.

This is a non-ongoing employment opportunity and is available for a period of 12 months.

Branch Assistant

AFC Level 3 (APS Level 3)
\$43,940-\$49,153
Reference: 89050

The Branch Assistant provides project and administrative support to the Indigenous Collections Branch, including record keeping, data maintenance, correspondence files, technical requests and reception liaison. If you are a well organised person and have an interest in media, you will be well suited to the position.

This is a non-ongoing employment opportunity and is available for a period of 12 months.

Applicants for the above positions must be of Indigenous Australian backgrounds, are identified as Indigenous Australians and are accepted as such by the community with which he/she is associated. These are Indigenous identified positions. The filling of these employment opportunities is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Selection documentation can be found on our website www.afc.gov.au/jobs. After reading the selection documentation you require further information, please contact Elizabeth McInven on 02 8248 2086 or email elizabeth.mciven@nfsa.afc.gov.au.

Applications addressing the selection criteria, stating relevant qualifications and experience, should be forwarded to recruitment@afc.gov.au or addressed to:

The Recruitment Officer
Australian Film Commission
GPO Box 2002
Canberra ACT 2601

By Close of Business: Friday, 9 November 2007.

**2008 National Indigenous
Cadetship Project**

Northern Territory Government

Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Alice Springs

Temporary vacancies available

Are you an Indigenous person interested in pursuing a career with the Northern Territory Government?

Are you interested in getting paid while you study towards your diploma, advanced diploma or degree?

The Northern Territory Government is offering Indigenous Territorians currently studying full-time or about to commence study in 2008, the opportunity to put theory into practice by applying for a Cadetship with the Northern Territory Public Sector through the National Indigenous Cadetship Project.

The Cadetship offers:

- Reimbursement of Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) fees on passed units;
- A fortnightly allowance whilst studying;
- Full time paid employment during semester breaks (12 weeks); and
- On-going employment on successful completion.

For further details and how to apply:

- To obtain the Cadet Recruitment Handbook please phone the 24 hours Recruitment Answering Service on 1300 659 247 or visit the web site at www.nt.gov.au/jobs ensuring you quote vacancy number 270499.
- Send your application addressing the selection criteria to employmentprograms.dcis@nt.gov.au or post to: Employment Programs Unit, Department of Corporate and Information Services, GPO Box 2391, Darwin NT 0801.
- For additional enquiries please contact Petra Klander on (08) 8999 4132 or email petra.klander@nt.gov.au

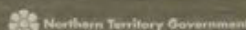
Applicants must download and complete the 2008 National Indigenous Cadetship Project Recruitment Handbook and address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details or website above to obtain a copy.

Quote vacancy number: 270499

Closing date: 02 November 2007

Contact us now

Phone: 1300 659 247
Email: Recruitment@nt.gov.au
Visit: www.nt.gov.au/jobs



**Aboriginal Mental
Health Worker**

Department of Health and Community Services

Aboriginal Health Worker Class 4 (\$54 473 - \$57 378)

Mental Health Unit, Alice Springs

Permanent

An exciting position exists for an Aboriginal Mental Health Worker to work within the Inpatient Unit, which is a six-bed Acute Admission Unit located within the Alice Springs Hospital. The Inpatient Unit forms part of the Central Australian Mental Health Service.

Central Australian Mental Health Service consists of a Community Mental Health Team, Remote Mental Health Team, Child and Youth Mental Health Service, Mental Health Inpatient Unit, Barkly Mental Health Team and Forensic Team.

The Inpatient Unit requires the services of an Aboriginal Mental Health Worker who's primary objective will be to participate in the assessment and treatment of indigenous clients within a primary health care focus. This position involves working with families, individuals, Government and non-Government medical services and health programmes. The Aboriginal Mental Health Worker will liaise and support non-indigenous health professionals to ensure that indigenous clients feel culturally safe and their social and emotional well being needs are met.

To be eligible for this position, applicants require Certificate 3 in Health Science, or equivalent, demonstrated proficiency of the competency standards required for Level A of the National Competency Standards for Aboriginal Health Workers 1997. Applicants must also be able to be registered as an Aboriginal Health Worker in the Northern Territory or possess qualifications that would permit registration.

For further information on this position, please contact the Clinical Nurse Manager, Margaret McAleavey on (08) 8951 6937.

Copies of the relevant job description can be obtained by telephoning faxback server on 1300 659 247, quoting the vacancy number 28985 or access the internet at www.nt.gov.au.

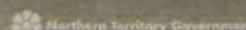
Applicants should address the selection criteria contained within the job description.

Quote vacancy number: 28985

Closing date: 2 November 2007

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ABORIGINAL COORDINATOR

Job Reference No. 229825
Location - Deniliquin
This is an identified position
This is a permanent part time position
for 15 hours per week

Salary - Total remuneration package valued at \$45,731 p.a. including salary (\$39,818 - \$41,442), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Duties - Develop, implement and evaluate programs to meet Aboriginal communities education and training needs within the Institute.

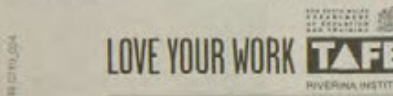
Note - Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday, 16 November 2007

All applicants must obtain an information package which includes an official job application form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION... Download the package from www.rta.tafensw.edu.au/RIjobs or call the Recruitment Coordinator on 02 6058 2920.

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



JUVENILE JUSTICE

JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICER (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 5/6, Sydney Juvenile Justice Community Services, Temporary Full-Time, Position No: DJJ07/155. Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 p.a. including salary (\$61,128 to \$67,448 p.a.), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for the provision of effective, offending focused intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Demonstrated casework experience in working with adolescents and/or their families. Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills. Understanding of issues relevant to indigenous juvenile offenders. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Demonstrated ability to organise and plan work in order to meet tight deadlines. Ability to network with relevant community and government agencies. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence. Computer and keyboard skills. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

Notes: This position is temporary for a period up to 25 September 2008. Evening work and overnight travel may be required. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1996 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Inquiries: Michael Setter (02) 9215 3399.
Information Packages: Mim van den Berg (02) 9215 3399.
Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.
Closing Date: Friday 9 November 2007.

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Graduate Positions 2008

NSW Treasury is the NSW Government's principal advisor on state financial management policy and practice, and economic conditions and issues. We provide a professional and dynamic working environment for a limited number of graduate positions for talented people who thrive on challenge.

Your skills
You will have high level written communication and interpersonal skills, the ability to negotiate and discuss policy issues, high level financial analytical skills, an aptitude for solving complex issues and a recent tertiary qualification in Business, Finance, Commerce, Accounting, Economics or other relevant degree qualification. Common Selection Criteria also apply.

Your reward
Total remuneration valued at \$68,197 p.a. (\$46,320 - \$61,801) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading, generous flexible work arrangements and study assistance, attractive work environment & CBD location.

Interested
Complete the graduate application form available on our website
<http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au>

For inquiries: Theresa or Carmen (02) 9228 4949

Applications Marked 'Confidential' and quoting Job Reference No: TREA07/334 post applications to the Recruitment Consultant CCSU, GMT, 1 Farrer Place Sydney 2000

Closing date: 26 October 2007

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Accounting Graduates 2008

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Your skills
You will have high level written communication and interpersonal skills, the ability to negotiate and discuss policy issues, high level financial analytical skills, an aptitude for solving complex financial issues, and a recent tertiary accounting or similar degree qualification, with a major in accounting. Common Selection Criteria also apply.

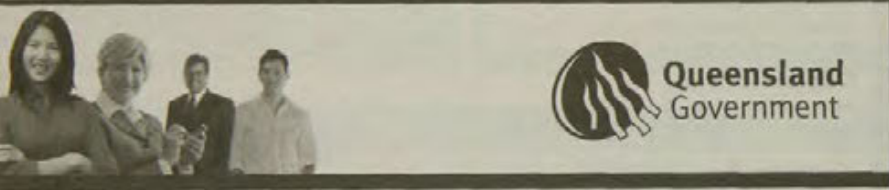
Your reward
Total remuneration valued at \$68,197 p.a. (\$46,320 - \$61,801) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading, generous flexible work arrangements, attractive work environment & CBD and Parramatta locations. Study assistance for CPA Australia programs, and service is recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants for the CA program.

Interested
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Closing date: 26 October 2007



Team Leader (Specified)

Child Safety Services Division
(Two permanent full time positions available.) (Specified - Applicants must provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.)

Child Safety
Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.
Location: Thursday Island/Weipa
REF: QLD/CHS3385/07

Key Duties: To provide leadership, management and supervision of the delivery of high quality child protection services to clients and communities through the development of appropriate service responses (in conjunction with the Child Safety Service Centre Manager)

Skills and Abilities: Possession of degree in social work or behavioural sciences from recognised tertiary institution. Leadership and supervision skills in delivery of high quality child protection services.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7679 or E-mail: vaccs@corporatelink.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 5 November 2007

Senior Policy Officer (Specified)

Office for ATSI Partnerships
(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.)

Communities
Salary: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a.
Location: Brisbane
REF: QLD/COM3376/07

Key Duties: Provide strategic policy advice and research, analyse and monitor policy options relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Assist in the identification of emerging trends and issues in Indigenous affairs to provide advice to Government about strategic directions.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 5 November 2007

Youth Engagement Officer (Specified)

Government Coordination Office - Indigenous Service Delivery
(One (1) temporary full-time position until June 2009)
(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.)

Communities
Salary: \$69 726 - \$74 600 p.a.
Location: Ayrton
REF: QLD/COM3364/07

Key Duties: Develop and maintain strong links across levels of government with regional and statewide stakeholders and local industry and development organisations to maximise opportunities for young people in Ayrton. Lead the development of effective policy and program options for young people in Ayrton by engaging with key local and regional government and non-government stakeholders on issues affecting young people.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 5 November 2007

Program Development Officer (Identified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland
(Identified - Applicants will need to identify as being a Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Community Descent.)

Communities
Salary: \$52 417 - \$57 663 p.a.
Location: Woodridge
REF: QLD/COM3359/07

Key Duties: Consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities regarding development, maintenance and implementation of culturally appropriate services to young people subject to youth justice intervention.

Skills and Abilities: Communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to enhance service delivery for Indigenous people.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675 or E-mail: vaccm@corporatelink.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 5 November 2007

Manager (Service Delivery)

Disability Services Queensland
Salary: \$78 020 - \$83 658 p.a.
Location: Cairns
REF: QLD/DSQ3436/07

Key Duties: Lead, develop and manage community and specialist services for people with a disability, their families, carers and the community. Identify trends and emerging needs of the community and respond to crisis issues. Ensure departmental resources are effectively managed in line with departmental policies and procedures and guidelines. Manage human resources using a strength based approach to maintain a healthy and positive staff culture.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689 or E-mail: vaccsq@corporatelink.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 5 November 2007

Project Support Officer (Indigenous Specified)

Parks Services, Northern Region
(Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islander persons are encouraged to apply.)

Environmental Protection Agency
Salary: \$44 346 - \$49 454 p.a.
Location: Cairns
REF: QLD/EN3670/07

Key Duties: Advise/assist/liaise with staff facilitating delivery of support/services associated with Indigenous issues. Ensure environmental/conservation knowledge and expertise of Traditional Owners is assessed to enhance environmental protection/land management.

Skills and Abilities: Participate/support others in a team. Communicate sensitively/effectively with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, practical understanding of Indigenous land/sea management issues.

Enquiries: (07) 4057 3310 or E-mail: recruitment.cns@esa.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Friday, 2 November 2007

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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

Legal Officer (Solicitor) (Aboriginal)

Legal Officer Grade I-III, Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No CV07/120.

Total remuneration package valued at \$90,756 p.a. (\$55,472-\$82,244).

Provide high quality legal advice and representation to the Commission's clients in accordance with its policies and guidelines. The successful applicant will predominantly practise housing law initially.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Legal qualifications and possession of, or immediately eligible to hold, a current NSW Solicitor's Practising Certificate issued by the Law Society of NSW. Knowledge of or capacity to acquire knowledge of civil law including, but not limited to, consumer, housing, human rights, social security, and migration law (as required) and a capacity to represent legal aid clients before courts and tribunals. Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to provide quality customer service in a high volume work environment. Proven capacity to identify and understand legal and cross cultural issues facing socially and economically disadvantaged people. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to conduct community legal education and to prepare court documents, correspondence, submissions and other written materials. Ability to understand Legal Aid Commission policies and procedures to determine applications for legal aid and advise clients about eligibility, or the capacity to rapidly acquire such knowledge. Ability to meet deadlines, work without close supervision and to manage a diverse workload. Demonstrated computer skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: The position will be required to undertake work in predominantly housing law matters initially. The occupant may be required to undertake consumer, human rights, social security or migration law in the future. An eligibility list may be created from this recruitment action to fill future generic positions that may arise at both the Sydney metropolitan offices and NSW regional offices within the next 12 months.

Inquiries: Lynne Wilkins (02) 9219 5829.
Information Packages: Mary Healy-North on (02) 9219 5656.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Jenny Del Rio, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket, NSW 1238 or via email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 02 November 2007

PSN/C 681879

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Want to work in a flexible and professional environment?
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Check our website on:
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www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Principal Policy Analyst, Aboriginal Health and Human Services

\$85,350 - \$114,216 (+ Superannuation)
Koori Human Services Unit
Portfolio and Strategic Projects Division
Fixed term until November 2008

Do you have a commitment to making a difference to the health and well being of Aboriginal people in Victoria? Do you enjoy working with a wide range of Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people inside and outside government? The Principal Policy Analyst is a key member of the Koori Human Services Unit and has responsibility for actively participating in National and State initiatives to improve Aboriginal health and well being, providing sensitive and timely advice to Ministers and senior officials, influencing Departmental policy and practice and working closely with the Aboriginal community. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Steve Ballard on (03) 9096 8034. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies. Please quote reference no DHS/PSPI14974. Applications close Sunday, 4 November 2007.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.
www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE
PHYSIOTHERAPIST GRADE 1

Grosvener Centre

Metro South Region - Summer Hill

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-07-08208

Total remuneration package is valued at up to \$71,537 per annum (Salary \$46,320 pa to \$64,827 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job description:

Provide direct Physiotherapy services to clients with complex needs, across all age groups in a large residential and group home settings.

Selection Criteria:

- Recognised Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy and eligibility for membership of Australian Association of Physiotherapists.
- A minimum of three years post graduate experience.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the management of physiotherapy interventions for people with high medical support needs with an intellectual and physical disability.
- Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to liaise within the Department, with families and carers and with relevant outside agencies.
- Demonstrated computer skills including Microsoft applications.
- Knowledge of the Disability Services Act 1993.
- Current Driver's licence.
- Common Selection Criteria: Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and MUST complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Tracy Murray or Yvonne Tuniano (02) 9797 8133.
Information Package: Gina Giannini or Dianne Haggerty (02) 9797 8133.

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 2 November 2007.

LA 17/05/06



Koori Court Support Officer

Victorian Public Service Officer

- Class 3

\$48,714 - \$59,148

Role No: MC2192

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Courts currently sits at Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley and Bairnsdale Magistrates' Courts. There is a Children's Koori Court based at the Children's Court in Melbourne and Mildura.

We are looking for an Aboriginal person to perform a number of functions within the Melbourne Koori Court Unit including providing advice and reports to the Court and relevant bodies in relation to services and programs available to Koori persons; provide assistance to Koori defendants before the Koori Court and their families regarding court outcomes and obligations; provide relief, support and assistance to Koori Court Officers and Koori Courts across the state; educate, promote and engage the community in the operation of the Koori Court and criminal justice system and build, maintain and foster links between the Koori Court and the Aboriginal community; maintain and collect statistical data in relation to Aboriginal defendants before the Koori Courts. You will have a sound knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society and an ability to communicate effectively with Victorian Aboriginal people, including children and young persons.

For further information position descriptions are available from careers.vic.gov.au or by telephoning 9603 9416. For further information contact Mr Mason Atkinson, Team Leader of Koori Courts, Telephone: (03) 9603 9416.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application NoA106/2005). The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

Applications are to be forwarded to:

Human Resources

Magistrates' Court Victoria,

GPO Box 882G,

Melbourne 3001 or email

ldfazio@magistratescourt.vic.gov.au

Applications close 23 November 2007.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following positions have been designated as being available only to Aboriginal people. We invite applications from Aboriginal people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. Please phone the principal for more information or to request an information package.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

- Chatham High School - 6552 2588
- Macintyre High School - 6722 1555
- Macksville High School - 6568 1025
- South Grafton Public School - 6642 3388

TEACHERS AIDE SPECIAL

- Glenrol Heights Public School - 6362 7191

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Alexandria Park Community School - 9698 1967
- Collareneby Central School - 6756 2204
- Grafton High School - 6642 3355
- Wauchope Public School - 6585 2277

Closing date for applications is Friday 9 November 2007. For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Senior Lecturer

Sustainable Health, Land & Sea Management

Position No.: 3835

Fixed term appointment from 20 January 2008 to 24 December 2008 - Alice Springs or Batchelor.

Remuneration Academic Level C - \$79,692 - \$91,892.

This position is responsible for managing program delivery in the VET sectors including the coordination of the delivery, the management of budget programs and undertaking of professional activities and research relevant to the professional area. Travel throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement.

Lecturer

Aboriginal Health Work Clinical (Apprenticeships)

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to July 2010 - Alice Springs or Darwin.

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$65,065 - \$77,253.

This position is responsible for the delivery of Higher Education and Vocational, Educational Training programs through flexible remote delivery mode with Apprentices. Travel is an essential requirement.

Applications close Friday 2nd November 2007.

For further information, the Selection Criteria's and the information for applicants sheet are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8937 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff travelling between Darwin Palmerston and some rural areas.



FACULTY OF EDUCATION

INDIGENOUS STUDIES

LECTURER/ASSOCIATE LECTURER

Dubbo

Two Positions

Located in the Centre for Indigenous Studies, the successful applicants will be required to teach across education and health courses on-campus, with the possibility of distance education teaching. The appointee will be expected to contribute actively to the research and scholarly life of the Centre for Indigenous Studies and contribute to the development of a strong Indigenous Studies program.

Conditions: Applicants of Indigenous Australian background are strongly encouraged to apply for these positions. Lecturer position is a 3 year contract (position number B633990) and Associate Lecturer position is a 2 year contract (position number B634362).

www.csu.edu.au/jobs

Contact Details: Further information is available from the staff recruitment website at www.csu.edu.au/jobs or the Division of Human Resources, Bathurst, telephone (02) 6338 4107, email recruthurst@csu.edu.au

Salary Information

Lecturer \$66,540 - \$79,018 per annum
Associate Lecturer \$46,579 - \$63,212 per annum

Relocation: The University provides assistance towards relocation for appointees.

In addition to salary, the University contributes 17% employer contribution to superannuation for most positions at Charles Sturt University.

The University encourages applicants to apply for all academic positions by 12 November 2007, however, will continue to consider applications until the positions are filled.

Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.



CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY



Equal Employment Opportunity is University Policy
www.jobs.mq.edu.au

AUSTRALIA'S INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY

05/07

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION RECORDS OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk 1/2, Haymarket, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No GR07/122. Total remuneration package valued to: \$55,568 p.a. (\$46,320-\$55,568).

Deliver broad-based records, data entry, mail, reception, telephone and administrative services to the Grants Division, to meet quality and customer service expectations and enable effective services to be provided to clients by the Division. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Capacity or experience in administrative and clerical practices and procedures; Good understanding of records management systems and practices including electronic file management systems; Computer literacy including excellent data entry and word processing skills; Excellent customer service skills and understanding of customer service principles and processes; High level interpersonal and communication skills including ability to deal with sensitive issues; Ability to work and contribute in a team environment; Knowledge/capacity to acquire knowledge of processes relevant to the granting of legal aid; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: In accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1979, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position.

Inquiries: Amanda Zerbst 9219 5008.

Information Packages: jobs.nsw.gov.au or Eileen King on (02) 9219 5159.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au or Barbaba Smith, Human Resource Management Branch, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1238, employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 09 November 2007.

GA1/070493

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE PARKS AND WILDLIFE GROUP

All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'Common Selection Criteria': Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement; and Occupational, Health and Safety, as they relate to the job.

FEMALE ABORIGINAL TRAINEE INTERPRETIVE ASSISTANT

Traineeship Level C, Tumult, Temporary Full-Time, Vacancy Number DECC07-345. Total remuneration package valued to: \$23,378 p.a. (\$10,905-\$23,378) The remuneration package quoted includes annual salary, employer's contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

Will be required to enter into a formal traineeship agreement and undertake a Conservation & Land Management (Indigenous Land Management) Traineeship (Certificate II) for 12 months. It involves a combination of work and structured training. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginal female and cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Willingness and ability to undertake a Conservation and Land Management (Indigenous Land Management) Traineeship (Certificate II) through a formal traineeship agreement. Interest in the conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources. Understanding of the role of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and broad knowledge of the natural values and cultural history of the local area. Ability to work as part of a team. Capacity for and willingness to assist with guiding and nature based and cultural education activities.

Good communication skills and an ability to relate to the public. Current manual driver's licence or ability and willingness to obtain a manual drivers licence within six months of traineeship.

Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under the DECC Equity and Diversity Framework, in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti Discrimination Act 1997. Aboriginality and female gender is an essential criterion. This is a temporary position for a period of up to 12 months. As this position is considered child related work under the provisions of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 you are required to satisfactorily sign a Prohibited Person Declaration and undergo a satisfactory pre-employment screening. Appointment and employment is dependent on meeting the requirements of relevant legislation. Applicants must obtain the information package to apply. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Lisa May (02) 9585 6994 Email: lisa.may@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lisa May (02) 9585 6994.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 02 November 2007.

SA1/070748

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 30 November 2007

Visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

or phone 1800 149 919

or email: indigenouscaseworker@community.nsw.gov.au



Looking for a challenging yet rewarding opportunity in the Community Service Sector?

Alice Springs Youth Accommodation & Support Services (ASYASS) are seeking an enthusiastic individual to provide support to the Manager and strong leadership in ASYASS program areas.

Youth Services Co-ordinator

We are currently looking for someone who has an extensive understanding of the issues surrounding youth homelessness, a high level of skill in staff supervision, advocacy, project and case management and relevant qualifications in the Community Services Sector.

Applications close 4.30 Friday 9 November.

Salary SACS award level 7.

Salary packaging will be made available to this position.

If you are a dynamic, energetic, self motivated and vibrant individual with a demonstrated commitment to social justice and an interest in working with young people, please contact us.

All applications to address the selection criteria. For an application package and position description contact Tracey McNea on telephone 08 8953 4200 or email traceymcnea_asyass@ozemail.com.au

NSW HEALTH



Aboriginal Vascular Health Project Coordinator

Cessnock Correctional Centre

Temporary Full Time - 6 months

JH No: 07/238

Salary: Health Manager Level 1 \$53,356 to \$71,775 p.a.

This position has responsibility for the coordination of the Aboriginal Vascular Health Project in nine (9) correctional facilities statewide. You will collate and report on Statewide Performance Indicators to NSW Health, attend meetings, forums and working parties pertaining to the project and work collaboratively with the Aboriginal Health Unit to co-facilitate health promotion / education programs relating to vascular health and chronic conditions for Aboriginal men and women in custody. Travel throughout NSW to the project sites is required.

Enquiries: Elizabeth McEntyre on 0417 650 472.

Closing Date: 9 November 2007.

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9289 2978
Applications to: Justice Health, PO Box 150, Matraville NSW 2036
NSW Health Service - Justice Health Division is committed to OH&S, BEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Incarcerated persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Children's Services Staff

After School and Holiday Worker, Qualified and Unqualified Child Care Workers Required.

Trained Child Care Worker (30 hrs/wk) to work in our licensed child care centre with children aged 0-5 years. Commencing salary is \$22.14/hr + super. Diploma in Children's Services or approved equivalent plus experience required. (Ref no: S055481)

3 x Untrained Child Care Workers

(14hrs/wk, 27.5hrs/wk and 34hrs/wk) to work in our licensed child care centres with children aged 0-5 years. Commencing salary is \$18.50/hr + super. Child Care experience required. (Ref no: S055482)

Children's Services Worker

(25 hrs/wk during school terms and full time during vacation time) to work in our after school and holiday program with children aged 5-12 years. Commencing salary is \$26.43/hr + super. Child Care, Teaching, Recreation, Youth or Welfare qualification plus experience required. (Ref no: S052066)

Compliance with Child Protection legislation is essential. A full position description relating to these vacancies and instructions for applying for the jobs is available from the City's website at

www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au by clicking on Jobs under Quick Links. Applications should be made online via this website by 26 October 2007 quoting the relevant Ref No. For further information about the Child Care Worker positions, contact Irene Fakas on 9288 5364 and Tina Warner on 9288 5360 for the Children's Services Worker position.

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Koorie Heritage Trust
GURUWA DUKWA MURU KUKUWA

Are you interested in working with boomerangs, possum skin cloaks and carved emu eggs?

Are you committed to learning more about Koorie culture and heritage?

Do you want to contribute to protecting Koorie culture and heritage for years to come?

The Trust is offering an exciting new position combining formal academic training at University with practical on the job experience:

COLLECTIONS CADETSHIP

Full time position, 3 year term

\$27,000.00 per annum + course costs

The cadet will develop experience and knowledge in the following areas:

- Koorie culture and heritage: learning about different artifacts, artworks, photographs and oral history recordings held in the Trust's collection, learning how to write labels for exhibitions and display
- Collection management: registering new items, tracking the movement of items in and out of the collection, loaning items from the Trust's collection, providing copies of items in the collection for reproduction in publications etc.

The cadetship will require the successful completion of a Graduate Diploma in Museum Studies over a three-year period. The course is taught in intensive mode which equates to 6 days and 3 assignments per subject x 8 subjects over the 3 year period.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Position Descriptions: Please contact Reception on 8622 2600.

Enquiries: Nerissa Broben or Chris Keeler 8622 2600.

Applications should be addressed to:

Private and Confidential
Nerissa Broben
Koorie Heritage Trust
295 King Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
nerissa@kooherheritagetrust.com
www.kooherheritagetrust.com

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



Queensland Government
Queensland Health

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Nursing

Clinical Nurse - Primary Clinical Care, Thursday Island

Primary Health Care Centre, Torres Strait Health Service

District. Remuneration value up to \$74 493 p.a., comprising salary between \$60 945 - \$65 289 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (N02) JAR: H07T0080. (Readvertised) **Duties/Abilities:** Assist in the improvement of the health of people living in the Torres Strait equal to that of the mainland Australians. Provide the coordination and delivery of quality cost-effective Primary Health Care services through the Primary Clinical Care Service at Primary Health Care Thursday Island to the population of the Torres Strait. Accommodation and reasonable relocation expenses provided. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Dina Luffman (07) 4069 0411.

Application Kit: (07) 4050 6753 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing date: Monday, 5 November 2007.

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker - Tropical Population Health Network, Mount Isa and Gulf. Remuneration value up to \$54 570 p.a., comprising salary between \$43 449 - \$47 793 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$42 802 - \$50 999 p.a. (T02) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H07MTTPH168. **Duties/Abilities:** Contribute to the improvement of the nutrition status of the north Queensland population, with emphasis on the nutrition status of the Indigenous community.

Work in partnership with the Public Health Nutritionist, Tropical Population Health Network Mount Isa, to support the development, implementation and evaluation of nutrition promotion programs which aims to improve the health and nutrition status of people in the Mount Isa and Gulf area. 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: Meg Adam (07) 4964 6620.

Application Kit: (07) 4796 1709 or (07) 4796 1716 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 5 November 2007.

Mental Health

Advanced Health Worker - Indigenous Mental Health, Charters Towers Rehabilitation Unit, Institute of Rural Health, Charters Towers, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$54 570 p.a., comprising salary between \$43 449 - \$47 793 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$42 802 - \$50 999 p.a. (T02) JAR: H07CT50. **Duties/Abilities:** Deliver a range of high quality culturally appropriate mental health support services, including clinical support, mental health promotion and education, primarily to Indigenous clients, their families and communities in the Charters Towers Rehabilitation Unit, geographical catchment area (Northern Area Network).

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:** Anne Churchill (07) 4787 5200. **Application Kit:** (07) 4796 1709 or (07) 4796 1716 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 12 November 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.

NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER SOUTHERN ZONE (QUEANBEYAN)

• Base Salary Range \$44032 to \$53277 pa
• Excellent Working conditions • Salary Packaging

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding opportunity undertaking the challenging role of Administration Officer. This position is a key support role within our Zone Office based at Queanbeyan and provides extensive support to the Zone Office employees through the provision of a comprehensive range of high quality administrative services.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated experience in all facets of office administration, including operation of a broad range of computer applications and the ability to display sound judgment and initiative.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria, and must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resource Coordinator by email: richard.perin@alc.org.au or (02) 9689 4497.

Applications should be forwarded to richard.perin@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:
Human Resources Coordinator, NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124.

Applications close 12 November 2007.
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Administration and Communications Officer.

School of Population Health

As the Administration and Communications Officer you will make a major contribution to the communications activities of the University of Melbourne's Omeida Vic Health Koori Health Unit, located within the Centre for Health and Society. You will co-ordinate the production and distribution of hard copy and electronic publications and work closely with other staff on larger publication projects. You will also provide a high level of administrative support to Centre research and teaching staff and assist the work of steering committees for collaborative research projects. This position will suit a person with a background in electronic and hard copy publications development and a range of administrative skills to support the activities of a fast-paced teaching and research centre.

Indigenous Australians can contact the Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator on tel. +61 3 8344 9978 for advice and information on making an application.

Salary: \$48,080 - \$55,228 p.a. (HEW 5) plus employer super of 9%.

Employment Type: Full-time (fixed-term) position until 30 June 2008.

Enquiries Only To: Doug Scobie, tel. +61 3 8344 0822, email: doug.scobie@unimelb.edu.au

Applications Close: 2 November 2007.

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A162/2007). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are eligible to apply.

For position information and to apply online go to www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au and search under the job title or job no. 0009351.

An Equal Opportunity employer.

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Do you want to join an exciting and innovative team and make a difference?

Mission Australia's new and innovative service for homeless people in Surry Hills is seeking enthusiastic and committed staff to enable us to deliver quality, appropriate services and programs to our clients.

With a completely remodelled building, and a new model of service delivery, Mission Australia provides crisis accommodation to 40 homeless men and a variety of services and programs to assist people to break the cycle of homelessness through a series of positive initiatives. Services such as a dental clinic, medical facilities, legal services, gambling counselling, training workshops and a university program are available for disadvantaged people in the inner city.

The following positions are now available:

Unit Coordinators - Full-time
1 Position

We are seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals who will provide intensive case management support, within a residential setting incorporating a living skills program. The successful applicant will be responsible for the smooth running of an 8 bedroom apartment. Relevant tertiary qualifications are essential, an understanding of the complex issues faced by homeless people, superior administrative, communication and organisational skills, the ability to work as part of a multi-disciplined work team and a commitment to continuous quality improvement and OHS.

Welfare Support Workers
Permanent Part-time

We require welfare support workers to provide living skills support to clients residing within the crisis residential units and assist with the coordination of other activities and services. The successful applicants require experience in working in a residential facility, strong communication and interpersonal skills and a comprehensive understanding of the issues and needs of service users.

The preferred applicant for this position will be asked to consent to a criminal record check. Please note that a criminal record does not automatically bar you from applying for this position. Each application will be considered on its merits.

The positions are non-award positions which include access to the Mission Australia Fringe Benefits Scheme (optional).

For an information pack including the selection criteria, please contact Vivian Almanza at almanza@missionaustralia.com.au or call on (02) 9356 0600.

Applicants must address the selection criteria and forward to Vivian Almanza, Administration Officer, Mission Australia Centre, 19 Denham Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010.

The closing date for applications is Friday 26 October 2007.

Mission Australia is a non-denominational Christian Community organisation and an EEO employer.

Mission Australia
www.missionaustralia.com.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16068 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 64 km N from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°34'S Long.144°16'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 66 km N from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°33'S Long.144°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area 1: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1300 v Area 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1300 r	Auzex Resources Limited 106 444 606
EPM16384 This application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 50 km NNW from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°42'S Long.144°12'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 54 km NW from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°42'S Long.144°05'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 3: Approx. 37 km NNW from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°50'S Long.144°13'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area 1: 150 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 46 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1370 q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1371 q, r, v, w, x, y, z 1372 l, m, q, r, v, w, x 1442 c, d, e 1443 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, n, o, s, t, x, y, z 1444 a, b 1515 c, d, e, k, p Area 2: 62 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1441 e, j, k, n, o, p, u 1442 a, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x Area 3: 20 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1515 s, t, x, y 1587 c, h	Auzex Resources Limited 106 444 606
EPM16407 This application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 59 km N from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°37'S Long.144°21'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 62 km N from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°35'S Long.144°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 3: Approx. 55 km N from Mount Surprise Centred at approximate Lat.17°39'S Long.144°25'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area 1: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1373 a, f, l, q Area 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1373 c, d, e Area 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1373 z	Auzex Resources Limited 106 444 606

* 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.

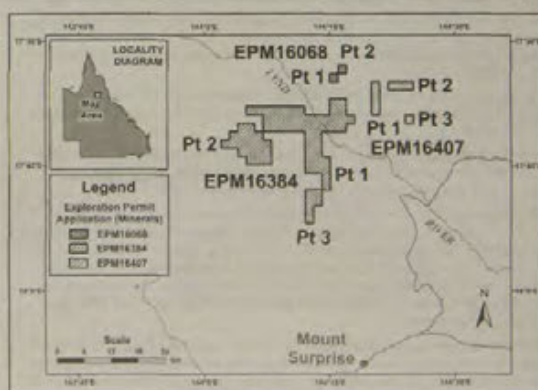
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fcdcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, 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: 14 November 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 7 November 2007

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 6 February 2008. After 6 February 2008, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Application name: Malera Bandjulan Tribe

Federal Court File No: NSD6083/1998

Date lodged: 3 October 1997

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 200km² and is located approximately 20km south-east of Tenterfield as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Tenterfield Shire Council.

Data statement: claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Lands, Land Property and Information Division, NSW.

For assistance and further information contact Tom O'Reilly on freecall

1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

National Native Title Tribunal

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
EPM16314	Approx. 31 km SW from St Lawrence Centred at approximate Lat.22°28'S Long.149°16'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Broadsound	Area: 206 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 65 (each 1 lat x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2080 a, t, v, w, x, y 2151 e, j, k, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2152 a, h, c, d, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2223 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 2224 a, h, c, d, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t	John Francis Edwin Kingsley

* 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.

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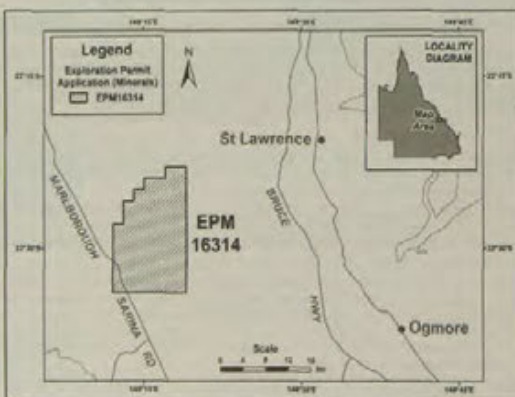
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Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

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: 14 November 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Family Support Worker

Barnardos Penrith Centre

(Cranebrook)

seeking a Family Worker for Family Support Program
21 hrs p/w.

The Family Support program aims to keep children with their families, through home visiting and group programs. Applicants must have casework experience with children and families.

Indigenous workers are encouraged to apply.

For a job pack please phone Nancy on 02 9218 2325 or Email: recruit4@barnardos.org.au

Closing date: 30/10/2007.

Delta
electricity

APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE for ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS

Delta Electricity is a committed supporter of a diverse workforce and in 2008 is again providing Apprentice sponsorship opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders at its Western Power Stations located in the Lithgow / Bathurst region.

In association with Central West Group Apprentices, Delta is seeking energetic, enthusiastic team players who are passionate about gaining a trade. Successful candidates will be offered 4 year indentured apprenticeships commencing their apprenticeships in January 2008.

The following apprenticeships are being offered:

- Mechanical Fitter (Cert. III Engineering Mechanical)
- Electrical Fitter (Cert. III Electrotechnology Systems Electrician)

To find out more about the trades on offer, check out the Apprenticeship Fact Sheets at www.cwga.com.au

To be considered, applicants must have successfully completed the School Certificate. Your application should include a resume and two of your most recent school reports.

Applications close 9th November 2007.

Apprentice Selection Test, registration and interviews with CWGA will occur in late November 2007.

CWGA considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Forward your application in writing to CWGA in Lithgow or Bathurst:



Central West
Group Apprentices

PO Box 440
LITHGOW NSW 2790
Ph: 6353 1627 Fax: 6353 1653
Email: lithgow@cwga.com.au

PO Box 2178
BATHURST NSW 2795
Ph: 6331 6211 Fax: 6331 8270
Email: bathurst@cwga.com.au

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT

Clerk Grade 11/12

Construction Services Team, Resources Branch

RESITECH

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time

Position No. DOH-07-08058

Total remuneration package valued up to \$116,886 per annum (salary \$91,589 pa + \$105,923 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Construction Superintendent manages the Construction Services Team to deliver contract superintendent and supervision services to residential projects to achieve high quality built outcomes.

Selection Criteria:

- Qualifications and experience sufficient to provide expert leadership and professional advice in building and construction management such as tertiary qualification in Building, Architecture or Engineering.
- Proven analytical and problem solving skills with an ability to interpret complex information and provide strategic technical advice that supports management decision-making.
- Demonstrated excellent leadership capacity with an ability to develop and foster a multi-skilled team and statewide network focussed on superior customer service and continuous improvement in commercial business performance.
- Extensive experience in managing organisational risks relating to construction services.
- Extensive knowledge of construction procurement.
- Sound oral and written communication skills with proven ability to answer ad hoc questions and interpret facts to meet the needs of customers.
- Common selection criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains further details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Ray Goodall (02) 8753 8020.

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in Information Package.

Closing date: Friday 2 November 2007.



The Koorie Heritage Trust is committed to the protection, preservation, and promotion of Koorie culture in South-East Australia. The Trust is seeking a dynamic person to join our multi-skilled team at our Cultural Centre, Melbourne.

ADMINISTRATION / INFORMATION OFFICER

Full Time - \$30,000

This is a key position in administration of customer inquiries, bookings and sales. The position offers opportunity to participate in the growth and development of the information, retail and administration areas of the Centre.

Enquiries: Kaye Harris, BDM Ph 0447541259. To obtain a position description please contact reception on 03 8622 2600.

Applications should be addressed to:

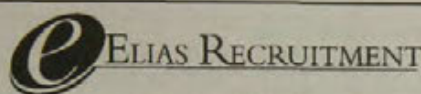
Private and Confidential Jason Eades, CEO, Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS Friday 23 November 2007.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



Koorie Heritage Trust
"Gnoken Danna Murra Kor-ki"



Principal Legal Officer

PEAK INDIGENOUS BODY- SYDNEY

Combine commercial legal skills with community benefit in a dynamic environment with work/life balance.

A rare opportunity for a commercial lawyer to use his/her skills in an in-house environment with a positive community benefit with this leading indigenous organisation.

As part of the senior management team and working closely with the CEO, you will lead the legal team providing commercial, general & risk management advice ranging from: large transactions to high level advice and contract negotiations; from resolving complex disputes to compliance with relevant legislation.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Min. 8 years exp. in commercial, property, litigation, trusts/managed funds and/or administrative law;
- Eligibility for an unrestricted practising certificate in NSW;
- Experience with/ appreciation of Indigenous issues;
- Management, interpersonal, cross-cultural and leadership skills; and
- Business acumen and strong commercial legal experience.

A competitive salary with benefits including generous leave provisions, tax concessions, parking, income protection insurance and a meal and entertainment program await the successful candidate. Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

Contact Jason Elias on 0411 151 860 or email jason@eliasrecruitment.com.



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
51/1237	Agricola Resources Pty Ltd	166.09km ²	28km SW of Meekatharra	Lat 28°46' Long 118°17'	Meekatharra
59/1364	Aurix Resources Ltd	135.66km ²	9km SE of Yalgoo	Lat 29°23' Long 116°42'	Yalgoo

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: 24 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 **24 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 exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **24 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 exploration licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKER

In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997, as amended.

Accountability

Responsible to the WAMS Board of Directors via the Chief Executive Officer

Job Summary

Provide Public Health Care Programs to Walgett, Gungahlin and Namoi community members.

Work with other members of the health team to assist in the provision of Public Health Care Programs to Brewarrina, Collarenebri and surrounding areas.

Assist in the day to day conduct of WAMS.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential: To be of Aboriginal descent; current NSW driver's licence; ability to communicate effectively with the general public; previous experience in working in public health or a related field; demonstrated knowledge of Public Health needs of Aboriginal people.

Desirable: Knowledge of communities serviced by WAMS; tertiary qualifications in Public Health or a related field; current First Aid Certificate; computer literate; demonstrated ability to work with electronic data bases.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER

(BASED AT COLLARENEBRI)

In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997, as amended.

Accountability

Responsible to the WAMS Board of Directors via the Chief Executive Officer

Job Summary

Provide Primary Health Care services to the Collarenebri community. Work with other members of the WAMS health team to assist in the provision of Primary Health Care to the Collarenebri community.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential: To be of Aboriginal descent; current NSW driver's licence; ability to communicate effectively with the general public; interest in primary health care; computer literate.

Desirable: Previous experience working in health or health related fields; tertiary qualifications in Aboriginal Health or related field; current First Aid Certificate; knowledge of the Collarenebri community; ability to maintain an accurate electronic data base.

This employment is conditional on the basis that a successful Criminal Record Check/Working With Children Check has been received by NSW Department of Health.

Salary is dependent upon qualifications and experience, in accordance with the Aboriginal Health Services Award. Job Description available on request.

Applications addressed in writing to: The Chairperson, The Board of Directors, Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Limited, PO Box 396, WALGETT NSW 2832.

Closing Date: 9 November, 2007.

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Exploration Permit Number	Location (Refer to diagram below)	Description of Area of Application* (Refer to diagram below)	Current Holders
EPM10834	Location of Excluded Land Approx. 23 km ENE of Almaden Centred at approximate Lat 17°18'S Long 144°54'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land Area: 3 km ² Block Identification Map: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1 lat x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1091 1	Mark Francis Porter

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 1456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map. Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code "a" to "z" omitting "i". Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) pursuant to and subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August 2003. On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Exploration Permit(s). This authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Exploration Permit(s).

Name and address of person doing Acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) will be granted by the Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, Coorparoo, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed future Acts including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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: qltreg@fedcourt.gov.au

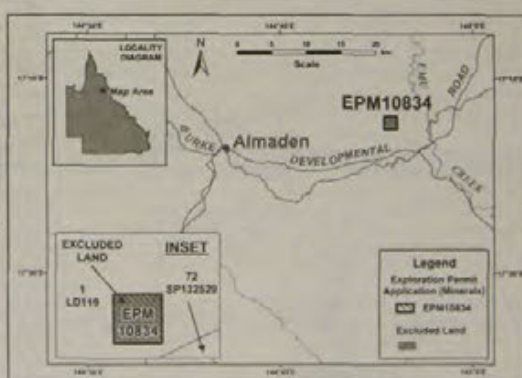
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 14 November 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS 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 miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

No & Purpose	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
39/778 Search for Groundwater	Independence Group NL AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	19165.94 ha	19km SE of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 29°07' Long 124°24'	Laverdon/Moravia

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 24 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 **24 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 acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 24 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 3826.

Public Notice

Section 80 Water Resource (Burdekin Basin) Plan 2007 Notification of existing works to take overland flow water

- This notice applies to existing works for the taking of overland flow water within the area to which the *Water Resource (Burdekin Basin) Plan 2007* ('Burdekin Plan') applies ('plan area').
- An indicative map of the Burdekin plan area is shown below. The boundary locations are held in digital electronic form by the Department of Natural Resources and Water and may be inspected at the department's Townsville office.
- This notice does not apply to works for the take of overland flow water:
 - for stock and domestic purposes;
 - for another purpose if the works have a capacity of not more than 250 megalitres;
 - under a water licence;
 - of not more than the amount necessary to satisfy the requirements of an environmental authority or development permit for carrying out an environmentally relevant activity under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*; or
 - if that is contaminated agricultural runoff water as defined in the 'Code for Assessable Development for Operational Works for Taking Overland Flow Water'.
- In this notice, reference to existing works means works that allow the taking of overland flow water where those works were—
 - in existence on 17 January 2002; or
 - started, but not completed by 17 January 2002 and—
 - if a variation to a moratorium notice was granted for the works under section 27 of the *Water Act 2000*—have been, or are being, completed in accordance with the moratorium notice, as varied; or
 - if subparagraph (i) does not apply—were completed by 30 June 2002; or
 - for works to which the moratorium notice did not apply—started before the commencement of the plan.
- If you are a landholder within the plan area and you have existing works that take overland flow water:
 - your take of overland flow water using those existing works is authorised under the Burdekin Plan for 12 months from the date the Burdekin Plan commences; and
 - for your authorisation to take overland flow water using those existing works to continue, you must notify the Department of your works using the notification form, by 2 August 2008.
- Where notification of existing works is not provided to the department, the take of overland flow using those existing works will no longer be authorised and continued take will result in a breach of the *Water Act 2000*.
- A notification kit containing the notification form and associated guidelines is available from the department's Ayr office (Little Drysdale St, Ayr) or by contacting the department on (07) 4783 0423.



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Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE (HACC) SERVICES

REQUEST FOR TENDER

DADHC.07.36

2007-2008 Service Expansion

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is conducting a Request for Tender from organisations to provide a range of services to support frail older people, younger people with a disability and their carers under the HACC Program across New South Wales. Services to be provided include Allied Health, Case Management, Centre-based Day Care and Transport, Counselling Support Information and Advocacy, Home Maintenance (lawn mowing only), Respite, Social Support and Formal Linen Service. The program is administered by DADHC and jointly funded by the New South Wales and Australian Governments.

To obtain a profile of funding available under this tender process go to www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/tenders or contact the hotline listed below.

Detailed specifications for each service sought, describing the nature of the service, the location, funding and the minimum requirements necessary to successfully deliver the services are available as part of the information package.

To obtain an information package and an application form go to the DADHC website, email etenders@dadhc.nsw.gov.au, telephone 1800 880 027 between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on weekdays, or fax on (02) 8270 2090.

Applications close **5pm Friday 23 November 2007**.

These services are advertised contingent on the signing of a HACC Annual Plan by the Australian Government.

04/07/07

CASEWORKERS OUT OF HOME CARE

Two positions up for grabs \$59500 to \$65500 packaged including super
35 hours per week full-time. Based in Liverpool, Sydney.

Established in 1999, our client is an indigenous community-based organisation based in Liverpool that provides Aboriginal child protection services and community program initiatives to the indigenous community of SouthWest Sydney. Our client develops and implements best practice in its management and service provision and is recognised as a leading Aboriginal organisation in the sector.

The aim of the organisation is to deliver a range of quality services and initiatives that include Indigenous out of home care (OOHC) supporting to the Indigenous community of South West Sydney. Primarily funded by the Department of Community Services (DoCS).

Our client has a strong working relationship with DoCS at a Central and Regional Office and has developed a number of key partnerships with other services and agencies in an effort to further support its clients.

These positions are to work within the Out of Home Care (OOHC) department as a caseworker. There are two positions that are available for the organisation.

For an information pack which includes a position description and selection criteria please contact Darryn Skelly on 02 92182383 or via e-mail on recruit5@bamardos.org.au

Every applicant must receive an information pack. Each applicant must address the selection criteria in a cover letter and also attaching a current CV/Resume.

Applications are to close by the 5th of November 2007 by 3pm, please have your applications in before then.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders persons are encouraged to apply.

SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



Koori Men's Outreach Worker

Shoalhaven and Eurobodalla

Three year full-time position

Are you an Aboriginal man living in the Shoalhaven
or Eurobodalla Shires?

Would you like to do an exciting new job supporting Aboriginal Men with family violence or drug and alcohol problems?

The Men's Outreach Worker will work for the South/Far South Coast Regional Substance Use Service at Falls Creek.

You will provide casework and help men to access other Services through transport, referral and advocacy. You will also organise groups, train volunteers and organise camps and community education programs.

Salary - Between \$16 to \$22 per hour depending on skills and experience.

For a copy of the job description and an application form contact Kerry Mooney on 02 4447 8037

For help and support with putting in your application phone Rachel Wallace by telephoning: 02 4447 8037

Closing Date: by 5pm 2nd November, 2007.

Lodging Applications Applications should include the application form, a CV, contact details for two references, and responses to the selection criteria.

Send the application by mail or fax to: Ms Anne Greenaway, Chief Executive Officer, South Coast Medical Service, Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 548, NOWRA NSW 2541. Fax (02) 4428 6602.



Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 9/10, Aboriginal Strategic Coordination Unit, Position No: DJJ07/160. Total remuneration package valued up to \$96,925 pa including salary (\$79,188 to \$87,263 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for coordinating, monitoring and evaluating the Department of Juvenile Justice Aboriginal Strategic Plan (ASP) through effective consultation and liaison with key internal and external stakeholders. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. A practical understanding of Aboriginal community resources, agencies and youth networks, including their operating methods. Sound knowledge of and experience in project coordination/management and processes. Knowledge of data quality issues and experience in corporate reporting. Knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander young people in the juvenile justice system. High-level organisation, time management and prioritisation skills including ability to coordinate multiple, concurrent tasks and meet tight deadlines. Negotiation and conflict resolution skills. Ability to work independently and achieve project outcomes with limited supervision. Analytical and problem-solving skills and experience in developing strategic directions in collaboration with key stakeholders. High-level written/oral communication and presentation skills. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

Notes: Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious Sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Inquiries: Joe Hedger (02) 9219 9534.

Information Packages: Jodie Treweek (02) 9219 9444.

Applications marked "Confidential": to: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 9 November 2007.

04/07/07



Reconciliation Australia Finance/HR Assistant

Reconciliation Australia is the independent, not-for-profit organisation leading the national movement for reconciliation between the wider community and Indigenous Australians.

The primary role of the Finance/HR Assistant is to provide support in managing and maintaining the financial and human resource systems for Reconciliation Australia. The role may also include assisting with IT support and cross-team projects.

We are looking for a person who shares the values of our organisation. The person should be keen to work in a changing and flexible environment. The person will have strong numerical and organisational skills, be able to handle competing priorities and to work systematically with good attention to detail and accuracy.

Applicants with sound experience in accounts processing is essential. Knowledge of Great Plains and/or Pay Global would be useful, but not required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

A detailed job description is available from www.reconciliation.org.au. Salary is in the range of \$45,000 to \$55,000 plus superannuation depending on experience and skills.

Applications close Friday 2 November 2007.

Written Applications should be directed to: Deborah Burton, Finance/HR Manager, Reconciliation Australia, PO Box 4773, Kingston ACT 2604, phone 02 6273 9200. Email: deborah.burton@reconciliation.org.au

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (AICHS)

FULL TIME MEDICAL DOCTOR (10 months Fixed Term)

Remuneration will be negotiated with the successful candidates, based on skills and experience
Community Health Organisation Based at West End

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (AICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

We are seeking applications for a Full-Time Medical Doctor (GP) for a fixed term of 10 months to provide quality medical care in accordance with the philosophies of the Aboriginal Community Health Services Brisbane Mission Statement and RACGP Standards.

This position is classified in accordance with the ASMOF Award 1992 (classification level is dependent upon an assessment of skills, qualifications and experience)

For a Position Description for this position, please e-mail vacancy@aichs.org.au or contact Kym Hearn on (07) 3393 0055

Enquiry Details:

Please submit your Resume to: Confidential Kym Hearn, HR & OD Advisor, PO Box 8112, Woolloongabba Qld 4102

AICHS is an equal employment opportunity employer and applies merit based selection techniques to ensure that the best person for the position is selected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for vacant positions.

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.

AMBULANCE SERVICE OF NSW

COMMUNICATION ASSISTANTS

Communication Assistants, Eveleigh, Permanent Part-Time, Position Number 297/07. Total remuneration package valued to: \$51,584 p.a. (\$41,168-\$46,746) There are a number of part time positions and the attached salaries are the full time amounts. The actual salary paid will be pro rated on actual hours work.

These are frontline positions to receive, record and progress telephone calls relating to the business of the Ambulance Service, and requests for the provision of ambulance services.

Selection Criteria: Experience in the use of windows based computer applications and direct data entry, preferably in a call centre environment. Excellent communication skills, both written and oral. Ability to work as a team member in a critical environment. Typing skills of thirty (30) words per minute with an accuracy of ninety five percent (95%). Typing certificate (to Australian Standards and not older than 6 months) must be provided. Possess a First Aid Certificate with re-certification every three years and an understanding of medical terminology. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Hours of employment are between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday

Inquiries: Maxine Puustinen (02) 8396 5145 Email: mpuustinen@ambulance.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Telephone: (02) 8752 0406 or E.aargent@ambulance.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Divisional Personnel Officer, Sydney, Sydney Divisional Office, Level 1, 75 Carlton Crescent, SUMMER HILL NSW 2130.

Closing Date: Friday 26 October 2007.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- 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
08/389	North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	682.08ha	18km SWly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°44' Long 116°11'	Ashburton
08/390	North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	813.3ha	40km SWly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°47' Long 116°58'	Ashburton
08/393	North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	501.11ha	38km Wly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°39' Long 115°57'	Ashburton
08/396-7, 08/426-39 & 08/442-6	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd	17520.42ha	Salmon Wly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°42' Long 115°42'	Ashburton
26/559 & 26/669	Pamela Jean Buchhorn	1101.36ha	8km Wly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°24'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/573, 26/581, 26/622 & 26/776	Norkal Pty Ltd Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd	1694.32ha	13km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°35'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/577 & 26/625	Norkal Pty Ltd Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd	330.96ha	12km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°35'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/631, 26/645, 26/661-2 & 26/713	Norkal Pty Ltd Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd	1827.58ha	5km NWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°36'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/704 & 26/705	Pamela Jean Buchhorn Shadrach Pty Ltd	207.80ha 370.42ha	11km NWly of Kalgoorlie 30km Nly of Leonora	Lat 30°47' Long 121°23' Lat 27°53' Long 120°37'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Leonora

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 24 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 any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 24 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. 24 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 applications for determination of native title in the State of Queensland

Notification day: 7 November 2007

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane QLD 4003, on or before 6 February 2008.

After 6 February 2008, the Federal Court's permission to become

a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.

Map	Application name	Federal Court File No:	Date filed	Registration test status
1	Wanamara People Core Country Claim	QUD460/06	27 November 2006	The Native Title Registrar has <i>accepted</i> this application for registration.
2	Yirindali People Core Country Claim	QUD495/06	13 December 2006	The Native Title Registrar has <i>accepted</i> this application for registration.
3	Wangan and Jagalingou People	QUD65/04	27 May 2004	The Native Title Registrar has <i>accepted</i> this application for registration.



Location: The area subject to this application covers about 13,520km² and is located approximately 400km south-west of Townsville in the vicinity of Richmond as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Richmond Shire Council and Flinders Shire Council.



Location: The area subject to this application covers about 40,410km² and is located approximately 220km south-west of Townsville in the vicinity of Hughenden as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Richmond Shire Council, Flinders Shire Council and Dalrymple Shire Council.



Location: The area subject to this application covers about 30,280km² and is located in the vicinity of Clermont and Alpha, approximately 250km north-west of Emerald as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Aramac Shire Council, Belyando Shire Council, Broadshire Shire Council, Jericho Shire Council and Peak Downs Shire Council.

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 & Water, Queensland.

For assistance and further information contact Louise Casson on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

Namatjira Haven Drug & Alcohol Healing Centre Alstonville NSW

Namatjira Haven is a government funded 14 bed residential centre based on the North Coast of NSW servicing the needs of Aboriginal men who require assistance in dealing with substance abuse and domestic/family violence issues. Currently we are looking for someone with the right qualifications, skills, ambition and attitude to fill this opportunity.

Team Leader

Sacs Grade 4. Full time/5 days/38 hours per week.

Applicants will need to have experience in a community based organisation, knowledge of current trends in their area of expertise, an understanding and appreciation of the issues faced

by Aboriginal communities, excellent verbal and written communication skills, good PC skills using MS applications, the ability to work well within a multidisciplinary team and a current driver's licence.

Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria as outlined in the information pack and complete Prohibited Employment (Child Protection) and Criminal Records Check forms. Information packs may be obtained by phoning Dian Challinor, Administration Officer on (02) 66 28 1098. These appointments are subject to a 6 month probationary period and salary sacrifice will also be available after this period.

Applications close on 12/11/07.

Aboriginal Legal Access Program Community Development Worker (Part-Time)

Macarthur Legal Centre requires an energetic Indigenous community development worker to drive an exciting legal justice project. Your task will be to strategically achieve better access to legal support services for local Indigenous peoples through a community consultative process. Applications must address the selection criteria posted on the macarthurlegal.org.au website.

Applications close: Friday 2 November 2007.

Enquiries to: Dennis Bryant or Vala for recruitment pack on (02) 4628 2042.

General Manager

National Indigenous Centre for
Enterprise Development
Wondal Queensland



Are you ready to make a difference and take charge of an emerging business in an exciting growth phase?

SLF is a not for profit organization that cultivates success in young Indigenous people by offering them employment and training opportunities.

We are looking for a motivated and resilient individual to lead our diverse operations near Wondal in the South Burnett. Ideally, you have extensive experience managing medium sized operations with highly developed relationship management skills and business acumen. You should also be able to project manage, plan and schedule across a multi faceted business covering rural, land management and hospitality enterprises.

Whilst not a prerequisite, formal qualifications in business or another relevant field would be well regarded. Experience working in a culturally diverse environment would also be an advantage.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate including FBT exempt salary sacrifice.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

SLF welcomes written applications from interested persons by 9 November 2007 to: The Chief Executive Officer

Silver Lining Foundation Ltd, PO Box 2178, TOOWONG QLD 4066

Confidential enquiries can be made to Mike O'Neill or Brett Davis on 07 33108890 or by email to slf@silverlining.net.au

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16117	Approx. 35 km WSW from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.18°57'S Long.143°50'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge	Area: 363 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 112 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2517 y, z 2518 d, e, h, j, k, m, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2519 a, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2590 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, p, u 2591 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 2592 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 2663 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2664 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w	Glengarry Resources Limited 009 468 099
EPM16319	Approx. 75 km SSE from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.19°28'S Long.144°31'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Dalrymple and Etheridge	Area: 61 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2958 j, k, o, p, t, u, z 2959 f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w, x, y 3031 c, d	Glengarry Resources Limited 009 468 099
EPM16345	Part 1: Approx. 118 km S from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.19°57'S Long.144°0'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Flinders Part 2: Approx. 130 km S from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat.20°02'S Long.143°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Flinders	Area of Part 1: 129 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont, Cloncurry, Normanton and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 40 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Clermont 1 h, e, g, h, i, m, n Cloncurry 72 n, o, p Normanton 3384 k, p, u, z 3456 e, k Townsville 3311 f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3385 a, b, c, f, g, h, m, n, r, s, w, x Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 72 1	Glengarry Resources Limited 009 468 099

* 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, 2001 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.

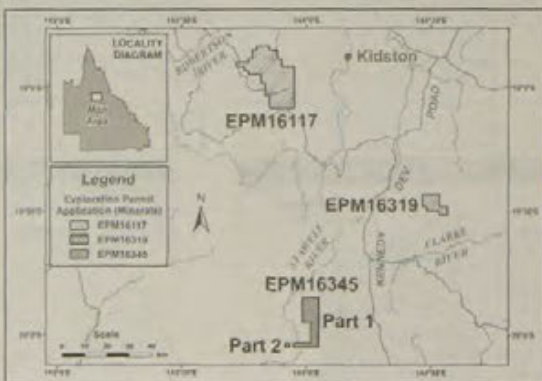
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3240 3100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 14 November 2007



Aboriginal Community Development Officer

\$66,087 - \$74,167 pa plus super

The City is seeking to employ an Aboriginal Community Development Officer. You will have the ability to communicate with and have demonstrated knowledge of the needs and strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

You will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, and have experience leading effective community development processes with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, communities and organisations.

You will also have the ability to plan, develop, manage and promote projects, organise large events and achieve significant involvement from members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in programs.

You will have experience in establishing partnerships with government and non-government bodies and forming and supporting advisory bodies.

You will have excellent communication skills, strong organisational skills and the ability to manage complex projects. A degree in Social Work, Community Development or a related field will be advantageous.

Visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs for a position description. For further information contact Tara Day, Manager Social Policy & Program on 9246 7578 or via email tday@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au. Applications should be made on line via our website by Friday 9 November 2007, quoting the job title and Ref. No S057950.

Equal Employment Opportunity is the policy of City of Sydney



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

city of villages
The Voice of Indigenous Australia

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

TREATMENT CO-ORDINATOR, ABORIGINAL

HSO Psychologist/HSO Aboriginal male counsellor to work with parents who have seriously abused children. A unique position in a team which works with families and communities. Providing community consultation and education as well as interagency work is part of this role. Extensive support provided. Suitable candidates for this position under sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Enquiries: Karen Parsons 9591 8199. Area Services - Cumberland. Ad No: 66102. Close Date: 02.11.07

Please visit the Area's webpage on www.wsahts.nsw.gov.au
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Student Support Officer School of Arts and Social Sciences (several positions)

Vacancy ID 27079

For full details, including selection criteria, first go to www.scu.edu.au/jobs

Enquiries:

Ms Margot Howard phone: (02) 6620 3603
email: margot.howard@scu.edu.au

Closing date: Friday, 2 November 2007

Committed to equal opportunity, occupational health and safety and cultural diversity.



ABORIGINAL LIAISON PROJECT OFFICER

South Australian Dental Service
\$59,236 - \$66,356 - Perm F/T - ASOS

Working with the Community Health Promotion Project Officer, you'll be responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating the Aboriginal Liaison Project for the SA Dental Service. With demonstrated experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and health workers, you'll bring knowledge of managing complex projects which have significant organisational and community impacts. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply. Job Ref: 7926

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The New South Wales Department of State and Regional Development is the first point of contact within Government for companies wishing to do business in NSW.

Aboriginal Business Development Manager (Western NSW)

Orange or Dubbo

Clerk Grade 9/10, Permanent Full-Time,
Position No: 07/166

The total remuneration package is valued up to \$96,295 per annum (\$79,188-\$87,263) and employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position will be responsible for increasing the number and success of regional Aboriginal business enterprises by initiating, coordinating, implementing, managing and reviewing services and programs available to support Aboriginal business clients.

The successful applicant will have knowledge of business management, operations and trends as well as the capacity to develop an understanding of the client and their business needs. For full selection criteria, please go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Greg Beiler (02) 6360 8414

Information Packages: business.north@business.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Human Resource Administrator, State and Regional Development, GPO Box 5477, Sydney NSW 2001

Closing Date: 9 November 2007

Public Notice

Applications call for membership of state-wide Resource Operations Plan - Referral Panel (Water Act 2000)

The Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Water is looking for people with high level skills in:

- Interpreting government legislation, policies and procedures;
- Analysing complex issues; and
- Framing recommendations.

Successful candidates will join a state-wide Referral Panel convened by the Department. Panel members will receive a daily sitting fee in accordance with the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations policies for Board Members (remuneration level C2). Members will also be reimbursed for travel expenses in line with State government standards.

The Referral Panel plays a significant role in reviewing public submissions on draft resource operations plans and makes recommendations to the Department's chief executive. Resource operations plans are 'operating manuals' for the management of a catchment's water resources.

Applications for appointment to the Referral Panel are invited. An Information Package is available by ringing (07) 3224 2118 and asking for a package to be sent, emailed or faxed to you. The Information Package provides details on how to apply, including the selection criteria, an outline of the specific functions of the Panel and the remuneration levels. Applicants must address each selection criteria and include a resume.

For additional information please contact Ms Liz Gardiner (07) 322 42336.

Applications must be received by 5.00 p.m. 23 November 2007.

Scott Spencer

Director-General

Department of Natural Resource and Water



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

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EPM16076 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 34 km WNW from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°37'S Long.147°23'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Belyando Part 2: Approx. 15 km W from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°48'S Long.147°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Belyando Part 3: Approx. 23 km WNW from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°44'S Long.147°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Belyando	Area of Part 1: 237 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 75 (each 1lat x 1long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2200 j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2201 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 2202 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2272 d, e, j, k, o, p, u, z 2273 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 2274 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, w 2345 a, b, c, h, j, o, t, u 2346 b Area of Part 2: 38 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1lat x 1long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2418 h, n, o, s, t, u, x, y, z 2419 q, v 2491 a Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1lat x 1long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2346 v	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017

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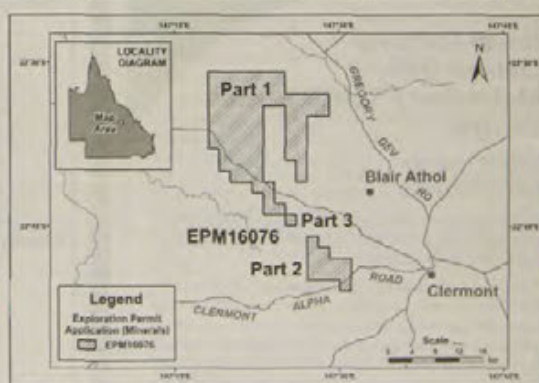
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Notification Day: 14 November 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Ngalingah Local Aboriginal Land Council (NALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the NALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

CEO Wages to commence at \$52,400 plus PBI Salary Sacrifice.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer, Patricia King, by email: ngalingah@bigpond.com or on (02) 6621 5541 (office).

Applications can be forwarded to: The Chairperson, Ngalingah Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 981, Lismore, NSW 2480.

Applications close Monday, 5th November 2007.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



NOTICE TO GRANT RETENTION 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 retention licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
70/29	Iuka Resources Ltd	672.89ha	22km N'y of Margaret River	Lat 33°45' Long 115°06'	Busseton

Nature of the act: Grant of retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 24 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 **24 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 acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **24 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 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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EPM14851	Approx. 79 km E from Parnerville. Centred at approximate Lat.16°09'S Long.144°48'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 329 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 9 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 10 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 11 i, q, v, w, x, y 81 d, e 82 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 83 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w 154 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, z	Queensland Epithermal Minerals Ltd 010 544 822
EPM16291	Part 1: Approx. 65 km W from Parnerville. Centred at approximate Lat.16°09'S Long.143°28'E. Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cook and Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 36 km W from Parnerville. Centred at approximate Lat.16°01'S Long.143°45'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area of Part 1: 276 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 84 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks Mitchell River 3379 v 3450 o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3451 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y Normanton 65 j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 66 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, q, r, v, w 67 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 137 b, c, d, e, g, h, j 138 a, b Area of Part 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 69 c, k, p	Consolidated Exploration NQ Pty Ltd 123 777 195
EPM16326	Approx. 114 km NW from Parnerville. Centred at approximate Lat.15°07'S Long.143°31'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 331 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 2658 d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2659 a, b, c, f, g, h 2730 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2731 a, b, f, g, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2732 f, l, q 2802 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2803 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, q, r, v, w	Diamantina Uranium Pty Ltd 124 764 316
EPM16374	Approx. 76 km WNW from Parnerville. Centred at approximate Lat.15°48'S Long.143°24'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 253 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 77 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 3304 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 3305 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 3306 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 3376 d, e, j, k 3377 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 3378 a, b, c, d, f, g, h	Delminco Pty Ltd 010 489 924
EPM16376	Approx. 36 km NNW from Parnerville. Centred at approximate Lat.15°42'S Long.143°57'E. Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 330 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooktown and Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks Cooktown 3097 i, m, q, r, v, w 3169 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 3241 a, b, f, g Mitchell River 3167 n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3168 i, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3239 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3240 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 3311 h, c, d, e 3312 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k	Delminco Pty Ltd 010 489 924

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Manager, Indigenous Initiatives Unit

Children, Youth and Families
Child Protection and Family Services Branch
\$85,350 - \$114,216 (+ superannuation)
Full time, ongoing

This position oversees the DHS Child Protection, Indigenous Initiatives Unit and a team of staff who support the operation and policy development requirements of the Child Protection and Family Services Branch as it pertains to vulnerable or at risk Aboriginal children, young people and their families. You will oversee the development of policy, analyse data and produce reports of emerging trends and issues and develop the evidence base to support effective service responses. You will work in partnership with key stakeholders in the child protection and out-of-home care system both within and external to the Department in a way that is inclusive, culturally respectful and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal children, their families and community.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Chris Asquini on (03) 9096-7061. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/CYF/70035349

Applications close Sunday 4 November 2007

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices

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Koori Cultural Liaison Officer Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre

\$48,714 - \$56,017
Fulltime/Ongoing

Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre accommodates young men aged 18-21 years sentenced to a Senior Youth Training Centre Order by the Adult Courts in Victoria.

We are looking for a highly skilled and enthusiastic person to join our multidisciplinary team. As the Koori Cultural Liaison Officer, you will be responsible for providing a support service to the centre relating to issues of gender, race, cultural background, age and sexuality when dealing with clients, their families and other service providers.

An understanding of these complex issues is imperative to performing this role.

The successful applicant will be required to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, therefore a sound knowledge and understanding of Victorian Aboriginal culture is required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. If you require assistance with your application please contact Wayne McEwen on 9096 9367.

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Alternatively, you can obtain a copy of the job description by ringing 5421 3186.

Please quote reference no DHS/YJC5/44199
5 November 2007

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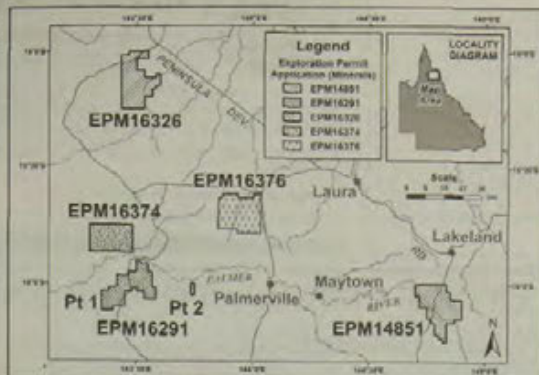
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EPM16145	Approx. 41 km NE from Monto Centred at approximate Lat.24°41'S Long.151°29'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Kolan, Calliope, Miriam Vale, Monto and Perry	Area: 312 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 449 p, u, z 450 l, q, v 521 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 522 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 594 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 595 a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w 666 d, e, j, k, o, p, u, z 667 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 739 a, d	Acapulco Mining Pty Ltd 067 983 582

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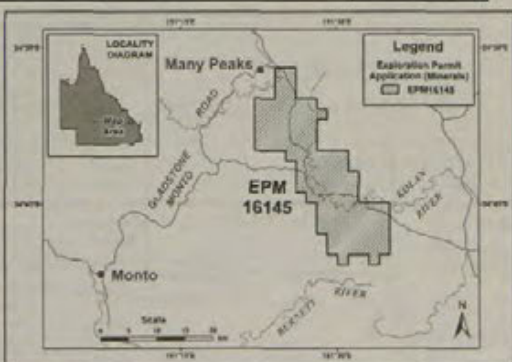
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Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST

Clerk Grade 5/6
Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Tenancy Management, Grafton
Temporary Part-Time
Position No. DOH-07-08221

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa). Full time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$33.47 ph - \$36.93 ph

Job Description: The role provides greater expertise in dealing with clients with severe/multiple support and housing needs that may affect their current or future tenancies and ensures continuity of specialist assistance to these clients.

Selection Criteria:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications or extensive human services industry experience.
- Excellent communication, including negotiation, mediation, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with support needs.
- Understanding and ability to liaise with a variety of human service client groups and organisations.
- Ability to initiate and develop networks, to work in a multi-disciplinary team and liaise with internal stakeholders.
- Experience in managing a range of complex tasks and setting priorities.
- Capacity to train and support other team members.
- Current driver's licence.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS), and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary part-time (21 hours per week) position in Tenancy Management, located at Grafton for a period up to 30 June 2008 with possibility of extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act, 2002. Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains full details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Michelle Stubbs (02) 6650 1321.

Information Packages: NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Region Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email to: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 2 November 2007.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (IDENTIFIED)

Clerk Grade 2/4
Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Port Macquarie
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-07-08219

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa - \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Client Service Officer is responsible for the effective provision of a variety of housing services to a diverse range of clients and will be expected to be committed to providing quality service in the context of complex, difficult social issues.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Commitment to the principles of social housing and must be willing to undertake Certificate IV in Social Housing.
- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances including Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking background and people with disabilities.
- Ability to identify client needs, apply housing eligibility criteria and provide appropriate assistance, as well as computer literacy.
- Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including writing reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
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- Current Driver's licence.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate proof of Aboriginality. The position is in Tenancy Management, located in Port Macquarie. Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Jon Hart (02) 6651 1903 or 0427 603 129.

Information package: NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Region Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 2 November 2007.

02/11/07/02/01

Bangerang Cultural Centre Co-operative Ltd Project Manager

\$80 K - \$55 K per annum Plus superannuation
Contract period: 1 year
Location: Shepparton, Victoria

Bangerang Cultural Centre Co-operative Ltd seeks a project manager to assist in the commercial development of its Pine Road property in Shepparton. Project management skills and experience are essential to the position. These include the ability to plan, organise and manage resources and people to ensure that the project is completed within the defined scope, quality and cost constraints. A person experienced in working with architects and builders preferred.

A position description is available from: Marlene Atkinson marlenea@mcmedia.com.au 035831 1020 or 0429 313 020.

Applications close: 7th November, 2007. **Applications to:** Bangerang Cultural Centre Co-operative Ltd, PO Box 1380, Shepparton Victoria 3630.



Umeewarra Aboriginal Media Association

Radio Producer

Operations Officer 4
Until 30th June 2008

We are looking for a full time producer to produce our programs including a weekly program promoting local Aboriginal language and Aboriginal culture.

For further information and the Person Specification call (08) 86422422.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close: 16th November 2007.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 26302 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1589 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the SHAKESPEARE locality.



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Exploration Licence 26303 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 423 Blocks (1356 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the SHAKESPEARE locality.



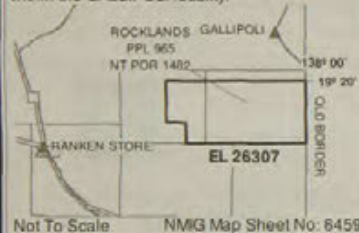
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Exploration Licence 26305 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1601 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the MIKADO locality.



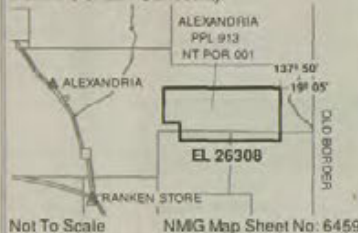
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Exploration Licence 26307 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1608 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the GALLIPOLI locality.



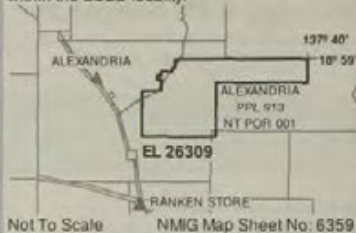
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Exploration Licence 26308 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1622 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the GALLIPOLI locality.



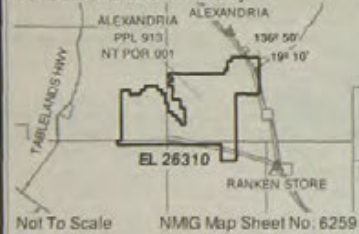
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Exploration Licence 26309 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1622 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the LULU locality.



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Exploration Licence 26310 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1620 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



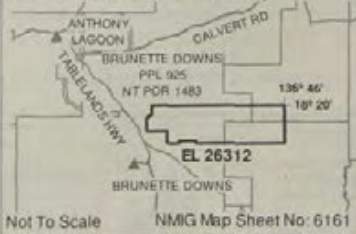
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Exploration Licence 26311 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1626 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the MITTIEBAH locality.



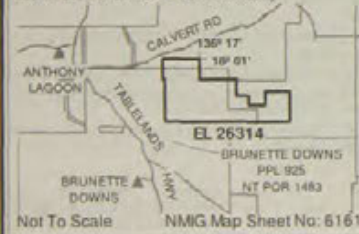
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Exploration Licence 26312 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1628 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the PARADISE BORE locality.



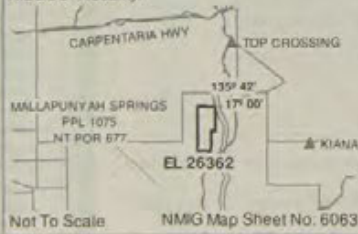
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Exploration Licence 26314 sought by AUSTRALIS EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 125 939 291 over an area of 500 Blocks (1633 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the PARADISE BORE locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6161

Exploration Licence 26362 sought by CASTILE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 124 314 085 over an area of 32 Blocks (105 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6063

Exploration Licence 26363 sought by CASTILE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 124 314 085 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYAH locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoin 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: 24 October 2007

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4

Northern NSW Housing Services Division - Coffs Harbour
Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)
Position No: DOH-07-08226

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa + \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Client Service Officer is responsible for the effective provision of a variety of housing services to a diverse range of clients and will be expected to be committed to providing quality service in the context of complex, difficult social issues.

Selection Criteria:

- Commitment to the principles of social housing and must be willing to undertake Certificate IV in Social Housing.
- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances including Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking background and people with disabilities.
- Ability to identify client needs, apply housing eligibility criteria and provide appropriate assistance.
- Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including writing reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Computer literacy.
- Current Driver's licence.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: Two positions are available in North Coast Access, located in Coffs Harbour. Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Mark McKiernan (02) 6650 1377.

Information package: NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Region Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 2 November 2007.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (IDENTIFIED)

Clerk Grade 2/4

Northern NSW Housing Services Division - Grafton
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-07-08222

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,570 per annum (Salary: \$49,012 pa + \$56,701 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Client Service Officer is responsible for the effective provision of a variety of housing services to a diverse range of clients and will be expected to be committed to providing quality service in the context of complex, difficult social issues.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Commitment to the principles of social housing and must be willing to undertake Certificate IV in Social Housing.
- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances including Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking background and people with disabilities.
- Ability to identify client needs, apply housing eligibility criteria and provide appropriate assistance, as well as computer literacy.
- Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including writing reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Current Driver's licence.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate proof of Aboriginality. The position is in Tenancy Management, located in Grafton. Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Michelle Stubbs (02) 6650 1321.

Information package: NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Region Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 2 November 2007.

NSW Department of Commerce
BUILDING APPRENTICESHIPS
 Office of Public Works and Services, Project Management
 Heritage and Building Services
POSITION NO: 2007/277
SALARY: Wage rates vary according to trade and age.
TRADE & LOCATION: Plumbing - one position, (Sydney)
 Stonemasonry - two positions, (Sydney)
 Carpentry - two positions (one in Sydney, one in Lake
 Macquarie/Newcastle area),
 Electrical - one position, (Sydney)
JOB STATUS: Temporary, full time for the duration of the
 apprenticeship

The Department of Commerce, Heritage and Building Services
 Branch is seeking applications for apprenticeships in the above
 trades. Successful applicants will be indentured for the term of
 their apprenticeship and will commence with the Department in
 January 2008.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Undertaking or completed the School Certificate or
 equivalent, completed a pre-apprenticeship course or
 currently undertaking a trade course.
- Demonstrated knowledge, aptitude and commitment to
 selected trade.

NOTE: Applicants will be required to submit school or TAFE
 reports and references with their applications.

ENQUIRIES: Mick Gray, Resource Manager, (02) 96725165 or
 mobile 0418492134

INFORMATION PACKAGE: Information Packages and
 Application Forms are available from Vena McGrath on
 (02) 9672 5158.

APPLICATIONS TO: Mark "Confidential" to: Mick Gray,
 Resource Manager, Heritage and Building Services, PO Box
 285 DOONSIDE NSW 2767.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT REPORTING SERVICES BRANCH SOUND REPORTER MONITOR (VARIOUS)

Clerk, Grade 1-2, Sydney CBD & Parramatta, Various, Position
 Number AG07/1063. Total remuneration package valued to:
 \$55,567 p.a. (\$46,320-\$50,356) Employer's contribution to
 superannuation and annual leave loading.

Complete the monitoring, recording and preparation of audio
 tapes and logs for the proceedings of assigned Courts and
 Tribunals to provide an accurate, complete and official record.
Selection Criteria: Aboriginality; Ability to operate PC's and
 audio equipment; Ability to understand different jurisdictions,
 terminology, the operating practice and protocols; Ability to set
 up and use various types of recording equipment, including
 amplification and remote witness equipment, where required;
 Good customer service and communication skills with the
 ability to effectively liaise and relate with members of the judicial
 and legal staff; High levels of concentration, precision and
 accuracy; Ability to be professional in hearing and recording
 evidence that may be at times distressing and violent evidence;
 Ability to work in teams to meet client and RSB needs; Common
 selection criteria also apply.

Notes: These positions are targeted for Aboriginal people
 under the Department's Aboriginal Employment Strategy.
 There are currently 6 positions to be filled from this recruitment
 exercise within the Sydney CBD and 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: Lisa Manning (02) 9228 8392 Email:
 lisa_manning@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Lisa Manning (02) 9228 8392

Applications Marked 'Confidential': 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 02 November 2007 PSNC 987420.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT TEACHER, LITERACY

Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07616. Total
 remuneration package valued to: \$76,138 p.a. (\$61,549-\$68,968)
 Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to
 superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for delivering accredited Literacy and English
 programs to offenders and providing administrative and case
 management support for these programs. **Selection Criteria:**
 Degree or Graduate Diploma in Education or equivalent; Degree
 or Graduate Diploma which includes Literacy or English
 subjects; Experience teaching adults or demonstrated
 knowledge of adult teaching principles; Demonstrated
 knowledge of quality assurance practices which comply with
 national standards; Ability to provide flexible course delivery to
 meet learner needs and institutional constraints; Ability to
 undertake administrative duties related to teaching.
 Understanding of Case Management and Throughcare
 strategies; Ability to work effectively as part of a multi-
 disciplinary team. Well developed interpersonal and
 communication skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: A Degree or Graduate Diploma in Education which
 includes teaching subjects in the core learning area will meet
 both qualification criteria. Applicants are requested to provide e-
 mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should
 be a current or recent supervisor. Applicants must include a
 signed Applicant Declaration form and copies of qualifications
 and academic transcripts. Originals must be brought to
 interview. Note that overseas qualifications must be
 accompanied with relevant statement of Australian equivalent.
 An eligibility list may be created to fill future permanent and
 temporary positions within the area. All staff will be required to
 attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the
 commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Jo McAlpin (02) 8346 1458 Email:
 Jo.McAlpin@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Email: Linda.Ernst@dcs.nsw.gov.au or
 (02) 8845 3730.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Human Resource
 Officer, Ground Floor, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Department
 of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW.

Closing Date: Friday 02 November 2007.

Inner West Aboriginal Community Company Ltd.

Tenant Advise Advocate Program

Essential Criteria: Aboriginality; experience in the role of
 Advocate; co-ordinate services; proven oral and written
 communication skills; experience to work independently and
 part of a team; experience report writing; demonstrated
 experience in case management and file management; proven
 presentation skills; computer skills; current NSW driver's
 licence; willingness to undertake training in Landlord and
 Tenants (Rental Bonds Act 1970) and Consumer, Trader and
 Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) Act 2001 and Residential Tenancies
 Act 1987.

Desirable: Experience in Landlord and Tenants (Rental Bonds
 Act 1970) and Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT)
 Act 2001 and Residential Tenancies Act 1987.

APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH POSITIONS TO BE SENT TO:
 IWACC, PO BOX 181, PETERSHAM, NSW, 2049.

Principal Policy Officer

We are seeking individuals who are passionate about building Strong Children, Strong Results and Strong Futures for
 Indigenous children in Queensland.

If this sounds like you then you are encouraged to apply for the Principal Policy Officer position in Brisbane within the
 Indigenous Education Branch of the Department of Education, Training and the Arts.

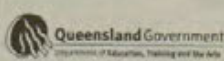
As a Principal Policy Officer you will be responsible for building relationships and working closely with others to
 ensure effective implementation of the Government's Indigenous education reform agenda and achieve quality
 education outcomes for Indigenous children and people.

In this role you will also prepare strategic advice for the Minister, Director-General, Deputy Director-General of
 Education, Assistant Director-General, Indigenous Education and Strategic Implementation, in particular and the
 Strategic Leadership Group generally.

A high regard will be placed on experience in and awareness of issues impacting on the delivery of education services
 to Indigenous people.

How to apply: To download the Selection Criteria visit our website: <http://jobs.govnet.qld.gov.au>
Closing date: Applications must be received by: Friday, 9 November,
 2007.

Further information: If you think you are interested or would like to find
 out further information contact Angela Leitch (Barney), Indigenous
 Education Policy Branch on (07) 3237 0808.



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
EPM16116	Approx. 72 km E from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat.18°41'S Long.139°56'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Carpentaria and Burke	Area: 308 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 95 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2113 e, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, w, x 2184 p, t, u, y, z 2185 b, f, g, l, q 2256 d, e, h, j, n, o, s, t, w, x, y 2327 t, u, x, y, z 2328 b, c, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w 2398 p, u, y, z 2399 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w 2400 a 2470 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y 2471 a 2542 h, c, d, g, h	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM16119	Approx. 62 km E from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat.18°37'S Long.139°51'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Carpentaria and Burke	Area: 188 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 58 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2182 e, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2183 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, o, q, c, s, t, v, w, x, y 2254 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2255 a, b, c, d, f, i 2326 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, s	Mt Isa Metals Pty Ltd 120 212 017
EPM16328	Approx. 37 km S from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat.18°59'S Long.139°13'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa and Burke	Area: 178 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 55 (each 1 lat.x 1 long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2463 x, y 2534 y, z 2353 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 2536 q, v 2606 d, e, j, k 2607 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, p, u 2608 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m	Zinifex Australia Limited 004 074 962

* 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, 2001 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.

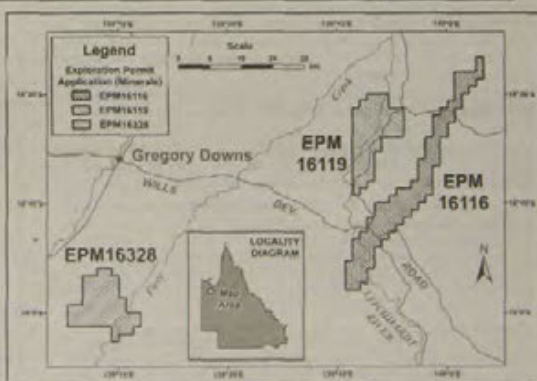
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification 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: 14 November 2007



Queensland Government
 Natural Resources and Water

Gidarjil Training Coordinator

Summary of the position: Gidarjil Development Corporation is an Aboriginal organization established to promote and support economic, social and cultural development in Indigenous communities in the Central Queensland and Wide Bay Burnett regions. This year it is setting up a Training Centre for employment and training support services from its base in Bundaberg. The Training Coordinator, reporting to the Managing Director, will be responsible for the provision of research and networking, the curriculum design and development of training programs and training delivery, support, coaching and mobilization of resources and the planning and implementation around the region. This position provides an excellent opportunity for an innovative and motivated person.

Specific responsibilities: Research and networking; curriculum design and development; training and mentoring delivery; management and administration; resource mobilisation.

Qualifications: The Training Coordinator will have the following qualifications and/or experience:

- Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training (or equivalent)
- At least five years experience in employment related training

The Training Coordinator will demonstrate a strong mix of the following attributes: Ability to communicate and work with Indigenous people and communities and a wide range of clients and stakeholders; passionate about capacity building and systematic change in communities to develop innovative training programs; solid experience in training and planning; management skills and experience; communication, interpersonal and cross-cultural skills; grant writing skills and knowledge of funding and finance sources; team building and participation skills; relevant qualifications; personal integrity and passion to help people achieve Gidarjil's goals; willingness to travel in the region including rural locations; good driving record and current license; intermediate computer and internet skills.

References: Please list the names and contact details of three referees who are able to vouch for the character and experience of the applicant.

Salary: The salary for this position is (SACS Award level 8) plus on-costs of superannuation, work-cover and statutory benefits. The Training Coordinator will be appointed for a contract period of one year, which may be renewed based on successful performance. A vehicle, working expenses and a fully equipped office base in Bundaberg are also provided. Relevant qualifications and cultural acumen and experience with Indigenous communities are desirable.

To register your interest and get further details, please contact: Mr Kerry Blackman, Ph: (07) 4153 6700 or 0412 760 501. Email: gidarjil@bigpond.com. Mailing Address: PO Box 2773, Bundaberg Qld, 4670.

Applications close 31st October 2007.



Community Caseworker Counsellor

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc is a community based organisation providing care and support to Aboriginal people who wish to lead an alcohol and drug free lifestyle by providing a complete substance misuse recovery pathway.

ASG, based in the CBD, is seeking a person with previous experience in drug and alcohol prevention and case management.

The position reports to the Assessment, Referral and Counselling Team Program Manager and is responsible for the provision of high quality intensive case management, counselling assessment and referral services to adult ASG clients as required.

The successful applicant will have well developed interpersonal skills with the ability to work effectively with people from urban and rural Aboriginal communities and agree to abide by ASG's policy of abstinence from drugs and alcohol at all times.

A tertiary qualification in social work or similar discipline is highly desirable.

This position is full time with a six month probationary period. Remuneration is as per the SACS Award level 4 with the option to Salary Sacrifice.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further information and a position description contact Kirsten Scudde on 8223 4204 or email kirstens@nunku.org.au

Written applications to K. Scudde, The Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc., 182-190 Wakefield St, Adelaide SA 5000, or by email kirstens@nunku.org.au by close of business 7th November 2007.

Training Manager and Health Worker Trainer Required

QATSIHWEAPAC is seeking suitably qualified persons for the roles of Training Manager and Health Worker Trainer (Traineeships). We are looking for versatile and self-motivated persons to join our training team in Cairns to provide culturally appropriate training for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples wanting a career in primary health care.

For further information and to obtain a copy of an application kit ring QATSIHWEAPAC on (07) 40331551.



Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature age workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

ASSISTANT PROJECT OFFICER (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 5/6, Aboriginal Strategic Coordination Unit, Position No: DJJ07/161. Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 pa including salary (\$61,128 to \$67,448 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for providing administrative support to the Aboriginal Strategic Coordination Unit by preparing and coordinating correspondence and briefings, undertaking special assignments and projects, undertaking data analysis and performing effective administration functions in order that the agency goals and objectives are achieved in relation to the Department of Juvenile Justice Aboriginal Strategic Plan (ASP).

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander young people in the juvenile justice system. A proven ability to plan, prioritise and meet tight deadlines in a high volume, demanding work environment. Experience in providing advice and high quality administrative support. Strong analytical, project planning and implementing skills. Excellent customer service, negotiation, interpersonal and communication skills. Ability to liaise with officers at all levels utilising sound judgement and discretion. Experience in the coordination and preparation of correspondence, including briefings and submissions. Capacity to work independently and exercise initiative. High-level computer and keyboard skills including word processing, Excel and PowerPoint. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

Notes: Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Inquiries: Joe Hedger (02) 9219 9534. Information Packages: Jodie Trewick (02) 9219 9444.

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 9 November 2007.

QATSIHWEAPAC

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
EPM16237	Approx. 56 km NW from Birdsville Centred at approximate Lat.25°30'S Long.139°0'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 309 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 [each 1°Lat x 1°Long.] Block Number Sub-blocks 1236 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 1237 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 1308 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 1309 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	Metex Resources Ltd 057 552 137
EPM16238	Approx. 63 km N from Birdsville Centred at approximate Lat.25°20'S Long.139°22'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area: 309 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 [each 1°Lat x 1°Long.] Block Number Sub-blocks 21096 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1097 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 1098 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w 1168 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1169 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 1170 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w	Metex Resources Ltd 057 552 137

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Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

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(p), 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, Woolloongahba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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.

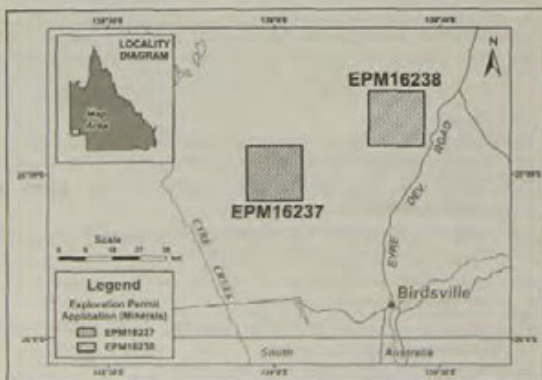
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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.

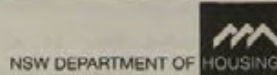
Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

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: 14 November 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST

Clerk Grade 5/6

Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Far North Coast Tenancy Team, Lismore

Permanent Full-Time
Position No. DOH-07-08215

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,429 per annum (Salary: \$61,128 pa - \$67,448 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The role provides greater expertise in dealing with clients with severe/multiple support and housing needs that may affect their current or future tenancies and ensures continuity of specialist assistance to these clients.

Selection Criteria:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications or extensive human services industry experience.
- Excellent communication, including negotiation, mediation, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with support needs.
- Understanding and ability to liaise with a variety of human service client groups and organisations.
- Ability to initiate and develop networks, to work in a multi-disciplinary team and liaise with internal stakeholders.
- Experience in managing a range of complex tasks and setting priorities.
- Capacity to train and support other team members.
- 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: Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package, which contains full details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Peter Lewis (02) 6623 2441.

Information Packages: NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100 or email: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Apply on-line: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Region Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email to: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 2 November 2007.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
COURT SERVICES

PROJECT OFFICER

CIRCLE SENTENCING (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 5-6, Walgett, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/1060. Total remuneration package valued to: \$74,429 p.a. (\$61,128-\$67,448) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position is responsible for the coordination of the circle sentencing program in Walgett. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Extensive knowledge of the local Aboriginal community and local Aboriginal culture; Knowledge of the NSW justice system; Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all socio-economic backgrounds; Experience in negotiating with Aboriginal organisations and government departments; Experience in organising information sessions, workshops and other educational forums; Current NSW driver's 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 Delaney (02) 9228 8656 Email: bradley_delaney@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Brad Delaney (02) 9228 8656.

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 02 November 2007 PSN/C 987417.

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EPM15560	Approx. 93 km SSW from Kowanyama Centred at approximate Lat. 16°14'S Long. 141°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Carpentaria	Area: 276 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 84 (each 1° lat x 1° long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 113 p, t, u, y, z 114 f, g, h, i, m, q, r, s, w 185 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 186 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, v 256 u, z 257 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 258 a, f, l, q 328 e 329 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k	Mineral Sands Limited 103 006 542

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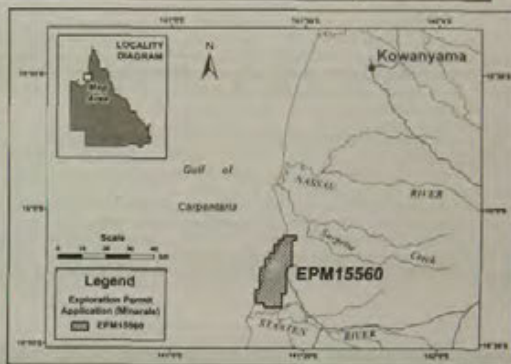
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Notification Day: 14 November 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **TRAFFORD RESOURCES LTD** ACN 112 257 299 ("Trafford") of Level 2, 679 Murray Street West Perth, WA 6005 and **IRONCLAD MINING LTD** ACN 124990405 ("Ironclad") of Level 4, 44 St Georges Terrace Perth, WA 6000 propose to undertake mining operations in an area located within Exploration Licences numbered 3021, 3095, 3190 and 3272 held by Trafford described below. Ironclad holds rights to certain minerals (viz. iron ore) in respect to these exploration licences.

A description of the various areas of Land ("Land") upon which mining operations may take place is as follows:

(a) **Eurilla Dam Area** (Exploration Licence 3021) approximately 80 km west of Whyalla bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°40'S and longitude 136°35'E, thence east to longitude 136°40'E, south to latitude 32°45'S, east to longitude 136°42'E, south to latitude 32°52'S, west to longitude 136°35'E, and north to the point of commencement;

(b) **Wilcherry Hill Area** (Exploration Licence 3095) approximately 45 km north of Kimba bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°36'S and longitude 136°27'E, thence east to longitude 136°35'E, south to latitude 32°49'S, west to longitude 136°22'E, north to latitude 32°43'S, east to longitude 136°27'E, and north to the point of commencement;

(c) **Valley Dam Area** (Exploration Licence 3190) approximately 105 km WSW of Port Augusta bounded by coordinates commencing at the point being the intersection of latitude 32°36'S, and longitude 136°35'E, thence east to longitude 136°43'E, south to latitude 32°37'S, west to longitude 136°40'E, south to latitude 32°40'S, west to longitude 136°35'E, and north to the point of commencement;

(d) **Peterlumbo Area** (Exploration Licence 3272) approximately 140 km west of Port Augusta bounded by coordinates commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°42'S and longitude 136°03'E, thence east to longitude 136°22'E, south to latitude 32°49'S, west to longitude 136°14'E, south to latitude 32°51'S, west to longitude 136°06'E, north to latitude 32°47'S, west to longitude 136°03'E, and north to the point of commencement.

(All the above latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated 6 October 1966.)

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Trafford and Ironclad propose to carry out exploratory operations on the Land to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation, including in particular iron ore mineralisation. Those operations will include reconnaissance, rotary mud drilling, downhole-probing, sampling and radiometric testing of drill cuttings, hand held photography and may include: gridding; mapping; aerial photography; airborne and ground magnet, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling, water sampling, hydrological studies; rotary air-blast drilling; core drilling; and include all things necessarily incidental to any such operations.

The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the Exploration Licence numbers 3021, 3095, 3190 and 3272 (which are subject to Native Title Determination Application SC97/7 Gawler Ranges Native Title Claim) and **Exploration Licence** numbers 3095 and 3272 (which are subject also to Native Title Determination Application SC96/4 Barngarla Native Title Claim) (including any

extensions or renewals of any of these exploration licences and any future exploration authority under the Mining Act over the Land or any part of it).

Trafford and Ironclad seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, Trafford or Ironclad may apply *ex parte* to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponents, Trafford or Ironclad, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months of the initiation of these negotiations, Trafford, Ironclad and any native title party or 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 (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:

Trafford Resources Ltd
Attention: Warwick Client (Chief Geologist)
Level 2, 679 Murray Street, West Perth, WA 6005
Tel: 08 9485 1040 Fax: 08 9485 1050

Ironclad Mining Ltd
Attention: Ken Hellsten
Level 4, 44 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000
Tel: 08 9485 1040 Fax: 08 9485 1050



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTernan, MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA. **SCHEDULE: LAND DESCRIPTION:** Whole of Lot 822 on Deposited Plan 218043 Volume 3110 Folio 811. Area: 1.17 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 218043. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than interests of the Crown. All rights created by the grant of existing mining tenements under Mining Acts 1904 and 1978 are also excluded. All rights created by Government agreements as defined in the Government Agreements Act 1979 are also excluded. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Conveyance and amalgamation with adjoining freehold property. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Conveyance and amalgamation with adjoining freehold property. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Surplus to government requirements and identified for sale. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 24 January 2008. **DPI FILE:** 01467-1990-04RO. **DPI REF:** 070574. **PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ian Allison, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9273 7353. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 24 January 2008. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 24 October 2007. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 24 January 2008. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001, telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated this 28th day of August in the year 2007.

ALANNAH MacTERNAN, MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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
15/960	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	14.73km ²	17km N of Coolgardie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°12'	Coolgardie
15/961	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	5.89km ²	18km SW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°18'	Coolgardie
15/975	New Hampton Goldfields Ltd	102.62km ²	12km SW of Kalbarra	Lat 31°15' Long 121°33'	Coolgardie
15/985	Borlor Resources NL Ian Roger Atkinson John Walter Davy	110.96km ²	44km E of Widgeemoo	Lat 31°36' Long 122°00'	Coolgardie
15/1003	Avoca Resources Ltd	5.86km ²	17km SE of Kalbarra	Lat 31°17' Long 121°49'	Coolgardie
15/1016	Angloplod Adair Australia Ltd	204.08km ²	62km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°47' Long 122°13'	Coolgardie/Dundas
15/1020	Mount Finney Pty Ltd	230.25km ²	61km E of Koolyabobbing	Lat 30°43' Long 120°09'	Coolgardie
15/1041	Heron Resources Ltd	47.45km ²	70km SW of Meridies	Lat 30°13' Long 120°39'	Coolgardie
27/343	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	8.85km ²	18km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/367	MPI Nickel Pty Ltd	17.74km ²	40km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/368	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	53.39km ²	52km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°17' Long 121°37'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1776	Heron Resources Ltd	301.19km ²	117km NW of Balladonia	Lat 31°29' Long 123°23'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1786	Carrick Gold Ltd	5.91km ²	65km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 122°04'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1787	Carrick Gold Ltd	5.91km ²	78km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 122°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/925	Maximus Resources Ltd	66.89km ²	62km E of Learner	Lat 27°56' Long 121°21'	Leonor
45/3072	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	644.07km ²	201km S of Broome	Lat 19°46' Long 122°26'	Broome/East Pilbara
45/3077-9 & 45/3082	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	2417.43km ²	167km N of Telfer	Lat 20°06' Long 122°47'	East Pilbara
45/3099	Artemis Resources Ltd	6.4km ²	48km NE of Marble Bar	Lat 21°00' Long 120°10'	East Pilbara
45/3104	Ian Kerr	89.3km ²	107km W of Telfer	Lat 21°23' Long 121°15'	East Pilbara
45/3111	Falcon Minerals Ltd	636.41km ²	178km N of Telfer	Lat 20°07' Long 121°54'	East Pilbara
46/744	Warwick John Flint	41km ²	37km SE of Newman	Lat 23°02' Long 120°52'	East Pilbara
46/745	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	318.68km ²	41km E of Newman	Lat 22°57' Long 120°57'	East Pilbara
47/1731	Geoscience and Investment NL	144.05km ²	42km E of Roebourne	Lat 20°45' Long 118°10'	Port Hedland Town/Roebourne
51/1240	Geotech International Pty Ltd	92.3km ²	122km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 26°04' Long 117°25'	Meekatharra/Murchison
52/2026	Beyonde Gold Pty Ltd	606.69km ²	157km S of Newman	Lat 24°46' Long 119°51'	Meekatharra
52/2027	Beyonde Gold Pty Ltd	623.19km ²	158km S of Newman	Lat 24°46' Long 119°58'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
52/2028	Beyonde Gold Pty Ltd	623.25km ²	164km S of Newman	Lat 24°48' Long 120°05'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
52/2045	Warwick Resources Ltd	411.08km ²	51km S of Newman	Lat 23°49' Long 119°41'	Meekatharra
53/1299	Qullen Exploration Pty Ltd	183.92km ²	131km E of Wiluna	Lat 26°35' Long 121°32'	Wiluna
53/1345	Piccadilly Resources Pty Ltd	201.42km ²	86km SE of Wiluna	Lat 27°08' Long 123°50'	Wiluna
53/1352	James Robert Harkin	51.91km ²	114km NE of Learner	Lat 27°02' Long 121°17'	Wiluna
53/1354	Yelmer Minerals Pty Ltd	58.1km ²	63km SW of Wiluna	Lat 27°03' Long 119°51'	Wiluna
57/731-2	Piccadilly Resources Pty Ltd	390.13km ²	86km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°23' Long 119°51'	Sandstone/Wiluna
57/733	Piccadilly Resources Pty Ltd	209.39km ²	36km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°20' Long 119°37'	Sandstone
59/1117	Harold Carmody Neil Gil Trent Stehn	20.37km ²	26km N of Norseman	Lat 31°58' Long 121°41'	Dundas
63/1151	Wear Services Pty Ltd	26.08km ²	81km W of Norseman	Lat 32°24' Long 120°51'	Dundas
63/1152	Wear Services Pty Ltd	124.35km ²	51km NW of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°34' Long 121°24'	Dundas/Esperance
63/1153	Wear Services Pty Ltd	14.48km ²	20km S of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°22' Long 121°42'	Dundas
66/53	Dukeston Consolidated Ltd	21.47km ²	6km NW of Northampton	Lat 28°19' Long 114°35'	Northampton
69/2356	Adrian Martin Lambert Jessup	27.88km ²	166km NE of Wiluna	Lat 25°23' Long 121°13'	Wiluna
70/2783	Ochre Resources Ltd	175.1km ²	13km E of Northam	Lat 31°40' Long 116°46'	Northam/Northam Town/ York
70/2905	Stephen Peter McMahon	2.92km ²	15km W of Toodyay	Lat 31°51' Long 116°18'	Toodyay
80/3896	Spit Gold Ltd	345.96km ²	19km S of Halls Creek	Lat 19°15' Long 127°18'	Halls Creek
80/3899	Bowen Energy Ltd	347.52km ²	129km S of Wyndham	Lat 16°36' Long 127°53'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3900	Geocentral Ltd	72.92km ²	154km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°23' Long 127°14'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification date: 24 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 24 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.

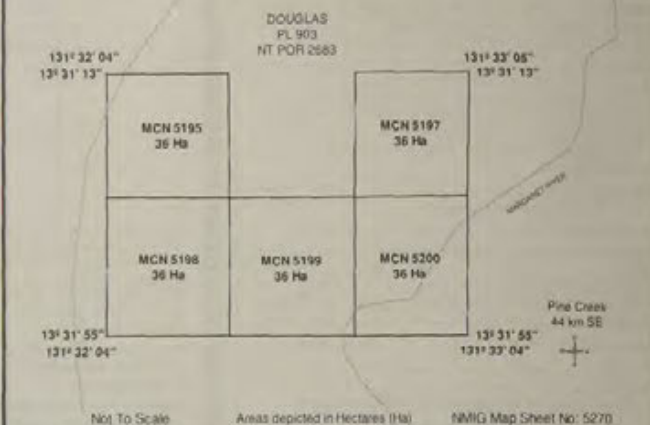
Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 24 February 2008), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native 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 6004, 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 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 (3) 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 Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995545.

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, 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 mineral leases in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 26372 sought by AUSTRALIAN MINERAL MINES PTY LTD, ACN 095 728 831 and JOHAN PIETER PAS over an area of 60 Ha depicted below, within the NEWRY locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 4765

Mineral Lease 26373 sought by AUSTRALIAN MINERAL MINES PTY LTD, ACN 095 728 831 and JOHAN PIETER PAS over an area of 100 Ha depicted below, within the NEWRY locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 4765

Mineral Lease 26401 sought by AUSTRALIAN MINERAL MINES PTY LTD, ACN 095 728 831 and JOHAN PIETER PAS over an area of 45 Ha depicted below, within the NEWRY locality.



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Mineral Lease 26429 sought by SOFTWOOD PLANTATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 050 120 315 and TERRITORY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 100 552 118 over an area of 668 Ha depicted below, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



Not To Scale NMG Map Sheet No: 5271

Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals (including but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term sought for is for a term the Minister thinks fit 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 Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995396.

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

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that, **URANIUM EXPLORATION AUSTRALIA LTD** (ACN 112 714 397) of Level 21, 201 Miller Street, North Sydney New South Wales 2060 (and its successors or assigns) as registered holder and mining operator propose to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licences 3679, 3751, 3863, 3864, 3865 and 3866 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with any of such Exploration Licences and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held in respect of the whole or any part of the area of any of such Exploration Licences) on the following land:

29°55'S, east to longitude 137°40'E, south to latitude 29°56'S, east to longitude 137°41'E, south to latitude 29°57'S, east to longitude 137°44'E, south to latitude 29°59'S, east to longitude 137°45'E, south to latitude 30°00'S, west to longitude 137°14'E, north to latitude 29°54'S, east to longitude 137°30'E, north to latitude 29°50'S, east to longitude 137°34'E, and north to the point of commencement. AREA of the land: approximately 590 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3866

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 60 km north-northwest of Andamooka, referred to as **Chinaman Hat Hill Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3679
The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 80 km west-northwest of Andamooka, referred to as **Playford South East Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°05'S and longitude 136°20'E, thence east to longitude 136°23'E, south to latitude 30°12'S, east to longitude 136°30'E, south to latitude 30°22'S, west to longitude 136°12'E, north to latitude 30°17'S, east to longitude 136°20'E, and north to the point of commencement. AREA of the land: approximately 477 square kilometres.

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°45'S and longitude 136°49'E, thence east to longitude 137°08'E, south to latitude 29°47'S, west to longitude 137°07'E, south to latitude 29°52'S, west to longitude 137°06'E, south to latitude 29°53'S, west to longitude 137°05'E, south to latitude 30°00'S, west to longitude 136°56'E, south to latitude 30°06'S, west to longitude 136°49'E, north to latitude 30°01'S, east to longitude 136°51'E, north to latitude 29°55'S, west to longitude 136°49'E, north to latitude 29°52'S, east to longitude 136°50'E, north to latitude 29°46'S, west to longitude 136°49'E, and north to the point of commencement. AREA of the land: approximately 836 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3751
The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 135 km southeast of Coober Pedy, referred to as **Sloane Hill Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°49'S and longitude 135°45'E, thence east to longitude 135°48'E, south to latitude 29°57'S, west to longitude 135°45'E, and north to the point of commencement. AREA of the land: approximately 72 square kilometres.

All the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economical mineralisation which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil and rock-chip sampling; shallow trenching; rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling; minor clearing for drill rig access; and construction of temporary camp sites.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authorities under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):

Exploration Licences 3679, 3751, 3863, 3864, 3865 and 3866 of which URANIUM EXPLORATION AUSTRALIA LTD is the registered holder and mining operator.

URANIUM EXPLORATION AUSTRALIA LTD (and their successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 98 of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) in respect of the proposed mining operations on the land.

NOTE: If, two (2) months after notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), 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, URANIUM EXPLORATION AUSTRALIA LTD (or their successors or assigns) 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.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3864
The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 80 km north-northwest of Andamooka, referred to as **Twin Hill Area** and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°34'S and longitude 136°37'E, thence east to longitude 137°03'E, south to latitude 29°39'S, east to longitude 137°05'E, south to latitude 29°40'S, east to longitude 137°06'E, south to latitude 29°41'S, east to longitude 137°07'E, south to latitude 29°42'S, east to longitude 137°08'E, south to latitude 29°45'S, west to longitude 136°37'E, and north to the point of commencement. AREA of the land: approximately 924 square kilometres.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA
EXPLORATION LICENCE 3865
The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 60 km northeast of Andamooka, referred to as **Porter Hill Area** and is the land bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°49'S and longitude 137°34'E, thence east to longitude 137°35'E, south to latitude 29°50'S, east to longitude 137°36'E, south to latitude 29°51'S, east to longitude 137°37'E, south to latitude 29°53'S, east to longitude 137°38'E, south to latitude 29°54'S, east to longitude 137°39'E, south to latitude

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Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 7 November 2007

National
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Q12006/047 Tagalaka - Croydon Area ILUA #2

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 25,009km² and is located south-west of the Gilbert River in the vicinity of Croydon as shown in the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Croydon Shire Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Croydon Shire Council, C/o Andrew Kerr, Solicitor, MacDonnells Law, PO Box 5046, CAIRNS QLD 4870

Billy Fortune, Johnny Miles, Joseph Callope, Alma Douglas, Beverly Bowyang, Gerrie Douglas, Gladys Callope, Janet Busch, Clara Booth, Janette Owens, Maureen Douglas and the Tagalaka People, C/o Kym Elston, Senior Legal Officer, NQLC, PO Box 679N, CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, C/o Kym Elston, Senior Legal Officer, NQLC, PO Box 679N, CAIRNS NORTH QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4. PROVISIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE NATIVE TITLE ACT

4.5 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this Deed.

7. EXISTING COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE

7.1 The Native Title Parties will not claim compensation from the Council in respect of the extinguishment, diminishment or impairment of Native Title Rights and Interests by the construction or establishment of Extinguishing Infrastructure.

7.2 The Native Title Parties consent to the continued operation, use and maintenance of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

7.3 The Native Title Parties consent to the continued use of:

(a) the land or waters on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located, and

(b) any land or waters which is adjacent to the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located which is necessary for, or incidental to, the operation, use and maintenance of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

7.4 The Native Title Rights and Interests are suppressed to the extent of any inconsistency between the Native Title Rights and Interests and the operation, use or maintenance of Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure, or the use of the land or waters referred to in clause 7.3.

7.5 The Native Title Parties will not claim compensation from the Council in respect of the extinguishment, diminishment or impairment of

Native Title Rights and Interests by the construction, establishment, operation, use, maintenance of those items or classes of items of Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure identified in Schedule 3.

8. PUBLIC ROADS

8.1 Without limiting the generality of clause 7.2 the Native Title Parties consent to:-

(a) the operation and maintenance by or on behalf of the Council;

(b) the use by the public; and

(c) the dedication by the Minister, of all constructed roads within the ILUA Area as at the Commencement Date to a width of sixty (60) metres.

8.2 The Parties acknowledge that certain constructed roads within the ILUA Area, have been constructed wholly or partially outside of the area of land dedicated, declared, notified or taken for public use as a road ("off-alignment roads").

8.3 Without limiting the generality of clauses 7.1 or 8.1 the Native Title Parties consent to:-

(a) the operation and maintenance by or on behalf of the Council;

(b) the use by the public; and

(c) to the extent that the off-alignment roads are constructed outside of the area of land dedicated, declared, notified or taken for public use as a road, the dedication by the Minister, of the area of land over which the off-alignment roads are constructed to a width of 60 metres.

9. FUTURE COUNCIL WORKS AND ACTIVITIES

9.1 In the event the Council wishes to construct or carry out Works or Activities in the ILUA Area in respect of which it has not already received consent under this Deed it may seek to obtain such consent by having the Work or Activity become an

Approved Future Act by following the process set out in Schedule 4.

9.2 A Work or Activity is an Approved Future Act for the purposes of this Deed if:-

(a) it is described in a Proposed Activity Notice or Revised Activity Notice given to the Native Title Parties; and

(b) either:

i) the Native Title Parties have given a Concurrence Notice; or

ii) consent is deemed to be given under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4.

9.3 If requested by Council, the Native Title Parties will provide all reasonable assistance to Council in securing the doing of Approved Future Acts.

9.4 The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts and agree that Sub-division P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to Approved Future Acts.

9.5 This clause does not apply to any part of the ILUA Area where native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished or determined not to exist.

10. MINOR WORKS OR ACTIVITIES

10.1 The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities on the conditions described in Schedule 5.

10.2 This clause does not apply to any part of the ILUA Area where native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished.

[Schedule 3 lists the non-extinguishing infrastructure for which no compensation is payable.]

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BB(3)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns QLD 4870 by 7 February 2008.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Water, Queensland. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application,
call Karen Townrow on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

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
15/4461	Pond Mining NL	45.99ha	14km SWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°20'	Coolgardie
15/4500	Tribe Resources NL				
15/4490	Kalbarri NL	97.5ha	20km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/4501-32	Focus Minerals Ltd	2034.79ha	3km NEly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°52' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
15/4506-40 & 15/4504	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4510	Focus Minerals Ltd	450.09ha	11km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie
15/4502	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4518	Focus Minerals Ltd	322.89ha	7km NEly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/4511-2	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4513	Focus Minerals Ltd	281.88ha	4km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/4508-7	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4503	Focus Minerals Ltd	0.73ha	8km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/4504	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4504	Focus Minerals Ltd	9.45ha	6km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°00' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/4505	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4505	Focus Minerals Ltd	0.24ha	4km SEly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/4506	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4506	Focus Minerals Ltd	41.31ha	6km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°00' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
15/4507	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4507	Focus Minerals Ltd	0.88ha	3km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/4508	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4508	Focus Minerals Ltd	64.70ha	7km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/4509	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4509	Focus Minerals Ltd	0.22ha	9km SEly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°59' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/4510	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4510	Focus Minerals Ltd	178.89ha	8km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
15/4511	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4511	Focus Minerals Ltd	13.73ha	11km Wly of Kalbarri	Lat 31°13' Long 121°33'	Coolgardie
15/4512	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4512	Focus Minerals Ltd	107.73ha	11km SWly of Kalbarri	Lat 31°10' Long 121°35'	Coolgardie
15/4513	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4513	Focus Minerals Ltd	49.11ha	14km SWly of Kalbarri	Lat 31°18' Long 121°36'	Coolgardie
15/4514	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4514	Focus Minerals Ltd	23.57ha	18km SWly of Kalbarri	Lat 31°19' Long 121°32'	Coolgardie
15/4515	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4515	Focus Minerals Ltd	52.49ha	16km SWly of Kalbarri	Lat 31°19' Long 121°33'	Coolgardie
15/4516	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4516	Focus Minerals Ltd	126.49ha	17km SWly of Kalbarri	Lat 31°20' Long 121°35'	Coolgardie
15/4517	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4517	Focus Minerals Ltd	121.02ha	20km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
15/4518	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4518	Focus Minerals Ltd	121.99ha	24km Nly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
15/4519	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4519	Focus Minerals Ltd	39.41ha	2km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/4520	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4520	Focus Minerals Ltd	44.09ha	17km NWly of Wodgina	Lat 31°22' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie
15/4521	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4521	Focus Minerals Ltd	3.38ha	1km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°57' Long 121°10'	Coolgardie
15/4522	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4522	Focus Minerals Ltd	16.53ha	9km Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°00' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/4523	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
15/4523	Focus Minerals Ltd	33.24ha	17km NWly of Wodgina	Lat 31°21' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie
15/4524	Malador Mining Pty Ltd				
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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 date: 24 October 2007

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification date to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **24 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 date (i.e. **24 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 9873, Perth, WA 6845, telephone (08) 9266 9700.

For further information about the act including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications, contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Public notice

Public notification of Traveston Crossing Dam - Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement

Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWI) is both the proponent for and the entity intending to undertake the Traveston Crossing Dam Project - Stage 1. This involves the construction and operation of a new dam on the Mary River at about AMD 207.6m, which is approximately 27 km upstream of Gympie. The dam has a proposed full supply level (FSL) of 71 m AHD, and the proposed inundation area is located within the Cooloolo, Maroochy, and Noosa local government areas. When completed, the dam will provide storage capacity of approximately 153,000 ML and deliver an additional 70,000 ML/a of water to South East Queensland.

On 20 October 2006 the Coordinator-General declared the Traveston Crossing Dam project - Stage 1 (involving the construction and operation of a new dam on the Mary River at approximately 207 km AMD, to an expected full supply level of 71m AHD, in the Cooloolo, Maroochy and Noosa local government areas) to be a "significant project for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required" under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1972.

On 29 November 2006 the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water Resources determined that the Project is a 'controlled action' which requires assessment and approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth). The controlling provisions are:

- Sections 12 and 15A (World Heritage);
- Sections 16 and 17B (Ramsar Wetlands);
- Sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities); and
- Sections 20 and 20A (Listed Migratory Species).

The EIS process is accredited under the bilateral agreement between the Australian Government and the State of Queensland and will address matters on behalf of both the Australian and Queensland Governments. The EIS process is being coordinated by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning on behalf of the Coordinator-General.

Inspection of the EIS

Summary documentation on the Traveston Crossing Dam Project - Stage 1 may be viewed via the Department of Infrastructure and Planning's website at www.infrastructure.qld.gov.au/eis or the complete EIS can be downloaded from the proponent's website at www.qldwi.com.au

The EIS will be available for inspection during opening hours from Monday 22 October until close of business on Monday 3 December 2007 at:

Caloundra City Council 1 Omrah Ave, Caloundra	Cooloolo Shire Council 242 Mary St, Gympie
Cooloolo Beach Library Park St, Cooloolo	Gympie Library 8-14 Mellor St, Gympie
Hervey Bay Council 77 Tavistock St, Hervey Bay	Imbil Library Yabba Rd, Imbil
Kandanga One Stop Shop 80 Main St, Kandanga	Kenilworth Library Elizabeth St, Kenilworth
Maleny Library 5 Coral St, Maleny	Maroochy Shire Council (Nambour Customer Service Centre) Cnr Currie St and Bury St, Nambour
Maroochy Shire Council (Mobile Library)	Maroochy Shire Library 44 Sixth Ave, Cotton Tree
Maryborough City Council 431-433 Kent St, Maryborough	Nambour Library Cnr Currie St and Bury St, Nambour
Noosa Shire Council Chambers Pelican St, Tewantin	Noosa Library Service Wallace Park, Wallace Dr, Noosaville
State Library of Queensland Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane	Sunshine Coast State Development Centre 9-13 Maud St, Maroochydhore
Tiaro Shire Council Mayne St, Tiaro	

Obtaining a copy of the EIS

The EIS comprises five (5) volumes and Technical Reports. An Executive Summary which summarises the key findings of the EIS has also been prepared as part of the EIS.

CD-ROM copies of the EIS (five volumes) and Technical Reports are available free of charge.

Printed copies of the EIS (volumes one to five inclusive) are available at a cost of \$150. Printed copies of the Technical Reports are available at a cost of \$400.

Both CD-ROM and printed copies can be obtained by contacting QWI on freecall 1800 225 384, email on info@qldwi.com.au, or www.qldwi.com.au

Have your say

Submissions on the EIS may be made to the Coordinator-General and will be accepted until the close of business on **Monday 3 December 2007** to:

Project Manager
SEQ Infrastructure (Water) - Traveston Crossing Dam
Department of Infrastructure and Planning
PO Box 15009 City East QLD 4002 Australia
fax +61 7 3237 7530
travestoncrossingdam@infrastructure.qld.gov.au

A properly made submission for the Traveston Crossing Dam Project - Stage 1 EIS will be a properly made submission for a subsequent development application for a material change of use or that requires impact assessment under the Integrated Planning Act. Properly made submissions must be made to the Coordinator-General in writing, signed by each person who made the submission, state the name and address of each person who made the submission, state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on to support the grounds and be received on or before close of business on Monday 3 December 2007.

Submissions will be treated as public documents unless confidentiality is requested. Copies of all submissions will be forwarded to Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd as the Project proponent.

Persons or groups with special communication needs, who wish to comment on the EIS, should contact the EIS Project Manager on 1800 996 829 to discuss making alternative arrangements.

Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd

Queensland Government
Department of Infrastructure and Planning

Howzat for Walgett Shire?



THE recent three-day Indigenous cricket camp at Walgett, in the NSW

north-west, has been hailed a great success.

An initiative of Walgett Shire Council Youth Development, Cricket NSW, and Castlereagh Local Area Command Police Force, supported by Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service and Walgett Community Health Service, the camp was developed to promote cricket at grassroots level, promote healthy lifestyles, choices and assist in developing friendships and sportsmanship with the young people from across the Walgett Shire.

Cricket NSW Indigenous Development Officer Andrew Gordon coached the 30 participants, 10 each from the communities of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri with local coaches Doug Barry and Keith Whiteman, and assisted by Walgett Shire Council's Youth Development Officer George McCormick, Aboriginal Liaison Officer Vic Beale and youth workers from the council.

The camp saw the young people coached in the techniques of batting, bowling and fielding, in three days of fun and physical activity and helped in identifying some promising young Indigenous cricketers.

The young people ate healthy meals during the camp and many new friendships were made.

The final day of the camp saw a twenty/20 game played with the result being a tie as the boys displayed their talents and skills they developed during the camp.

Certificates and rewards were presented to the players, all of whom stuck it out for the three days, at a ceremony conducted at the Walgett Memorial Pool on the last day.



Indigenous cricket coach Andrew Gordon, of Ballina, with Tyrone Sharpley at the Walgett cricket camp for Indigenous kids. Gordon reckons young Tyrone could be 'something special'.



Some of the boys in the nets refining their bowling techniques.



Indigenous children and coaches during the three-day cricket camp at Walgett.

Tasmania's Liam Jones off to AIS

Liam Jones

Story and pictures by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



SIXTEEN-year-old Liam Jones is the only Tasmanian among the nation's elite young footballers to receive an Australian Institute of Sport scholarship and become a member of the 11th AIS-AFL

Academy squad intake.

'The big raging centre half forward', as he is described by his team-mate Dan Wood, stands at 196 cm tall and has averaged more than six goals a game in the past season with the North Hobart under 19 premiership side.

Jones started playing football with North Hobart in the under nines and has remained with the club ever since.

'He has a big future. I knew when he was in the under 10s,' said Rod Williams, who coached him from the under 10s team to the under 15s.

'You get out what you put in and he deserves it.'

The quietly spoken Year 10 student said that when he received the news of his selection to the AIS AFL squad, he was stuck for words.

'I couldn't believe it, I was a bit speechless when I got the phone call,' he said.

The squad takes part in a non-residential program, allowing scholarship holders to remain at home to complete their secondary schooling.

Jones said training would begin immediately and would include four or five camps in Melbourne and Canberra. Then he will be off to play in South Africa next Easter with the squad.

Jones aspires to play in the AFL.

'I will be old enough to be drafted next year. I'd like to play with St Kilda if I had a pick,' he said.

Jones' father, Bob Jones, a Kija man from Halls Creek area, played for the Saints in the late 1980s.

Naturally, he is stoked with his son's selection.

'It's good recognition for him. We're very pleased for him to get acknowledged, he's done the family proud. All his uncles are following his progress,' Mr Jones said.

Of the players currently listed at the 16 AFL clubs, 19 per cent have graduated from the AIS-AFL Academy, including Chris Judd, Andrew Embley, Cameron Ling, Luke Hodge and Lance Franklin.

This year's squad will be managed by AIS-AFL high-performance coach Alan McConnell.



Cannonballs winners

Story and pictures by
ALF WILSON



THE Townsville Cannonballs won the entertaining men's grand final and Cairns Kangaroos the ladies' decider at the prestigious rugby league Vern and Frank Daisy Cup at the Townsville Sports Reserve on the weekend of 13-14 October.

There were 13 men's teams and five women's teams and more than 7000 people attended over the two days.

Teams came from throughout north Queensland and beyond, with Townsville Wolverine, Charters Towers, Sharks United, Walkabouts, Cherbourg Hornets, Murrie Balas, Cannonballs, Palm Island Barracudas, North-West Warriors, Woorabinda, Eastern Alistars, and two teams from Mackay - East Coast Eagles and Stallions.

In the women's division, the teams were Cairns Gundooli, Cairns Kangaroos, Palm Island Barracudettes, Mount Isa Storm and Innisfail Leprechauns.

Players with NRL experience

included Milton Thaiday, who lined up with Palm Island, and Charlie Tonga, from the Sydney Roosters, who wore the Murrie Balas colours.

Neville Costigan was a guest at the carnival and signed autographs between supporting his Mackay side.

Townsville-based side Cannonballs defeated Mackay Stallions 58-46 in the men's final and player-of-the-carnival Robert Congoo scored three tries for the winners.

"This has been a great final and any All Blacks carnivals like this are good for our people. You meet a lot of old footballers and we looked at a lot of good players before deciding on Robert for the player of the carnival," Vern Daisy told the audience at the presentation.

Hooker Congoo won a car for his efforts.

His star-studded Cannonballs led 28-22 at half-time.

"I don't have a car and was thinking of buying one and this is a surprise, but a good one," the 19-year-old said.

In the qualifying semi-finals, the Stallions beat Murrie Balas 22-20 in a nail-biter, and

Cannonballs had an easier victory, defeating North West Warriors 22-10.

Cairns Kangaroos beat Gundooli 28-12 in the ladies' climax to the carnival after having a 16-6 advantage at half-time. Both sides had a sprinkling of TSI players.

Carnival organiser Obe Geia described it as an amazing success, with 3500 people through the gates on day one.

"I went off very well and will be even better next year," he said.

Stallions went into the game as underdogs, but opened the scoring in the fourth minute with a Cliff Giblett try and the Ben Barba conversion saw them race to a 6-0 lead.

Congoo replied swiftly with a try and it was converted by Justin Torney and Cannonballs took a 12-6 advantage when Roy Baira scored a converted try.

Courageous forward Dane Vogel smashed over for Stallions, but the conversion was missed and Cannonballs led 12-10 as the sprinklers at one end of the ground suddenly came on.

They were later turned off by the groundsman and after a

Cannonballs try, star Stallions fullback Ben Baira scored a try to level the scores at 16-16.

Torney was shining for Cannonballs and creating havoc around the centre of the ruck and Stallions' Barba was an elusive target for the defence.

Cannonballs led 28-22 at half-time.

After the break, Torney and fullback Matt Sorbello took control and after a Jimmy Baira try, Cannonballs marched to a 52-30 lead at the 65th minute.

But Stallions hit back to reduce the deficit to 54-46 before Congoo wrapped it up in the 78th minute with a clever try.

Best for Cannonballs were forwards Congoo, Dennis Conlon (captain), and Clifton Tildora and Torney and Sean Laurie in the backs.

Stallions were well served by Ben Barba, brother Aaron, forwards Vogel, Gratton Rolfe and Dan Pietiner.

Cannonballs pocketed \$12,000 and Stallions \$3000.

The ladies were playing for the Jenny Pryor Cup, named after a stalwart and tireless worker for all blacks carnivals, and \$5000

in cash.

The Kangaroos took an early lead with a try to Jaleesa Basnight and a conversion by Lilly Solomon.

Big forward Rebecca Solomon was making ground with every run and her try took the side to a 10-0 lead.

Gundooli hit back with a try to Alisha Creed and after another try, the Kangaroos led 16-6 at half-time and held an advantage to win 28-12.

Gundooli utility Altovise Twist won \$1000 for her player of the carnival award. "Gundooli means cassowary," said team organiser Alice Swain.

Grand final results:

Men: Cannonballs: 58 (Robert Congoo 3, Matt Sorbello 2, Roy Baira 2, Sean Laurie 2, Algon Congoo, Jimmy Baira tries; Justin Torney 7 goals) d Mackay Stallions 46 (Ben Barba 3, Dane Vogel 2, Cliff Giblett, Dean Tass, Jardine Bobongie, Josh Fatnowna tries; Ben Barba 3, Aaron Barba, Rodney Barba goals).

Women: Cairns Kangaroos 28 (Jaleesa Basnight 2, Ashleigh Abeeleuter 2, Rebecca Solomon tries; Lilly Solomon 4 goals) d Cairns Gundooli 12 (Alisha Creed, Julia Smith tries; Ashleigh Singleton 2 goals).

Ladies player of the carnival, Altovise Twist, of Cairns Gundooli.



● LEFT: Women's action, with Cairns Gunboil, in red, playing the Innisfail Leprechauns.

Frank Daisy, left, and Vern Daisy with player of the carnival Robert Congoo, of the Cannonballs. Congoo also won a car.



● BELOW: Cairns Kangaroos players celebrate after their grand final victory.

Sharks United player Clint Burns had his head bandaged after an accidental head clash with a team-mate.



● LEFT: Murrie Balas team organiser Henry Getawin, left, with guest player and Sydney Roosters star Charlie Tonga.

● RIGHT: Players from Eastern Stars and Wolverines teams after their game, won by the Wolverines.



over Mackay Stallions



The East Coast Eagles, from Mackay.



The Mount Isa Storm ladies' team.



The Palm Island Barracudas.

Cairns Gundoji coach Royston Baira and injured player Alice Swain.



Former Newcastle Knight Milton Thalday lined up for Palm Island Barracudas.



Palm Island Barracuda Jason Poynter was cool about his knee injury.



Daisy Cup organiser Obe Geia.



The Freeman family, from Rockhampton.



Palm Island supporters.



Veteran Mount Isa Storm ladies forward Veanne Logan said she was retiring after the carnival at the age of 39.



Proud dad Ken Barba, centre, with his sons who played for Mackay Stallions, from left, Rodney, 27, Aaron, 26, Jeremy, 24, and Ben, 18.



Palm Island Barracudettes women's team after a first round win over Mount Isa Storm.

Indigenous golf in Australia's heartland



STEVE Thompson has claimed the Australian Indigenous

Golf Championship by one stroke from Renton Ritchie in testing conditions at the Alice Springs Golf Club, Northern Territory.

Battling high temperatures and strong winds for most of the championship, Thompson prevailed at 10 over the card to add the title to his Queensland Indigenous Championship.

Kimberly Crawley, a 17-year-old from Queensland, won the women's event with a four-round score of 346 and 13-year-old James Lally took the boys' crown, having only been playing golf for

nine months.

James was the youngest competitor at the titles.

Australia's finest Indigenous golfers contested the eighth Australian Indigenous Championships.

The 72-hole stroke play tournament was officially endorsed and supported by Golf Australia and was seen as an

important step to continue growing levels of golf participation in all communities throughout Australia.

Golf Australia's Manager of Game and Club Development Nick Green said: "These championships aim to develop a national voice for the Indigenous golf community, a voice that will assist in shaping future national championships and development programs."

While the championships were largely focused on participation, there was a high standard of golf on show and plenty of incentive for the players involved.

The winner of the men's and women's championships were granted an exemption into the Australian Amateur Championships to be held in Adelaide next April, or a tournament of equivalent standard.

Shaun Nannup failed to retain his men's title, as did the defending women's champion, Dorothy Rodney.

Golf Australia recognised the

event on its National Schedule.

"While the popularity of golf is growing rapidly throughout Indigenous communities, there are not many opportunities for locals to get a 'hands on' experience and learn more about the game," Nick Green said.

"So in addition to sanctioning and supporting the Indigenous Championships, Golf Australia conducted clinics and local school visits to continue introducing golf to communities that would otherwise receive little to no exposure to the game."

Also at the championships, an interim Indigenous Golf Advisory Board met for the first time.

Dorothy Rodney (WA), Mark Williams (Vic), Allan Liddle (Vic), Matt Majid (NT) and Barry Renshaw (NT) met at Alice Springs Golf Club to discuss various issues, including the venue for next year's Indigenous Championships and the process of selecting the full Indigenous Golf Advisory Board.

The McDonnell Ranges make a stunning backdrop at the Alice Springs golf course, venue for the 2007 Australian Indigenous Championships.



From left, open winner Steve Thompson, women's winner Kimberly Crawley and junior champion James Lally.



West Australian Dorothy Rodney failed to retain her women's title



Players who took part in the Australian Indigenous Golf Championships.



Students and mentors at the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) Program in Sydney initiated by Indigenous man Jack Manning-Bancroft.

Jack aims high

DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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struck by the fact that Jack had still found the time to organise some local Aboriginal school students to attend in the hope that it would inspire them to realise that there were so many Indigenous students attending universities across the country.

So it was hardly a surprise when Jack was back the following year asking for support from players and the NRL in bringing to life an idea that he had been working on.

It didn't take long to work out that Jack was a Communications student as he explained the name of the program was the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience.

He made it easier for blokes like me by shortening it to AIME.

At its heart was the simple meaning of the word 'aim', in that the program's objective was to give direction and purpose to the education and lives of young Indigenous attending local high schools.

To achieve his personal aim, Jack established a pilot program in 2005 with Alexandria Park Community School.

So he had his first ingredient – the kids he sought to inspire.

Next, he needed the activities – so in addition to sport, he approached artists, writers, theatres, bands, successful business operators and very soon he had a program of experiences to challenge his own studies.

But the final component was the human dimension; he had to inspire a group of university students to commit that most precious of commodities – their own time – to a program that ran over three months.

In three years he has seen the program grow to where he has close to 200 students applying to be part of

the program.

Why?

Because it brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians together in a context where the mentor and the student are learning.

There are tangible outcomes like improved school attendance and increased results in report cards, but at the centre of it all are some special shared experiences.

Shared experiences that allow the kids to start to think outside the square.

Special experiences that allow them to

experiences and have a pretty tasty feed.

"I went with the roasted chicken with a tasty sauce that I don't know the name of – let's call it tasty sauce."

"Veteran mentors could be heard reflecting on 'back in my day', while rookie mentors were keen to learn how different programs in different schools worked."

"A touching moment in the night was when Zoe, from St Scholastica's College in Year 11, approached the microphone to thank AIME and the mentors for the program."



● LEFT and ABOVE: The happy faces of students taking part in the AIME program says it all.

aim high.

If you doubt me, read the shortened report from one of the mentors:

"The 2007 AIME season involved 75+ high school students, 17 weeks, five schools and a final wrap-up dinner hosted in the Main Hall at St Paul's College."

"The Harry Potter-like surroundings were coloured by student artworks and projects completed through the program."

"A DVD prepared by Year 10 students from Alex Park Community School gave newcomers a speedy rundown on one of the AIME sessions on 'Respect'."

"The dinner provided the opportunity for mentors and mentees from different schools to congregate, share their

"She spoke without notes and with the maturity and confidence of a young woman with a bright future... perhaps a future AIME mentor?"

"Only 198 sleeps until next AIME season... oh, and if you know the name of that sauce, call me."

I don't know the name of the sauce, but I'm certain Jack Manning-Bancroft knows the recipe.

It's called the recipe for success.

Establishing its pilot program in 2005 at the University of Sydney, AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring

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Success is a relative term

For eight other teams in the AFL, the Swans' position in the top eight would have been the measure of a successful season.

Internally, for our team, it was a disappointing end to a disappointing season.

Winning the flag in 2005 gave us the taste of ultimate success.

Losing the grand final in 2006 is an experience I believe we are still recovering from.

There is nothing that can describe the hollow feeling that such a loss leaves you with.

It eats away at you and will continue to eat away until we can reach a level of performance that can satisfy our pride.

This does not mean we need to win the flag next season – although we will be trying!

What it means is that we need to achieve a level of consistency of playing at or close to our potential on a consistent basis to allow us to take pride in our professionalism.

As impressive as Geelong's performance was in the grand final, it was their overall consistency and standards of excellence across the whole season that made the true champions.

There were many parallels between their performance during the year and our success in 2005.

I remember writing earlier this year and making some comparisons about how the Swans' history goes back to the days of the South Melbourne Bloods and how our passionate fans knew what it is like to wait for a taste of premiership success.

The similarity with Geelong's army of fans waiting patiently since 1963 for the Cats to bring the flag home was obvious.

I wrote the about the encouraging signs that the Cats were on the road to success.

At that point I described Geelong as a team on the way up and the challenge for the Swans when we met them was to prove that we were not a team on the way down.

I described that as the true test of champions.

I refuse to admit that we have failed that test as the team is determined to return to the winner's list, but we are aware that it will require hard physical work and the mental toughness that distinguishes champions to achieve our goal.

Magic's Moments



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And it is the mental component that is the true key to success.

Mental toughness means that you do not get carried away with a temporary run of success or a single performance of excellence.

Mental toughness means you do not let a run of losses or below average performances affect your confidence.

Mental toughness allows you to perform with composure under pressure.

Mental toughness wins premierships.

Geelong's challenge next year will not just be their on-field opponents.

It will be the week-in, week-out challenge to meet the expectations of the standards they have set.

Every side will have analysed their play to the extent they will know the Cats' game plan better than their own.

Every side will be keen to have the scalp of last year's premiers as a symbol of their own improved performance.

A win against Geelong will be worth more than the four competition points.

Geelong already know that the external measure of a successful season for them will be a repeat performance in September.

That is why it is so important to set internal measures of success that can be used on a weekly level by both the individual player and the team.

I once had the over-used term 'champion' defined for me in a way that best explains the key to success.

A true champion is a

player who plays consistently near to the best of his ability.

You know a true champion is always giving of his best and when things fall in place he will achieve a performance of brilliance.

But, more importantly, when things are going against him, you are always confident that he will still produce a quality game.

So it is with champion teams.

In looking at other sports, I have developed an enormous respect for the Melbourne Storm in the NRL.

I suppose I have some sympathy for them as, like the Swans, they are a stand-alone team operating in enemy territory.

But what has really impressed me has been their consistency over the past two seasons.

Like Geelong, they produced their best on grand final day and won with ease.

But they had been rehearsing this performance with weekly consistency over the season.

Practice made perfect and they were able to perform with composure under pressure.

What made their performance even more rewarding is that they came back after suffering defeat at the final hurdle the year before.

The difference – dare I suggest – was a mental toughness born out of defeat.

For them the only measure of success was going to be a grand final victory.

Success is indeed a relative term.

Every team in the AFL will commence off-season training dreaming of winning the flag.

But for some success will be measured more moderately.

Carlton fans, for instance, will celebrate for weeks if their side makes the finals after recent years of premiership agony.

For the Swans, we have to exorcise that hollow feeling that still sits in our.

The first measure for us, however, will be the consistency of our performance on a weekly basis.

Our physical preparation will start soon.

Our mental preparation began with the final whistle last season.

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!

Jack aims high

● From previous page

Experience) is a four-year mentoring package that also offers high schools the option of a homework centre. AIME has used the basis of mentoring relationships to create a culturally sensitive program for Indigenous Australian high school students and their volunteer mentors. There are three streams to the AIME program: The Year 9 Interactive Program, the Year 10 Leadership Program, and the Year 11/12 Tutoring Program.

By developing a supportive relationship, mentors assist mentees in broadening their interests, personal and social development, setting and achieving goals and overcoming obstacles. Mentors also benefit from the relationship by feeling a sense of accomplishment in helping to make a difference to a young person's life.

The aim of the program is to expose young Indigenous Australian people to role models, Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

With only 14 per cent of the AIME mentors being Indigenous, the program allows mentoring to take place in a three-way system. The main relationship is between

mentor and mentee with the mentor being the main message communicator.

However, with this system, another plane is added to the relationship with the involvement of higher role models in the shape of the workshop co-ordinators who are leaders in their respective fields.

By having an Indigenous person running the program, and Indigenous workshop co-ordinators, it ensures that the AIME project material is culturally sensitive and appropriate.

AIME is currently establishing itself as a professional organisation. By 2008 AIME will be registered as an Aboriginal Corporation under the CATSI Act. This will give AIME national status as a legal entity with its own board to ensure the integrity of the program is maintained.

With the pro bono support of the Baker and McKenzie law firm, AIME hopes to soon become a not-for-profit Aboriginal Corporation with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. This will mean that AIME truly has the potential to spring up nationally at universities in Melbourne, Perth, East/West Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, Lismore and other locations.

● BELOW: More pictures from the AIME program organised by Indigenous man Jack Manning-Bancroft.



High-flying Bird buries the Kiwis



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Debutant Greg Bird and the sublime Greg Inglis were at the head of a group of stand-out performers as Australia turned New Zealand's centenary celebrations into a wake as the new-look Kangaroos ran up a record 58-0 win over a pitiful Kiwis outfit in Wellington.

Although I will not back down from my claim that Matt Bowen and Scott Prince should have been automatic selections for the game, you could not fault any of the performances in a side that ran over a Kiwi side that disappointed to say the least.

The Aussies, with a record eight debutantes in their ranks, scored 11 unanswered tries to totally demoralise the Kiwis in what was a record margin in the history of trans-Tasman Tests.

The Kiwis resorted to a physical game with the first half sending off of Steve Matai for a high, late shot that concussed Mark Gasnier out of the contest, ending any chance The Kiwis had.

Matai went in the 24th minute with the score 12-0.

At that early stage the Kiwis already looked outclassed and the gap that had appeared to be closing between the New Zealand and the Kangaroos now looks as wide as ever.

This must worry officials as the game

prepares for the World Cup in its year of centenary celebrations.

This should not detract from the performance of the new generation of players who stole the show, with five-eighth Greg Bird winning the players' players award and putting in a claim as the long-term heir apparent to injured skipper Darren Lockyer.

Greg Inglis scorched through for a hat-trick of tries, while teenage winger Israel Folau left his indelible imprint on the international arena with a double, including a brilliant run when he beat six defenders for the opening try of the match.

"That was just such a professional, clinical display and I can only compliment (skipper) Cameron (Smith) and the boys on that," Kangaroos coach Ricky Stuart said.

"From where I sat, they just did their jobs really well, I thought Cooper Cronk and Bird were really strong in our structure of footy today, they combined very well together."

Newcastle junior Bird has certainly blossomed under the coaching of Stuart with his long-term promise finally being realised after a consistent season with Stuart at the Sharks.

With the likes of Lockyer, Johnathan Thurston, Karmichael Hunt and Justin Hodges all available again next season, Australia selectors suddenly face a massive dilemma.

"There's not a debutant out there today that you wouldn't be happy picking (again) in the squad," Stuart said.

"They all go back (to their clubs) now as international footballers and that helps their team and their coaches."

Stuart saved special praise for Bird, who answered the critics who claimed he wasn't up to playing five-eighth.

The fiery Sharks No 6 said he was now hopeful of squeezing his way into the squad next year even with the return of Lockyer.

"He's a great player and the Australian captain, I'm just hopeful they can find a spot for me," Bird said.

"It was a game where everything just seemed to go for us, I was pretty stoked."

"I don't think anyone in our team could have played any better, we couldn't have done anything different to make us score any more points."



Greg Inglis in full flight against the Kiwis in Wellington. He scored a hat-trick of tries.



Greg Bird in the green and gold. As well as he played against the Kiwis, David Liddiard asks whether he'll get another chance to play for Australia, given that Darren Lockyer is the incumbent five-eighth.

As it was it only took the opening set of tackles for the Kangaroos to show the team was on song to produce a top-shelf performance.

Stuart said he knew the effort put into plotting the win would pay off when the Kangaroos defended the first set of tackles on their own line, after New Zealand regained possession from the kick-off.

"The way they measured up to the challenge off that kick-off was outstanding. We set the trend of the game off that set of six," Stuart said.

"We've been quite thorough and done a lot of work this week in terms of our preparation, and the boys transferred it across the park really well. That was just such a professional and clinical display."

The display might have been clinical, but Inglis provided much of the artistry which had even Kiwi supporters applauding his skill.

Inglis in full flight is one of the most graceful sights to behold in any sport and he now combines that innate skill with the toughness and insight that comes from experience.

The squeeze is going to be on in for positions in this side when some of the established stars return from injury.

Which of Mark Gasnier, Greg Inglis, Israel Folau or Jarryd Hayne do you drop to fit in Justin Hodges?

Where does Karmichael Hunt figure in selector's calculations?

Darren Lockyer and Jonathan Thurston will almost inevitably return in the halves, leaving Greg Bird to fight it out with Dallas Johnson for the No 13 jumper and Cronk battling it out with Kurt Gidley for the utility spot on the bench.

Bird showed the new generation is not lacking in confidence.

"I think it's all positive, you've got 18-year-olds running through blokes like they're not there like big Israel did, and Jarryd Hayne inside him and blokes like Brett Stewart and Greg Inglis," Bird said.

"It's always going to be healthy to have the majority of our backs under 23 - hopefully we can complete the dominance over the next ten years."

That logic is hard to argue with when an Australian side minus Lockyer and Thurston can do the sort of damage that was inflicted in this game.

What is going to happen when they are at full strength?

The likes of Bird and Inglis have given us a glimpse of the future.

There's always a basketball career for Michael Bani

A basketball career beckoned for Michael Bani, but Manly speed sensation said it was a moment of Matt Bowen magic in the 2005 State of Origin series that prompted him to take a punt on rugby league.

Having stepped inside Bowen to set up the final try against the Cowboys in the NRL semi-final, Bani can hardly comprehend how life has turned out.

"I was watching that Origin

game at a pub back home (in the tiny Torres Strait island of Mabuiag)," Bani recalled.

"When he took that intercept in extra time to win the game for Queensland, I thought to myself, 'If a guy his size can play at that level and do that, I should be able to do it too'."

"He played a big part in my decision to go to Bundaberg to play league."

Before that epiphany, Bani was

set to be a basketballer. A naturally gifted athlete, he picked up the sport aged 19 but excelled so rapidly, mentoring by Danny Morreu, the first Torres Strait Islander to represent Australia at an Olympic Games in 1980, was arranged.

"We all thought basketball was the sport he would make something of himself in," said Bani's mother, Meroma Fell.

Bani always had the ability but

struggled with self-belief in sport.

"Ever since I was a kid I dreamed of making the big time," he said.

"But when things got tough, I was looking for short-cuts, I didn't believe enough in myself, I didn't want to put in the work and that's why I never went to the next step with basketball."

Having decided to seriously pursue a league career, Bani became the Bundaberg player of

the year last season thanks largely to the advice of his club coach, Tat Whaleboat.

Bani, who is signed for next season with the Sea Eagles, has much more to accomplish. And if it doesn't work out, there's always basketball.

"I'd give it a go," he said.

"If the Sydney Kings asked me to train, I'd try it out."

— JAMIE PANDARAM,
Fairfax Digital

Format expanded

By SUSAN FORDE



THE Stradbroke Island and Inala communities again came together this year to see their best sportspeople fight it out for a series of annual memorial trophies.

While in past years, a rugby league match has been the focus of the competition between the two communities, this year Stradbroke Island Sports and Recreation Officer Kieran Costello extended the day to include under 10 rugby league, women's softball and the open men's rugby league.

And while Stradbroke Island came out on top in the women's softball to win the Uncle Benny Coghill Shield, Inala claimed victory for the fourth year running in the men's rugby league.

The under 10 rugby league match for the Lionel Morgan Shield, which was between Stradbroke Island and Wynnum-Manly, was won by Stradbroke.

Sonya Coghill, captain of the Stradbroke Dunwich Dolphins, said the women's softball team formerly known as the Dunwich Dugongs, had pulled some young players in this year and won the match 7-3 on a countback.

"We thought the 'Dugongs' didn't quite suit our image any more, we're leaner and slimmer like dolphins, and it helped us to win today," she said.

"We've got a few of our junior softballers who played this year who are also playing club for the Mariners in the



The victorious West Inala men's rugby league team.



The under 10 teams from Stradbroke Island and Wynnum fought it out for the Lionel Morgan Memorial Shield.

Redland Bay competition, and they won their club grand final so they're playing good softball.

"We just love getting together with the Inala girls and having this game... Straddle is undefeated so far in the softball so we'll see what happens

next year."

The softball players all wore black armbands in memory of Stradbroke Elder Aunty Alice Karklis, who passed away the day before the match.

Player of the match was won by Inala's Fay Conlon.

There was strong pitching from both teams - Tricia Conlon for Inala, and Sherrin Gross for Stradbroke Island.

Inala won the Aunty Mabel Coghill-Aunty Winnie Conlon Shield for the open men's rugby league fixture 26-24.

After Stradbroke Island was leading 24-6 at half-time, Aunty Mabel Coghill's grandson Stephen Coghill scored the winning try for Inala in the final minutes of the match.

Inala coach Chris Conlon said the annual match was held to remember the contribution of past Elders to the sporting life of both communities.

"We do this for the grandmothers and mothers. We do this match because they did it for so many years and we're just keeping their dream alive," Mr Conlon said.

"Today's game was a tough one - they really gave it to us in the first half, we were down by a long way and we thought we were out of the game."

"At half-time I spoke to the boys about Inala, about how the players before them had played from their heart, and in the second half that's what we did."

"They believed in themselves. We had

to score a lot of unanswered points in the second half to get the match and we did it."

Stradbroke Island had several players from the Queensland Cup on their team, including former Young Cowboys Lee Coghill, who captained the side.



Stradbroke Island Elders Aunty Joany Moreton and Aunty Irene Egert enjoy a chat at the football club after the match.

Footy, softball, cowboys, cowgirls and utes...

By ALF WILSON



A SPORTS carnival at the Northern Territory Aboriginal Community of Alpururulam proved a great

success with AFL football, softball, a ute contest and best dressed cowboys and cowgirls contests. The carnival was held from 29 September to 2 October, and the eight football teams were Utopia Demons, Utopia Swans, Ampalaltwatya Cats, Canteen Creek Blues, No5 Lions, Lake Nash Bats, Lake Nash Bushie Bulldogs and Epenara Saints.

There were about 1000 visitors and another 750 local people who attended, mainly from the communities whose football teams entered - Utopia, Epenara, Canteen Creek and Ampalaltwatya.

These communities are based in the Barkly region of south-east NT.

In the hotly contested football grand final, the Demons 10.7 (67) defeated the Swans 8.5 (53), while the Bats rolled the Saints in the game to

decide third and fourth places.

Anna Flouris, the Children, Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer for Alpururulam Community Government Council, said the softball attracted eight teams from around the area.

New Store defeated Lake Nash Mighty Bats 20-9 in the softball grand final. The most valuable player of the carnival was Rosemary Patrick, of the Mighty Bats.

"We also had a ute competition, where utes representing the football teams were judged as the 'best utes', and the winners were the Swans, followed by the Blues, and the Bats in third place," Ms Flouris said.

Ms Flouris said the best dressed cowboys/girls/kids also proved a major highlight with plenty of cheering for each contestant.

The winners were Cowboys: Michael Teague - Alpururulam (Lake Nash) 1, Patrick Tilmouth - Utopia 2, Nugget Smith - Alpururulam (Lake Nash).

Cowgirls: Roberta Long - Alpururulam (Lake Nash) 1, Majorie Patrick - Harts Range 2, Susan Age - Dajarra 3.



The Mighty Bats, runners-up in the softball grand final, rear, Isabelle Barber, Josephine Bookie, Gabrielle Martin, Rosemary Patrick, Kathleen Martin; front, Latisha Mahoney, Sally Barnes, and Rebecca Martin.

Sport and music at Garnduwa



GARNDUWA – the peak Aboriginal Indigenous sporting organisation in the Kimberley – has

hosted its biggest event of the year, the Isolated Communities Festival at Fitzroy Crossing.

This year's event ran from the 3-6 October, with teams coming from as far as Kiwirrkurra, in the Northern Territory, Roebourne, and Cotton Creek, from the Western Desert region.

This year's 13th festival saw 13 football and 13 basketball teams battle it out, with great skills and talent on display for the duration of the carnival.

Talent didn't only come from the sports; 18 bands performed from across the Kimberley region over the Friday and Saturday nights.

Competitors, performers and spectators we reminded at the traditional opening ceremony from Garnduwa Chairperson Marmingee Hand of the significance of the festival in promoting healthy lifestyles and being active.

Marmingee pointed out that the Fitzroy Community and all Indigenous people needed to work together to overcome the issues of drug and alcohol abuse amongst Indigenous people living in remote communities.

Garnduwa guests were treated to a spectacular welcome from the Bunuba people, the traditional owners of country.

Garnduwa sponsors included Argyle Diamond Mine, Newcrest Mining, Lennard Shelf, Lotterywest, Healthway, Fitzroy Futures Fund, Marra Worra Worra, Indigenous Co-ordination Centre, and the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Results:

Basketball, A grade grand final, Jilji Fires (33) d Looma Lakers (12); umpire's award, Yvonne Collard; highest pointscorer for the carnival, Katrina Cherel (Mowanjumb Seahawks), Marissa Williams (Darlingunaya) 45pts; Most valuable player for each team, Cindy Pindan (Looma Lakers),

Kinome Chandley (Jilji Fires), Bernice Goonack (Mowanjumb Seahawks), Kaylene Jubadah (Bayulu Pumas); carnival runners-up fairest & best, Kerry Aitken (Darlingunaya); carnival fairest & best, Jay Bedford (Roebourne); grand final MVP, Cindy Pindan (Looma Lakers).

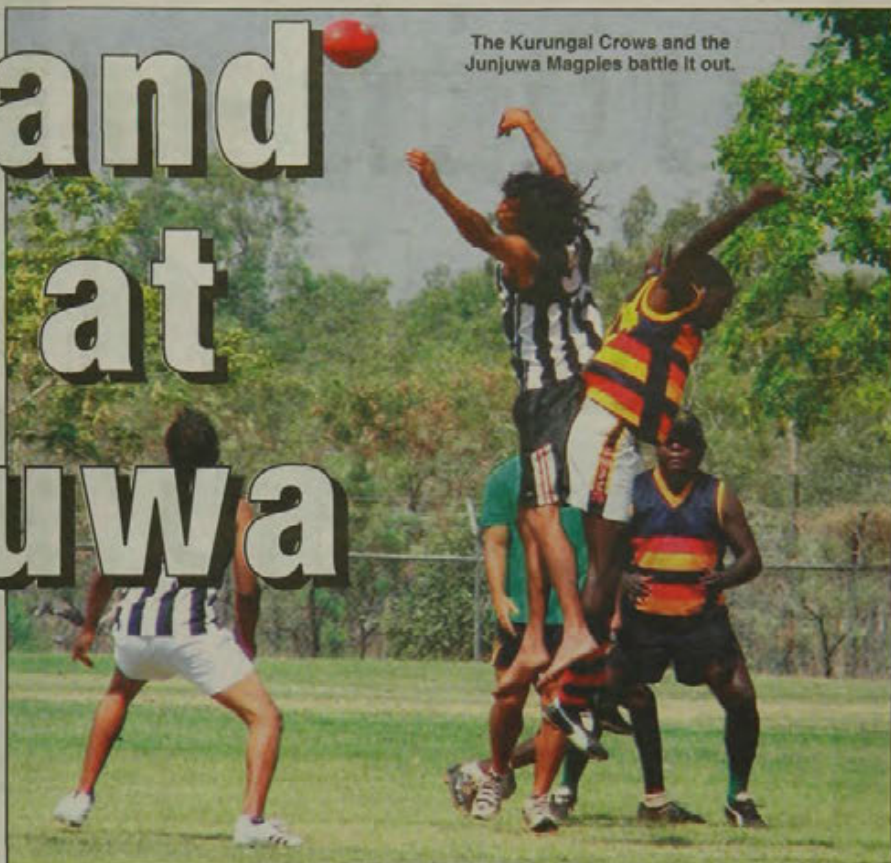
B grade grand final, Yiyilli Bullets (25) d Moongardie Ravens (19); highest pointscorer for the carnival, Loretta Malo (Muludja) with 48pts; most valuable player for each team, Rosetta Shaw (Muludja), Janelle Pindan (Moongardie Ravens), Anique Bear (8 Mile Blazers), Johnine Echo (Warmun Sonics), Redina Costaine (Noonkanbah Suns); carnival runner-up fairest & best, Charnelle Pindan (Mustangs); carnival fairest & best, Lynley Jetta (Yiyilli Bullets); grand final MVP, Lynley Jetta (Yiyilli Bullets).

B grade Australian football for the Newcrest Cup, grand final, scores Bidyadanga Emus 6.4 (40) d Winyaduwa Dockers 2.2 (14); umpire of the carnival, James Brown; MVPs, Desert Swans (Murphy Williams), Winyaduwa Dockers (Aaron Mungulu), Kiwirrkurra Dockers (Imran Spinks), Bunuba Crocs (Bart Marr); runner-up fairest and best for carnival, 8 Mile (Mervyn Collard); fairest and best for carnival, Bidyadanga (Terrance Jack); MVP for grand final, Bidyadanga (Arnold Bamba).

A grade grand final for the Joe Brown Cup, Larkapaja Bombers 3.4 (22) d Looma Eagles 3.2 (20); MVP, Power (Elroy Gilligan), Parmajarti Bulldogs (Troy Drill), Junjuwa Magpies (Lee Till), Kurungal Crows (Imran Spinks), Wiramanu Eagles (Brian Junior), Larkapaja Bombers (Dwayne Wilson); runner-up fairest and best for carnival, Looma Eagles (Lewis Broome); fairest and best for carnival, Looma Eagles (Jamahl McCarthy); MVP for grand final, Larkapaja Bombers (Londy Wilson).

Garnduwa is responsible for the development of local, regional, state and national participation in sport and recreation activities by Indigenous people throughout the Kimberley. It is responsible for the delivery of Australian football, basketball and athletics development programs as well as other state association programs. Garnduwa was established in 1990 at an open forum workshop at One Arm Point.

The Kurungal Crows and the Junjuwa Magpies battle it out.



● ABOVE: Larkapaja Bombers players and fans celebrate after winning the A grade Joe Brown Cup.



● LEFT: Garnduwa Festival basketball action.



● BELOW: Action from the Larkapaja Bombers-Parmajarti Bulldogs Australian football match.

Another accolade for 'JT'



A recent photograph of Jonathan Thurston following surgery to a nagging injury.
Picture: Alf Wilson

RUGBY league sensation Jonathan Thurston is the inaugural Eddie Gilbert Medal winner after being judged the most outstanding

by regional judging panels."

The regional winners and their region were:

South-east Queensland: Worrin Williams (cricket) and Shannon Walker (rugby league).

South-western Queensland: Davina Hughes (weightlifting) and Corey Blade (various sports).

Central Queensland: Steve Walsh (Tae Kwon Do) and Robbie Crowther (athletics).

North Queensland: Johnathan Thurston (rugby league) and Rohanee Cox (basketball).

North-west Queensland: Travis Fraser (rugby league) and Alfred Ned (rugby league).

Far North Queensland: Justin Hodges (rugby league) and Otis Gowa (athletics).

Torres Strait Islands: Elsie Serial (rugby League) and Michael Bani (rugby league).

"The achievements of the 14 winners are fantastic and show the great contribution that Indigenous people are playing in sport, particularly as role models for their communities," Mr Coolwell said.

"The format of regional

committees selecting two regional winners and then voting on a combined list of all the 14 regional winners was a first for the Indigenous sporting community of Queensland.

"This process has relied on the great efforts of the many people involved from the Torres Strait Islands to the Gold Coast."

The regional winners were recognised at the 2007 Queensland Indigenous Sport Awards in Brisbane on Saturday 13 October. It was at this function that Jonathan Thurston was named as winner of the Eddie Gilbert Medal. Thurston was unable to be present at the function.

Mr Coolwell said the gala function at the Brisbane City Hall was an outstanding success, with a strong representation of people from Indigenous and non-Indigenous sporting communities, including Queensland Cricket, Queen Rugby Union and the Broncos and Titans rugby league clubs.

A highlight was the unveiling of the Eddie Gilbert sculpture, a bronze work by Melbourne sculptor Pauline Clayton.

Eddie Gilbert was a trailblazer in sport in Queensland and is an icon in Indigenous sport. He was a fast bowler for Queensland.



● ABOVE: Otis Gowa, athlete and finalist from Far North Queensland, was selected by Cathy Freeman as the 2007 recipient of the Catherine Freeman Encouragement Award. Otis is pictured with Richard Griffiths, Chairman of Sports Federation Queensland and CEO of AFL Queensland.

● BELOW: Sculptor Pauline Clayton, Anita Barney (Eddie Gilbert's granddaughter), the Eddie Gilbert sculpture, Eddie Barney (Eddie Gilbert's son), and Wayne Coolwell, (Chairman of Indigenous Sport Queensland).

Pictures by Jo-Anne Dreissens



Indigenous sportsperson in Queensland.

The North Queensland Cowboys star, now rated the world's best rugby league player, was chosen from 14 regional winners of the 2007 Queensland Indigenous Sport Awards.

Athlete Otis Gowa was the recipient of the Catherine Freeman Encouragement Award. The recipient of this award is chosen by Olympic gold medal athlete Cathy Freeman.

Indigenous Sport Queensland (ISQ) conducted the awards.

ISQ Chairman Wayne Coolwell said: "ISQ co-ordinated with people in the seven regions across Queensland to identify and nominate their sporting champions for 2007. Nominations were forwarded to ISQ and two regional winners were selected



Joshua Ah Wong, 17, from East Mackay (second from right) after winning the Lee-Anne Goodwin Indigenous Sports Youth award. Also pictured, from left, are Payden Goodwin (Lee-Anne's son), Barbara Goodwin (Lee-Anne's mother), and Rachel Nolan MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Department of Communities and Member for Ipswich.



Premiership glory for Ware, Griffin

Central District triumphs on SANFL's biggest day

By PETER ARGENT

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MEMBERS of Central District's sixth flag in the past eight years, Aboriginal footballers Elijah Ware and Jonathan Griffin were a part of the powerful Bulldogs combination which convincingly beat North Adelaide in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) grand final on Sunday 7 October.

For the 21-year-old Griffin, who made his AFL debut at the start of the season, this was his first senior flag at club, in just his 20th game at this level. He led the Bulldogs' rucks, working in tandem with club stalwart Jason 'Buckets' Mackenzie.

"Both Jonathan (Griffin) and the other big man Mackenzie second and third efforts were great again," coach Roy Laird said.

"If you note the possession count, our ruckman give us between 20-25 possessions as well as their work in the aerial duels.

"This gives us an extra player in real terms."

Now 24 and after being dumped from the Powers list at the end of 2006, Ware had another productive season at SANFL level.

Nicknamed 'Noodles', he played in his second title-winning side after being involved in the 2004 glory as well.

In the season decider, the Doggies started impressively, gaining a handy 17-point buffer at the first break and this stretched to 28 points at the main break.

In the critical third quarter, after a fierce and tense opening stanza, Centrals broke the game, opening with three consecutive majors.

"The only period of the game I was frustrated with was the first five minutes of the third term, but we had a strong finish to this quarter and I thought North were spent at that break," premiership coach for the fourth time, coach Laird said.

"We wanted to be aggressive early and had 13 tackles in the first term."

The tackle count at the completion of the match read Central District 49, while North Adelaide had 27 - displaying the Bulldogs' intensity and

commitment to the task on grand final day.

For the vanquished Roosters combination playing in two Indigenous players participated in the grand final of the biggest state league competition in our nation.

Celebrating his 19th birthday on grand final day, defender Josh Cubillo, who played in the club's reserves success the previous October, was a solid performer with 21 possessions.

An AFL premiership player with the Kangaroos in 1999, Shannon Motlop kicked one of North Adelaide's five goals in the game.

"While it was a disappointing result on Sunday, we feel the club is making small steps towards the ultimate goal," Roosters football manager, James Moore said.

"We believe Andrew (Jarman) is putting a strong group together and although the boys are hurting now, we are hopefully building towards premiership success in the near future.

"We didn't think the 10-goal margin reflected the difference between the two sides.

"The average age of our side is quite young and hopeful they will learn from the hurt."

Known Aboriginal SANFL premiership players
 1961 Bertie Johnson (West Adelaide)
 1962, 1963, 1965 Richie Bray (Port Adelaide)
 1964 David Kantilla (South Adelaide)
 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 Roger Rigney (Sturt)
 1971 Arch Wilky (North Adelaide)
 1974, 1976 Michael Graham (Sturt)
 1980 Ross Agius (Port Adelaide)
 1990 Gavin Wanganeen (Port Adelaide)
 1994 Andrew McLeod (Port Adelaide)
 1995 Fabian Francis (Port Adelaide)
 1996 Fabian Francis (Port Adelaide)
 1998 Peter Burgoyne (Port Adelaide)
 1999 Ricky O'Loughlin (port Adelaide)
 2003 Eddie Sansbury (Central District)
 2004, 2007 Elijah Ware (Central District)
 2007 Jonathan Griffin (Central District)

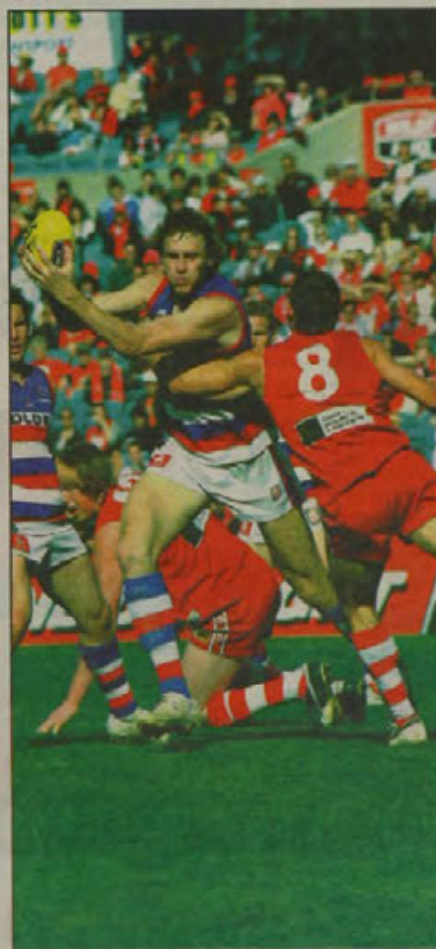


● ABOVE: Shannon Motlop

● LEFT: Jonathan Griffin

● RIGHT: Elijah Ware

● BELOW: Josh Cubillo



Another crown in amazing career

By CHRIS PIKE



SUBIACO West Australian Football League (WAFL) star veteran Allistair Pickett had to be persuaded into playing on in 2007, but in the end he was delighted to as he starred in the Lions' third premiership in four years.

Due to two knee reconstructions almost ending Pickett's WAFL career before it began in the mid-1990s, he went to play in the country before arriving at Peel Thunder in 2001.

He went on to win the Sandover Medal as best and fairest player in the competition in 2002, played in a losing grand final for Subiaco in 2003, before winning his second Sandover Medal and Subiaco's fairest and best and first premiership in 2004.

By the end of 2004, despite being 31, Pickett was considered the best player in a State league never to get the chance at AFL level.

It was a disappointing 2005 season for Pickett and Subiaco, but he bounced back in 2006 to have a terrific season and be a key member of the side's premiership.

Turning 34 in 2007, with three children at home and increasing work commitments, Pickett thought it might be time to pull the pin, but new coach Scott Watters persuaded him into playing on, with 100 games with the club a strong negotiating point. While Pickett might have been weary of playing on, he had a terrific season and even better finals campaign.

He played his best grand final and was in everything in Subiaco's 41-point win over favourites Claremont. Pickett was instrumental in setting up full-forward Brad Smith's seven goals, kicked a brilliant one himself and was simply unstoppable.

Speaking after the grand final win, Pickett was delighted the way the Lions

performed despite Claremont being favourites. He enjoyed Watters giving him more time on the ball and that he could perform well in the biggest day of the year.

"The challenge was put to us, our backs were to the wall and everyone stood up and we showed what a quality team we are," he said.

"Thank goodness I played on the ball, I've missed that. I would have liked to have spent more time there during the year, but it was great to be out there and I was happy with the way things turned out.

"That's the best grand final I've played and I was ready to go. People kept saying that I was gone, that I was too old and that gave me a challenge. I wanted to prove them wrong and I feel that's what I did."

Pickett now has his name etched into the No 13 locker in the Subiaco clubrooms and is delighted he decided to play on, while he will wait until early next year to decide if he will play on.

"To play on like I did this year and come up with this reward - I'm pretty happy with it. Personally, it's not the most rewarding year, I can't go past 2004 for that, but this was special for the team as people doubted us and we accepted that challenge," he said.

"I'm not sure about next year. All I'm thinking about at the moment is partying. If my body is good, and I'm mentally up for it, I might think about it, but my time is probably up and the chances of that happening are very slim.

"The main thing is I want to spend more time with my family, and with work and everything. I don't think I will find the time to put as much into it as is required. The best option might be head back to Narrogin or even do some coaching in the juniors. If I do play next year, it will have to

be for all the right reasons."

Looking back on his remarkable career, which hit its highs when he was into his 30s, Pickett finds it hard to rank his Sandover medals or premierships higher, but is proud of all he has achieved.

"It's hard to answer which means more to me. I put so much work into and have tremendous pride in my performance that the Sandovers are special because of the work I put in, but you spend so much time with your team-mates who all strive for a premiership, that they are amazing too," he said.

"For what I've been through, I'm really proud of what I've achieved, but it probably won't fully hit home until I stop playing and look back on it all."



Allistair Pickett and his son being shouldered from the field after his 100th game for Subiaco in round 13.



Allistair Pickett in the locker room celebrating the 2007 premiership win.

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TWO Indigenous indoor cricketers were part of a clean sweep by Australia at the recent indoor cricket World Cup in England.

Australia won all four divisions – the open men's and women's and boys' and girls' under 19s.

Playing for Australia in the under 19 women's team was Indigenous player and co-captain Tiahna Paulson, from Tamworth.

Joshua Lalor, from Sydney but now based in England, was a member of the Australian under 19 men's team.

The World Cup was played in Whitchurch, Bristol, from 20-30 September.

Indoor cricket has come a long way since its creation in the 1980s, from an old warehouse in Perth, Australia.

The sport has matured to the point where internationals and World Cups are

played on a regular basis.

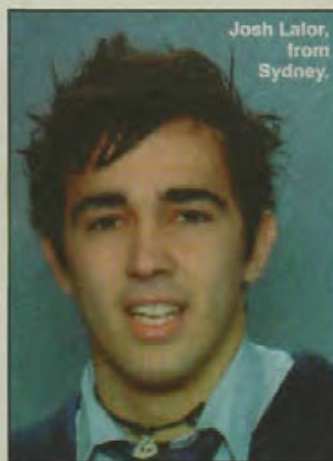
The 2007 World Cup was the second one to be held in England. The inaugural tournament was held in Birmingham in 1995.

Since then, Australian men have lifted the trophy in Australia (1998), South Africa (2000), New Zealand (2002), and Sri Lanka (2004) making them the team everyone wanted to beat in 2007.

Likewise, their women's side proved to be as successful, winning all five women's tournaments so far (1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007).

For the first time in World Cup history, 22 teams from nine entered, making it the biggest competition in indoor cricket history.

Teams this year came from England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Guernsey, France, Pakistan, India, and Wales.



Josh Lalor, from Sydney.



Tiahna Paulson, from Tamworth, NSW.

What's the score?



A REPORT released on 16 October by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) reinforced

that sport was for everyone and highlights how Australian sporting organisations and government and non-government agencies were working in practical, effective ways to make this happen, Race Discrimination Commissioner Tom Calma said.

What's the Score? A Survey of Cultural Diversity and Racism in Australian Sport sheds light on what existing strategies and programs, have been adopted by 17 national sporting organisations, Federal and State governments, various non-government sporting agencies and human rights institutions to combat racism within sport.

The report also looks at what steps have been taken to develop an inclusive, non-discriminatory culture within sport by players, spectators and the broader viewing public.

"It is clear that incidents of racial abuse and vilification are prevalent across all major sporting codes, involving professional sportspeople, amateurs, coaches and spectators," Mr Calma said.

"The fear of racism in Australian sport is also a major barrier to participation for Indigenous people and those from various ethnic and cultural groups.

"It seems clear to me, if participants find their involvement in sport safe, enjoyable and welcoming, then they will be much more likely to continue this sport from childhood into their adult lives. As such, our sporting organisations need to ensure that their policies and programs are focused on making sport inclusive and fulfilling to those who take part – then everyone is on a winning team."

What's the Score? will provide the basis for organisations to consider future policy strategies aimed at addressing racism within sport, as well as promoting an inclusive and non-discriminatory attitude.

It covers a range of sports including cricket, Australian football, netball, rugby league, basketball, hockey and soccer and their respective national, State and local sporting organisations.

The report is available free from HREOC publications by calling (02) 9284 9600. It also is available for download at www.humanrights.gov.au/whats_the_score/

Santa Teresa footy team set to play at the MCG

From back page

Territory Aboriginal communities.

Santa Teresa, a former Catholic mission and dry community, is one of 73 Northern Territory Aboriginal communities that have been targeted for special treatment. That means oversight by Federal Government officials and the intervention of volunteers, doctors and police from outside, all backed up by the army.

In the two other divisions, the Tiwi Bombers went back to back as they easily accounted for a young St Mary's side, taking out the Navy Premier Division 14.17 (101) to 1.5 (11).

In the RAAF Women's Division, the St Mary's Women made sure the club ended up with some silverware by beating Waratahs in the grand final. Carla Yvonovich won the RAAF Award as the Best Player of the grand final.

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● **LEFT:** The Santa Teresa team after their grand final win that will take them to the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The team from the tiny Aboriginal community of Ltyente Apurte ran away to beat the Tiwi Islands 9.7 (61) to 2.8 (20) in the final of the Army Community Division of the Defence Jobs AFL Carnival in Darwin. Santa Teresa is 70 km south-east of Alice Springs. A record 26 teams in three divisions competed for \$10,000 of prizemoney at the Darwin carnival. It was the chance to play at the MCG that enticed a record 14 communities from across the Northern Territory. The Santa Teresa team travelled more than 3000 km to play in the three-day carnival.

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They're off to the 'G'



SANTA Teresa has won the opportunity to play at the Melbourne Cricket Ground after winning the Army Community

Division of the Defence Jobs AFL Carnival in Darwin.

While a record 26 teams in three divisions (Navy Premier, Army Community, RAAF Women's) competed for \$10,000 of prizemoney, it was the chance to play at the MCG that enticed a record 14 communities from across the Northern Territory.

Having travelled more than 3000 km to play in the three-day carnival, the side from central Australia will now travel to Melbourne to play a curtain-raiser at the MCG as

part of the AFL's 2008 Indigenous Round.

This follows the Tiwi Bombers' match in July this year, when they easily beat Victorian Indigenous side Rumbalara in the curtain-raiser of the AFL's Dreamtime at the G match.

In a pulsating grand final against the Tiwi community, the team from Ltyente Apurte community – located 70 km south-east of Alice Springs – ran away deserved victors 9.7 (61) to 2.8 (20).

Santa Teresa also won both individual awards in their division, as Travis Ellis won the Army Courage Award for the most courageous player of the carnival, and goal kicking sensation Shane Mullerda won the Army Best Player award

after kicking a record number of goals during the carnival.

The side, unbeaten in all seven games, now eagerly awaits the scheduling of their match as the AFL finalises the fixtures for the 2008 Toyota AFL premiership season.

For their match in Melbourne, Defence Force Recruiting is looking to provide team tracksuits and host a function during the trip.

Santa Teresa's win will bring great pride and joy to the region, boosting morale for a community that has been targeted as one of the Federal Government's intervention communities as part of its intervention plan, set up to stop child sexual abuse in Northern

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